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Dear Mr Stichbury

Turitea Board of Inquiry and Final Decision

Thank you for your further correspondence of 16 October 2011 regarding the above matter.

The Board of Inquiry (Board) is an independent decision making body, appointed by the Minister for the Environment to determine a matter of national significance, such as Turitea. Once a Board releases its final decision it is discharged of its duties and no longer exists as a separate body.

The Environmental Protection Authority (EPA) has no authority over a Board of Inquiry's final decision or decision making process. The role of the EPA is simply to provide independent support to the Board, and is therefore not in a position to be able to address or respond to your concerns in any detail.

However if you like we can forward your additional correspondence to her again to give her a further opportunity to respond, should she wish to. As noted above given the Board no longer exists she will not be under any obligation to do so. Please advise if you wish us to forward your correspondence.

While a board is hearing a matter, any complaints concerning the process being followed should be made to the Chair of the Board. Once a Board has completed its final report there is no formal body able to investigate complaints, other than the High Court, through a judicial review. Judicial review is a High Court enquiry into the process of making a decision, rather than the merits of the decision itself. If you wish to take your complaint about the Board's process further, we suggest you seek independent legal advice. Your local community law centre or Citizens Advice Bureau may be able to assist you with this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cathryn Bridge'.

Cathryn Bridge

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