



21 July, 2010

Dear Waikato River Stakeholder

Waikato River Independent Scoping Study

Tēnā koe.

The Minister for the Environment, the Hon Dr Nick Smith recently advised that the Waikato River Independent Scoping Study (the Study) has been delayed.

Given the significance and complexity of the Study it is important to take the time to get it right. We now expect to complete this work in September.

We continue to work closely with NIWA and the Guardians Establishment Committee (the governing body overseeing the Study) to ensure the Study provides the Waikato River Authority with a sound and objective basis for determining where best to invest in restoring the health and well being of the Waikato River and its catchment.

Your patience is appreciated.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sue Powell'.

Sue Powell
Acting Secretary for the Environment