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Dear Mr Wightman

Thank you for your email dated 4 February 2020 regarding Tiny Houses and the hikoi on 5 March 2020 which you have asked me to attend.

Given the recent decision from the District Court on MBIE's position as well as one other appeal remaining before the courts, it would not be appropriate for me to attend the hikoi nor to speak about these determinations.

MBIE's position remains that Tiny Homes that are buildings for the purposes of the Building Act must comply with the requirements of the Building Act and Building Code. Similarly, owners and manufacturers of Tiny Homes are expected to follow the relevant regulatory processes, which exist to ensure the safety and wellbeing of building users.

MBIE is continuing to look for ways to improve the Building system. In addition to the National Multiple Use Approval scheme, MBIE is undertaking work to develop a streamlined consenting process to facilitate mass production using certified manufacturers and third party verification. We have full trust that this initiative will provide greater certainty for manufacturers including those building tiny houses. You can read more about this proposed reform here:
<https://www.building.govt.nz/getting-started/building-law-reforms>.

Thank you for taking the time to write to me.

Yours sincerely

Carolyn Tremain
Chief Executive