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Dear John, Ngaio, and Richard

Thank you for hosting me on Tuesday 18 June 2013 in Opotiki. It was a privilege to experience the Pakihi Trail first hand. You were wonderful hosts and I greatly appreciate the fact you went to so much effort to make our journey memorable. This is a superb asset that I believe you will be able to capitalise on further over time.

I also appreciated you taking the time to discuss the challenges and opportunities you are facing and the steps you are taking to address these, particularly in respect of tourism and economic development.

Being a Bay boy myself I have an affinity with communities like Opotiki and I admire the hardworking Kiwis that I met. Many voluntary and collective efforts go towards maintaining and improving Opotiki. This is particularly important in New Zealand's more remote communities. I commend your contributions to the growth and vitality of Opotiki. It was a pleasure to meet with you.

Yours sincerely

Hon Chris Tremain  
**Minister of Internal Affairs**  
**Minister of Local Government**  
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*Motu Trails Team, Thanks for taking us down the  
Pakihi Trail. Loved it.*