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Tena koe Josh

### **R20/45, TE WERA FOREST, TARANAKI**

Thank you for undertaking a site visit with Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) to Te Wera Forest, Taranaki on 10 August 2017. The site visit was to view the forestry works that have been undertaken in the forest since November 2016. The site visit was very informative for HNZPT as it is important for our organisation to see how forestry work is undertaken on the ground in this area.

HNZPT is impressed with the management of the Te Wera harvesting programme in relation to the archaeological sites contained within the forest. Care has been taken to harvest trees off R20/45 (Pa site), and the area of Q20/26 (Oven site) cordoned off during recent harvesting. The archaeological sites are identified on the forestry plans and are actively and appropriately managed.

In terms of the Q20/26 it was discussed during the site visit that this site was recorded in 1979 and that it has been impacted by forestry and animals since this time. It is not known if there are any subsurface archaeological remains below the present surface in regards to the site. If PF Olsen would like to test this site to determine if there are archaeological remains present, as well as the extent and nature of this material, then HNZPT would recommend that the work is undertaken under an exploratory archaeological authority (s56). The results of the works would then inform appropriate site management and forestry practices.

PF Olsen has been working closely with HNZPT and consultant archaeologist Daniel McCurdy to ensure that the archaeological provisions of the Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga Act 2014 are adhered to, and that archaeological sites are not damaged during harvesting works. Heritage New Zealand would like to continue this positive relationship into the future.

Yours sincerely

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