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To whom it concerns,

Mapua & Districts Community Association (MDCA) wish to support the Ruby Coast Initiative Trust's (RCIT) funding application to progress the construction of the third stage of the three part gateway sculpture project.

MDCA was initially involved in the formation of RCIT as part of a community collaborative initiative to promote the importance of both estuaries at the southern and northern entrances to the Ruby coast; connection to our heritage via the Waka shaped sculpture; while highlighting the entry points to the communities within the Ruby Coast.

Two thirds of this goal has been well achieved to date with the final link yet to be completed. It is great to hear this last piece of the project is being planned for and at a stage where funding to progress it is now required.

MDCA fully support the completion of the project with the placement of the third sculpture near to junction of Te Mamaku Drive and Stagecoach Road. The sculpture design is impressive and becomes a true symbol of the link between both the northern and southern sculptures especially considering this third sculpture is the joining together of the Aporo & Mapua sculptures with the inclusion of both the birds and fish from each into the Seaton Valley sculpture. This coming together of these two design elements illustrates the importance of how we could be aiming to provide inland connections between the two estuaries for our flora and fauna.

MDCA wish you well in your funding and construction endeavours.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you feel the need.

Kind Regards

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MDCA Treasurer