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Subject: Withdrawal of Te Aitanga a Mahaki from the Te Karaka Stopbank Upgrade Hearing and Withdrawal of Submission on consent sought by the Gisborne District Council

Importance: High

Tena koe

A submission from Te Aitanga a Mahaki for the Independent Commissioners, Gisborne District Council and hearing submitters noting that:

1. Te Aitanga a Mahaki withdraws from this hearing process and the reasons;
2. Te Aitanga a Mahaki withdraws its submission.

This position has not been taken lightly and is a reflection of:

1. Our poor relationship with Tim Barry and the Gisborne District Council leadership; and
2. The need for the concerns outlined by members of the Te Karaka Community to be heard and assessed on their merits.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries. I am happy to outline this position online if necessary.

Nga mihi

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Te Aitanga a Mahaki