

29 September 2007

Dear Sir/Madam,

Maori Bioprospecting Consultation Submission.

I have participated in this Maori consultation process from the beginning.

Around and directly after the Patents Act Review is the time of my initial discussions at M.E.D

I have numerous Governance and Management issues regarding Bioprospecting.

These are not being addressed through this process.

At the Westpac Hui, the legal representatives of Wai, 262, in particular Mr Maui Soloman

has articulated logical questions that the Government Agency Representatives could not answer.

It has occurred in this instance, that Maori knowledge and logic has exceeded that of the Crowns.

I will continue as an interested party and await the development of the governments capacity to synergies agencies for a focused, resourced effort that exceeds their present levels.

I am of the opinion that the agencies themselves are not at fault.

There appears to be commitment to sensitivity of Maori issues from most agencies.

That our system of government and the legislation that is inconsistent with International legal trends is the significant obstacle and can only produce more complaints.

That international obligations towards indigenous peoples requires New Zealand to be active in protecting Maori interests.

The purpose of consultation with Maori is to solve problems, reduce disputes and to ensure that things work.

I recommend that you conduct meetings with the legal representatives of the Wai 262 claimants and process the depths of their enquiry

That that would be one of the most practical approach's to deem that consultation has been carried out.

Thankyou for being proactive and keeping me informed

Regards

Fred Allen.

Te Atiawa Iwi Poneke.