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Kia Ora [REDACTED],

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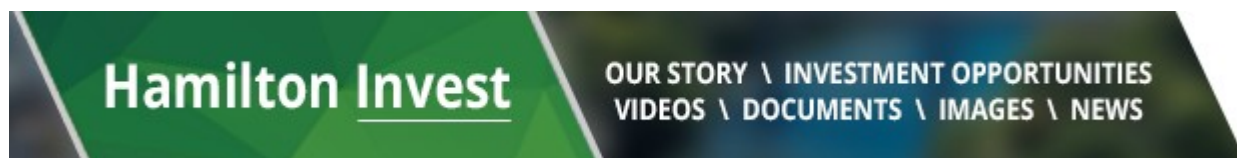
Kind regards,

**Tatiyana**

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Kia ora Richard

Further to our discussion this afternoon.

As you know, late last year Hamilton City council agreed to commission a report identifying a number of street names which were considered culturally inappropriate to Waikato-Tainui.

As you will be aware, many of the names of streets and places (including the name "Hamilton") are named after colonial figures in our early history and are a stark reminder of the raupatu (land confiscations), resulting land wars and the consequential effects and impact of the raupatu to Waikato. This was a devastating time for our people and these injustices of the past, should not be a continual reminder as we look to grow and develop our beautiful city into the future. We were pleased that this work has been advanced and the report will be presented to Council shortly. Thank you for your continued support on this kaupapa.

In saying this, we believe recent events has further highlighted the issues on an international stage. More importantly, the debate has moved to identifying the underlying issues associated with cultural alienation and the associated intergenerational trauma.

The international condemnation of these iconic figures is a timely reminder to us all. Hamilton City must act to purge itself of these blatant reminders of a colonial invasion that breached every article of the Treaty of Waitangi.

Therefore, we are renewing our call to begin the process of adopting Kirikiriroa as the original name of the town centre and replacing the affected street names listed in our original submission. Furthermore, this should begin with the **immediate** removal of the statue of Captain John Fane Charles Hamilton in Centre Place. Hamilton has an opportunity to lead the national narrative on this issue and we encourage the city to be bold as they navigate their way forward.

I understand that Council are meeting tomorrow and I would be grateful if you could raise this matter directly with our Council members.

In addition to this, I have asked my team to work closely with the council staff to provide further advice on this matter if required.

I look forward to your response.  
Ngaa mihi

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