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Hon Maggie Barry
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Dear Ms Barry and Mr Sanson

The Napier Tramping Club is a member of the Ruahine User Group and, along with other interested clubs and individuals, is kept informed of and has input to the operations in the park, which is overseen by the Department of Conservation - Te Papa Atawhai, Manawatu District.

The club has become aware of a review of operational field bases, as part of a cost-cutting exercise that has implications for the maintenance of huts and tracks. This process has occurred elsewhere in New Zealand, and proved to be counterproductive because valuable, experienced and dedicated staff have been lost.

The club, at a meeting on Thursday, 22 September, voted unanimously to send a message to the highest levels of the Department of Conservation and the Minister of Conservation.

Our resolution was:

"This meeting of the Napier Tramping Club

- 1) is opposed to the closure of the DoC facility at OngaOnga (Ruahine Forest Park)
- 2) is opposed to changes in DoC's management of Boundary Stream (Kaweka Forest Park)

and expresses its concern at the continuing decline in DoC funding."

Moved: Julia Mackie

Seconded: Paul Exeter

Carried unanimously.

The topic is on the agenda for the next Ruahine User Group meeting to be held on Monday, 26 September 2016, where Julia Mackie is the club delegate.

The resolution will also be posted on the Ruahine User Group website forum on Friday, 23 September 2016.

Yours sincerely

Kelvin Shaw
President, Napier Tramping Club