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Mr D T S Riddiford
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Dear Dan

In your letter of 20 November 2002, you have requested confirmation of your marine aquaculture proposal in relation to the Government moratorium effective from 28 November 2001.

On 29 November 2001 I discussed the issue with you and advised you that:

- No consent application had been received.
- The application must be complete with an AEE prepared as per the RMA Schedule.
- Full payment of fees was required with the application..

Whilst you subsequently made application, the moratorium was in place and this subsequent consent application was deemed to be "not received" because it:

- Did not meet the mandatory provisions of Section 88 of the RMA
- Did not meet the Council's requirements for lodgement including the correct payment of application fees in accordance with its Resource Management Charging Policy 2001.
- Was subject to the moratorium of 28 November 2001 preventing the granting of any resource consents for coastal permits where the activity is to facilitate aquaculture in the coastal marine area.

Subsequent to this the Government made provision for applications that were substantially advanced to complete their processing and be granted. Your application clearly could not meet these requirements.

Yours faithfully

Steve Blakemore
Manager, Planning and Resources