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Dear Hugh

Re: **Akaroa Marine Reserve Approval**

This letter is an acknowledgement of the contribution Akaroa Dolphins has made to the success of the Akaroa Marine Reserve application.

Politically marine reserves can be difficult to establish if they are in highly fished areas. Akaroa Harbour is one such area where recreational fishing has historically been one of the main activities. Unfortunately fish catches are now low and it is hoped that a marine reserve will allow biodiversity to recover to a healthy state.

The Akaroa Marine Reserve application was made in 1996 and since that time the nature tourism attractions of Akaroa have flourished and grown. While an emphasis has been on the viewing and swimming with Hector's dolphins it is also apparent that visitors enjoy the dramatic seascape, bird watching and simply being out on the Harbour.

Akaroa Dolphins has been very supportive of the reserve application and we wish to thank you Hugh for giving freely of your time and on occasions the use of your boat. Your advocacy for the establishment of the reserve has been critical to the success of the application.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Brian Reid
President