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Marco Zeeman
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Dear Marco

We understand you will be applying to the Lotteries Significant Grants fund for funding support.

As you will be aware we have recently been approached about the proposed *Whale Song Development* and wish to commend you and your fellow trustees on this exciting project.

This multi-faceted and innovated design by Mike Fuller is, in our opinion exactly what the Kapiti District will embrace.

This spectacular work of art will not only become a land mark for the region but will emphasise the heritage and development of the Kapiti Coast and its adjoining seascape.

We anticipate the educational benefit to the nearly 8000 students in the Kapiti region will underline the rich history of the Kapiti Coast which included whaling activities on Kapiti Island.

It is not uncommon to observe migrating whales and from time to time one has washed up on our shores.

We understand this venture is rather unique in that school children will be invited to participate in the collection of aluminium cans to assist in the local construction of the individual whales.

They will be able to witness the evolution of the individual whales as they take shape.

The location of the pod of whales, visible from the new expressway, will we believe, not only be of interest to school children but to the significant population of retired folk residing in Kapiti.

Coastlands Shoppingtown is owned by around 100 local residents and has developed during the past 48 years to service over 3.5 million visitors per annum.

We too commenced from a very small collection of shops and were one of only two areas in New Zealand that enjoyed Saturday shopping.

As with all growing areas it takes time to build an environment that residents support and have pride in their area.

The Directors of Coastlands Shoppingtown have a history of supporting their region and have made significant financial contributions to the Coastlands Aquatic Centre, the under construction Kapiti Performing Arts Centre, The all-weather Hockey Turf, netball facilities and sports and cultural events generally.

Coastlands Shoppingtown Limited believes this is such a worthwhile community project. We support our associated company, Ngahina Developments Limited, in making the land available for the pod of whales to be constructed upon.

It could be appropriate that for many years the Coastlands Lotto outlet was the second most successful seller of first prizes in New Zealand.

Yours sincerely

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