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Tēnā koutou katoa

Anei tōku Marau Tikanga mou.

Re: Nomination for the role of Deputy Kaiwhakahaere for Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu

Following my endorsement from Koukourarata for the above position, I am writing to give you some information about my experience and personal style of working.

I remember back in 1996, when my father William Henry Grennell (Bill), signed Te Kawenata o Ngāi Tahu on behalf of Te Rūnanga o Koukourarata. I'm sure our Tipuna who signed Te Tiriti o Waitangi at Akaroa would have approved of his actions. Our Rūnanga has tried to make a positive difference with the opportunities the deed offered and it has been a source of inspiration for me personally.

My commitment to my Rūnanga has been ongoing for many years, as I am sure it has been for all of you. It has been challenging at times but has kept me grounded. I have been secretary, a Director of Koukourarata Development Company and Chair of the Education Komiti. I have also represented the Rūnanga on a number of focus groups including the Manawhenua ki Waitaha health group and I am Chairperson of Bachelor of Nursing and Midwifery Christchurch Polytechnic Institute.

I have represented various organisations in senior roles including: National Manager of Maori Mental Health; Environment Canterbury Councillor, Member of Maori Womens' Welfare League; Research Manager – Maori for University of Otago Christchurch; Member of Canterbury District Health Board.

As a representative of Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu I have had the opportunity to learn and understand the key tasks for the Deputy Kaiwhakahaere role. I have appreciated the challenges of blending tikanga with the expected business practices. Building a solid, valuable entity for the future is why this work has meaning.

Should I be elected I will do my best to be a worthy representative, as the whānau of Koukourarata deserves to be proud of whoever is chosen for the position.

Mō tātou a mō ka uri a muri ake nei.



Elizabeth Herra Cunningham

