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The Director General of Education  
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Dear Sir

1985/86 KINDERGARTEN BUILDING PROGRAMME

Your letter 25/13/3 refers

As you may or may not be aware our Executive Officer is away in Australia attending on our behalf the Australian Early Childhood Convention and does not return until the end of the month. I therefore reply to your letter of 17 September regarding the above addressed to Mrs Lindergren,

Firstly thank you for your advice regarding the possibility of eight new starts this year, this is as we have understood the situation and look forward to further advice regarding the number of grants to be allocated to us this year.

Secondly thank you for your advice approving five grants this year being Pencarrow, Langholme, Ruakaka, Chelsea, Victory Square. We are of course most disappointed to learn that Waiwhetu has not been accorded a grant this year, especially as we are now further convinced of the high need for provision in the area, however we accept the departments right to refuse grants for their particular reasons.

We are extremely concerned however with the information regarding Waiheke Island. You state "it is proper that Waiheke Island be substituted for Waiwhetu", we regard this act as in fact highly improper.

We have advised the minister and the department on several occasions that should one of our six submissions for grants be not approved then we as the controlling authority must be able to re-submit an application. For you to take literally our suggested seventh and eighth listed projects as priorities is unacceptable when we were at pains on both occasions of our meeting to stress that our list was in no strict order of priority merely those considered by our executive at the time to be worthy of application.

We must ask that you do not finalise the programme including Waiheke Island and that you do not advise Auckland Association regarding that project. Should you already have done so then we must insist any advice regarding Waiheke be rescinded.

We will advise you very shortly of our application for a sixth grant. Should we be successful in obtaining any further grants then we will advise of further projects for consideration at that time.

We must add that we are extremely disappointed at the departments performance over this years programme. It is now some four and a half months since we first advised of our project applications, some associations have been advised of probable projects without our knowledge and now we have a project being placed on the programme without our approval.

We trust we can now resolve the situation smoothly and efficiently.

Yours faithfully



Brian Elliott  
PRESIDENT