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To the Marlborough District Council

Re: Picton Dawn Chorus's application for Annual Plan Funds.

I write to provide the support of Te Ātiawa Trust for Picton Dawn Chorus's *application to support continued predator control in Picton, Waikawa and environs.*

As the tangata whenua iwi, Te Ātiawa Iwi holds mana whenua and mana moana for the Picton and Waikawa Basins, including *Victoria Domain*, Wedge Point and Shakespeare Bay areas, which are located in the heart of Te Ātiawa Rohe. Te Ātiawa Manawhenua Ki Te Tau Ihu Trust is very supportive of the initiatives undertaken by the Picton Dawn Chorus in motivating community spirit and eliminating pest species from the Rohe. We give our support to the continued efforts of Picton Dawn Chorus around the restoration and rehabilitation of our taonga. This work aligns with kaitiakitanga, which is central to the role of Te Ātiawa in the Rohe.

You are welcome to contact Te Ātiawa Trust (details above) to discuss this matter, and our support.

Ngā mihi nui

Ian Shapcott – Kaitiaki o te Taiao Team