

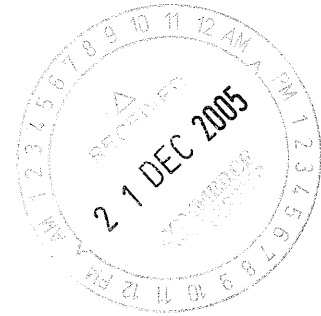
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Attn: Nicky Becchey

Re: NZRU application for authorisation of proposed arrangements

We act for the Poverty Bay Rugby Football Union ("PBRFU"). Our client has referred to us your letter dated 17 November 2006. As a result of the restructured NPC division the PBRFU will be competing in the revamped division one competition in 2006. The PBRFU has some concerns about the NZRU's proposal outline in your letter dated 17 November 2006.

Of chief concern to the PBRFU is the prohibition on remuneration payments (other than expenses) to players participating in the modified division one competition. The PBRFU feels that this prohibition will inhibit many players' involvement within the division as team members will be expected to take Fridays off work to travel to away fixtures. If these players are not allowed to be reimbursed for their time off work it is likely that many will not be in a position to commit to the PBRFU.

The PBRFU anticipates that this concern will be shared by the other division one unions who undoubtedly will find themselves in a similar position.

Yours faithfully

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