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Te Tari o Te Pirimia me Te Komiti Matua

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Dear Tim,

Chris Baran - AWS SUPPORT TO NZ GOVERNMENT COVID – 19 RESPONSE

On behalf of the NZ Government Covid-19 Response, Operations Command Centre, I would like to express my most sincere thanks for the work of the AWS team in creating a highly functional database to manage and disseminate our Community Offers and Initiatives during this crisis. In particular, Mr Chris Baran has made an outstanding contribution to the rapid and detailed development of the AOG Offers Tool.

Mr Baran provided a very capable initial version of the database. He then committed a great deal of time in becoming familiar with the way our team operated and tailored the tool to support this. He graciously received numerous suggestions for improvement, suggested various ways in which enhancements might be delivered, and worked tirelessly to deliver updated versions to the team as they operated.

It quickly became clear to us that Mr Baran was dedicating a significant amount of his personal time to achieving these excellent results, this included evenings, weekends and statutory holidays.

He has visited the team on a number of occasions, allowing him to implement improvements immediately.

There is no question that the AOG Offers Tool continues to make a very real contribution to the NZ Government's Covid-19 response and will be retained for use in future national and regional emergencies.

We wish to thank Chris for his dedication and commitment to his role in developing this database, his impact has been tangible and greatly valued. He is a credit to your organisation.

Ngā Mihi Nui,

Mike Bush, CNZM
Head of Planning and Operations