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To: Registrar <Registrar@comcom.govt.nz>

Subject: Objection to Moana NZ taking over the North Island fishing operation and quota ACE from Sanford Fishing

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposal of Moana New Zealand taking over the North Island fishing operation and quota ACE from Sanford Fishing. As a concerned citizen and a stakeholder in the fishing industry, I firmly believe that such a move would have adverse implications for the local community, marine ecosystem, the overall sustainability of our fishing resources, and the potential for a monopolistic situation.

To begin with, the transfer of the fishing operation and quota ACE from Sanford Fishing to Moana NZ may result in a monopolistic situation. Consolidation of power and control in any industry can stifle competition, hinder innovation, and lead to reduced options and increased prices for consumers. It is essential to maintain a healthy and competitive fishing industry that allows for diverse participation and ensures fair opportunities for all stakeholders.

Moreover, monopolistic control in the fishing industry could lead to a lack of accountability and transparency. Without competition, there may be less incentive for the dominant player to adhere to sustainable fishing practices, maintain high operational standards, or engage in community-driven initiatives. This can have significant negative consequences for the local environment, economy, and the livelihoods of those dependent on the fishing industry.

In light of the concerns regarding monopoly, I urge you to reconsider the proposal of Moana New Zealand taking over the North Island fishing operation and quota ACE from Sanford Fishing. Instead, I encourage you to explore alternative solutions that promote competition, diversity, and equitable access to fishing resources. This could include supporting the development of small-scale fishing operations, fostering collaboration between different industry players, and implementing regulatory measures that prevent undue concentration of power.

Thank you for considering my objections and for your attention to this matter. I believe that by prioritizing fair competition, responsible fishing practices, and the preservation of our marine ecosystem, we can ensure a sustainable and thriving fishing industry for generations to come.

Yours sincerely,

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