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To whom it may concern,

Kaipupu Mainland Island Society works closely with Picton Dawn Chorus (PDC) and has done so for many years. The original goal of PDC was to ensure the ongoing success of Kaipupu Point by establishing the 'halo' around Kaipupu with the use of efficient and effective pest control.

This 'halo' area has been widely extended and now includes a large area of land owned by the Marlborough District Council. If pest control of the 'halo' is to be effective and achieve its goal of predator free Picton and Kaipupu Point, this land must be protected from pests, so we strongly support PDC's application to apply for funds for traps and other pest control materials to be funded by MDC.

Kaipupu Point and PDC share a common goal of reducing the number of pests in and around Picton which is of benefit of the local wildlife and to the people who live here. This also has numerous benefits to tourism and the ability to attract a wider range of visitors to Marlborough who appreciate the beauty and natural fauna the area will offer when the programme has achieved its goal.

PDC is a very well managed organisation with professional staff and a great group of dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers.

The success of PDC greatly benefits Kaipupu Point and the wider Picton environment and I have great pleasure in supporting them in their endeavours.

Kind regards,

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