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Greetings Mayors, Councillors and CEOs, All NZ Regional Councils and Territorial Local Authorities

Subject: Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) negotiations.

We, the Renewables, are ordinary Kiwis living in Motueka . We are active in informing ourselves and others of the consequence of Climate Change and are strongly of the view that action at every level must be taken to mitigate its effect.

Our government is in the process of reorganizing the trade and commerce rules that will operate into the future for the Pacific region of the globe. This negotiation is known as Transpacific Partnership (TPP). We enclose here a proposal for local councils on that treaty negotiation.

Please consider this a submission toward your **Annual Planning** process and as a letter bringing the attached 'public interest' resolution to your Council's attention.

The TPP's 29 chapters are proving difficult to close over the three years of discussions. Resistance to it is growing amongst the public in most of the 12 countries involved. The secrecy surrounding it is particularly controversial. We know enough to believe it is very wide in its scope, entrenching rights of corporations that will affect many aspects of NZ life, from internet use to affordable medications.

This is the reason we write. We aim to arouse your enthusiasm to positively affect our future. You along with all New Zealand Councils and Territorial Authorities and with the people of this land can help to influence the TPP negotiations to achieve a good result. Will you?

We would like you to adopt the public interest position on TPP as expressed in the attached resolution. Auckland, Nelson and Tasman Councils have now adopted versions of it. Wellington, Horizons and Palmerston North Councils have variously addressed parts of the resolution but not adopted the full proposition. We encourage all Local Government's to adopt this and thus declare to Central Government and the other TPP nations and their peoples the ground New Zealand's people stand on.

With the greatest respect

Greg Rzesniowiecki, on behalf of the Renewables.