



Mike Fuller  
Whale Song Charitable Trust  
Kapiti

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Tēnā koe,

I write in support of Mike Fuller and the Whale Song project. Mike first showed me the project some 7 years ago and I became hugely excited and remain so today. The sculpture proposed is unique, beautiful and will be an authentic tohu to attract visitors to the Kapiti Coast.

Mike is well respected in the film industry and well used to working with complex creative projects that come with large budgets. I have no doubt his professional expertise and the team he has around him will ensure that the project will be a success.

As the executive director of Māoriland Film Festival and the Māoriland Hub I have firsthand experience with many visitors to the Kapiti Coast including an increasing number from overseas. I have also created promotional work for Tourism NZ, Māori Tourism the Rugby World Cup in 2011 and with the National cycle trails Ngā Haerenga. The Whale Song project will be of great interest to visitors and will be an offer that we at Māoriland will be able to promote.

As an iwi member of Ngāti Raukawa with whakapapa to Kapiti Island I am also supportive of the Whale Song project being able to share the many stories of tohorā whales in this area.

Ngā mihi nui

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