



MP for Rimutaka

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Dianne Kidd, Deputy Chair
Unitec Institute of Technology Council
139 Carrington Road
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Section 9(2)(a)

Dear Dianne

Decision to dissolve the Council and appoint a Commissioner

Thank you for responding promptly on behalf of the Council to the notice of my preliminary decision to dissolve the Council of Unitec Institute of Technology (Unitec) and appoint Mr Murray Strong as Commissioner. I am pleased the Council supports Mr Strong's appointment, endorses the intended benefits, and is committed to a smooth and efficient handover to Mr Strong.

The council's submission brings to a close the statutory process I must follow before exercising my authority under section 195D(1) of the Education Act 1989 to dissolve the Council and appoint a Commissioner.

I note that the Council agrees with shortening the 21-day period allowed for their response and considers it would help in bringing some certainty and stability for Unitec's staff and students. I confirm that I do not intend to wait until 6 August when the 21-day period would end and instead will act with immediate effect.

I attach a copy of the formal notice that will be published in the Gazette and presented to the House of Representatives in accordance with the statutory requirements. I intend to do this as soon as possible.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and every member of the Unitec Council for your service and for the prompt and efficient way you dealt with this issue. I very much appreciate the Council's commitment to act in the best interests of Unitec and to support and facilitate the transition to new governance arrangements.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'CHIPKINS'.

Hon Chris Hipkins
Minister of Education

- Attachment