

Honorable Peter Dunne.

Hello Peter.

I am writing to you in my capacity as chairman of the New Zealand Professional Hunting Guides Association.

I am very concerned with the lack of any substantive information provided directly to me in order to keep our members informed of the very controversial submission process pertaining to the funding of the Game Animal Council. Submissions closed about mid-February 2017 and I have not yet received any information that I can circulate to our members.

The New Zealand Professional Hunting Guides Association presented a submission representing our membership, which is in the region of 113 people. There has been acknowledgement of the receipt of the submission but no further indication of the outcome.

There was good will from our members when we voted on funding at a level of \$50 per trophy animal exported. Our submission is clear that this good will has eroded significantly as our members resist the prospect that our sector ( through their clients ) is the sole contributor to what seems excessive funding requirements to fund the GAC with no commensurate benefit.

I am very concerned that you are proceeding with a pre-determined funding level, not acceptable to our members on the basis of bias.

Please provide me with information so I am clear on what our members are dealing with.

Best Regards  
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