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Tēnā koe Councillor Mackenzie,

Tapawera and Districts Community Hub

I write in support of funding to establish a community hub for the Tapawera and Districts Community.

A community hub would enable the Tapawera and Districts Community to have access to a similar facility as Community House in Motueka which has seen great benefit to that community. A hub in Tapawera and Districts would provide a venue for community groups to meet on a regular basis and a home for community organisations. As well as provide a place for the youth of Tapawera and Districts to access support and to meet and socialise.

Crucially, this proposed community hub would provide a location for health and wellbeing checks to be carried out in the local area. This would help many people in the community who struggle to get to Nelson Hospital due to lack of transport options or funds.

Tapawera Connect has been a star performer of the Ministry for Primary Industries' Rural Hubs programme. This time bound funding has helped the Tapawera community develop a workplan to improve community wellbeing and resilience. What the Community now needs is a facility to operate from. A facility that is permanent and enduring and where this workplan can be implemented to the benefit of all those in the area.

I therefore support funding for this long overdue community hub for the Tapawera and Districts Community.

Yours sincerely

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