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Te Roopu Ahi Kaa  
Rangitikei District Council  
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20.11.2017

**Attention:** Terry Steedman

Tēnā Koutou Kātoa,

At a meeting held on 19 November 2017 at Winiata Marae, Ngāti Hinemanu and Ngāti Paki discussed the issue of developing a Māori Ward within the Rangitikei District Council.

Following robust discussion, we want to inform Te Roopu Ahi Kaa via our representative Terry Steedman that we would support two Māori seats on a Māori Ward for the Rangitikei district. One of those seats should be for the Northern area of the district and one of those seats should be for the Southern area of the district. We say this as in our northern district there is still a lot of Māori owned lands that warrants a Māori seat in our district on Council.

We also support that the role of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa is not diminished or done away with in the event of developing a Māori Ward. We envisage the role of Te Roopu Ahi Kaa as developing the selection process and infrastructure for Māori applicants of a Māori Ward as well as supporting the successful applicant/s in any issues that affect Māori in the Rangitikei district.

No reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou kātoa.

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Nā Jordan Winiata-Haines  
Winiata Marae Chairperson

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