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Dear Ross

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 May 2017 to Hon Dr Nick Smith regarding the proposed Marlborough Recreational Fishing Park (RFP). I am responding as the matters you mention fall within my portfolio responsibilities as Minister for Primary Industries.

I would like to thank the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association for your submission, and for your support for this proposal. The Government is committed to establishing a RFP in Marlborough. My officials are continuing to refine this proposal, taking into account the submissions received in response to the Marine Protected Area (MPA) Consultation Document.

Final decisions are yet to be made on the Marlborough RFP, but I anticipate that it would not be established until after the MPA Act (which will enable RFPs) is in place. We aim to make further progress this year, but it is too early to say when the MPA Act will come into force. We expect that before this occurs, there will be further opportunity for discussion with stakeholders.

Yours sincerely

Hon Nathan Guy
Minister for Primary Industries