

Tom Didovich

From: Tom Didovich
Sent: Thursday, 17 September 1998 10:11 AM
To: Allan Rutledge; John Rofe
Subject: FW: WAITAKERE CITY -- PRIVILEGED AND CONFIDENTIAL -Reply

John & Allan, just an update so you are aware of potential developments and ramifications in the Ani welfare scenario.

Attached is confidential info from Neil Wells (who has had discussions with Chief Vet Officer MAF) which in effect reflects the situation that when new animal welfare legislation is introduced in 1999 there will be a strong probability that TAs will not be able to carry out animal protection work directly as their primary objective is not in this area. However a TA could do this via a trust or similar. i.e. officers would still be employed by WCC but perform animal protection work on behalf of the trust. This puts another perspective on setting up the trust (any trust) and that is without a trust our approach may well be stripped away from us when new legislation arrives. It makes setting up some sort of trust of whatever size shape or form a must if we are to survive legislative changes and retain our approach.

Also it appears that for the moment we can extend our Animal Protection Act work into the Shore (which includes training & warranting the new staff) so this has to be a plus in terms of the public donation/trust platform.

Any reference to risks to WCC below refers to investment in training staff only to find the work is taken from us. This is not a risk as we are training staff in both welfare & control and much of the content will be cross creditable i.e. relevant to both disciplines.

For your info

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From: Neil Wells[SMTP:newells@cybernet.co.nz]
Sent: Thursday, 17 September 1998 9:02 AM
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Tom

Forwarded in confidence.

If I have done this right you should have both my e-mail to Barry and his reply.

Looks good doesn't it.

Regards
Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Barry O'Neil <oneilb@maf.govt.nz>
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Neil,

Yes you have captured most of the issues discussed - if the bill precludes WCC or AWINZ involvement then we will have no option but to discontinue the programme - therefore any "expansion" of the current pilot programme is at WCC risk, and would only be sanctioned by this office providing the issues surrounding the establishment of the AWINZ are clarified, and that these are consistent with the policy of the draft bill, and/or the select committee's recommendations in this area. However the ultimate test will be the final

act, and any interim arrangements would need to be consistent with the new act once in force - therefore the current pilot and any changes to it is subject to this outcome, and MAF will not be liable for to WCC for any issues that arise in this regard.

regards
Barry

>>> "Neil Wells" <newells@cybernet.co.nz> 16/09/1998 05:03pm >>>
Barry

Thanks for giving me your time this morning. This summarises our discussion today.

- 1.. TAs will not be recognised in the Bill because of the reasons you outlined.
- 2.. Under the terms of the Bill all bodies nominating inspectors will need to be "approved organisations" and meet specified criteria such as animal welfare as a principal purpose, can meet standards of training and operation, do not create a conflict of interest, etc.
- 3.. Current Waitakere Inspectors will be re-warranted in December (for 12 month period?) on the understanding that the Animal Welfare Institute of New Zealand concept is proceeding and they will ultimately operate under a memorandum of understanding between MAF Reg and AWINZ (detail yet to be discussed and subject to the final detail of the Act).
- 4.. Waitakere City can proceed with training additional officers under the current temporary programme and they will be warranted (subject to suitability for appointment) with terms of office tied to the renewed warrants of the other officers. This is at Waitakere's risk as the outcome of the detail of the Bill cannot be certain.
- 5.. If the trust does not proceed or cannot meet the criteria as it is confirmed by Parliament in the Act the Waitakere programme will be reviewed.
- 6.. The compliance audit planned for November has been cancelled.
- 7.. I will prepare a detailed proposal as soon as the Bill is in the public domain (you will send me a copy as soon as it is public) and other details of the trust operation are firmed up. This will probably be by mid-October.

I trust this reflects our discussion

Regards

Neil

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