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To Whom it may concern,

RE: Letter of Support for the Motutapu Outdoor Education Trust. Concession Reapplication to operate the Motutapu Outdoor Education Camp (MOEC).

St John Youth Northern Region has been making use of the facilities run by the Motutapu Outdoor Education trust for over 30 years, we go biannually and have no reason to change this relationship that has grown significantly between us over this time.

St John Youth focuses on youth development strategies that we can put into practice outside of our usual scope on the island. There are many opportunities for young people to further themselves in a different environment, where they can push their boundaries and try things that they might not have the opportunity to do in other aspects of their lives. All the activities at MOEC are safe and well maintained to a high level which is clear to see. These activities include sailing, waka, and stand-up paddleboard, I choose to speak on these activities as they are not offered anywhere else to my knowledge and specifically no other camps we go to. Activities like these are taught at a high standard with care and safety in mind, skills like these usually come at a high cost. At MOEC they get to give it a go and take home a wealth of knowledge passed on by the highly skilled instructors.

The professionalism of how this camp is run is second to none, the care given to the preparation of a group coming in focussing on not only a great programme but the mana for the land, environment and buildings are all a key aspect of the level of responsibility and respect the staff have and pass on to our young people.

We look forward to many years ahead visiting this amazing place, please accept our full support for the continuation of the concession.

Kind Regards,

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