



HERITAGE NEW ZEALAND
POUHERE TAONGA

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Letter of Reference and Support – Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi

It is a pleasure and privilege to offer this reference in support of an application for sponsorship and funding from the Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi volunteers to extend the lighthouse museum on Tiritiri Matangi.

The planned project will return the museum to its original size and accommodate an increasing and impressive collection of artefacts associated with New Zealand's lighthouse history and heritage.

As the Chief Executive of Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga (HNZPT) I have worked closely with many group and individual volunteers who deliver remarkable heritage conservation and protection through their determination and commitment. In July 2022 I had the privilege of being hosted on Tiritiri Matangi by the volunteers and Supporters of Tiritiri Matangi. The purpose of this visit was for me to see and hear about the plans that the supporters have for the continued development of the visitation, conservation, and tourism offerings on the island. I was extremely impressed by the supporters. They individually and collectively deliver many hundreds of hours of free time and service for the betterment of Tiritiri Matangi, and they are strong heritage advocates who have a positive future focus.

I am especially pleased to hear recently that the impressive commitment of the dedicated volunteers and supporters of Tiritiri Matangi continues as do their plans to make the special place of Tiritiri Matangi even better.

In 2022 the plan was to establish the museum as a place for storytelling and displays and now through their hard work and commitments they have the need to extend the museum.

I believe the extension of the museum is a natural progression and it will add to the visitation and experiences on Tiritiri Matangi. I fully support what the supporters are seeking to achieve and any funding application to establish their vision for Tiritiri Matangi to be realised.

I am willing to add further comment in support of the application, please contact me if required.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Coleman'.

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