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Dear Marco

Thank you once again for meeting with me to share the vision that the Whale Song Charitable Trust has to install Mike Fuller's pod of seven life size whales adjacent to the new Kāpiti Expressway. The development of the project, the support you have gathered from Ngahina Developments in provision of the land, and the recognition of the project as a great place-making opportunity by Kāpiti Coast District Council, all reflect the excitement the proposal will create if brought to fruition. Public sculpture projects of this nature already have a positive impact in various parts of the Wellington region, reflecting the creative nature of our people and place as well as articulating our connection to the natural environment we are fortunate to be able to call home.

Overseas I have been fortunate enough to see how projects such as 'the Kelpies' in central Scotland have created cultural and recreational interest to, and economic impact for the communities that stand close to such an installation.

I am confident that the installation of 'Whale Song', along with the various community activation projects that you have described to me, will serve the community and economy of Paraparaumu and the wider Kāpiti Coast district well in the future.

Yours sincerely



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