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To: s7(2)(f)(ii)
Subject: IRC-6605 James (via fyi.org.nz) FW: Interview or Statement from mayor Tory Whanau - RNZ
Date: Wednesday, 3 July 2024 10:28:30 am
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Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Pretoria Gordon <xxxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xx.xx>
Subject: RE: Interview or Statement from mayor Tory Whanau - RNZ

Mōrena Pretoria,

Please see below and attribute to Mayor Tory Whanau:

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Thanks

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Subject: Interview or Statement from mayor Tory Whanau - RNZ

Kia ora s7(2)(f)(ii)

Happy Friday! I was wondering if Tory would be available for an interview, or able to send a statement, about her diagnosis. I'm hoping to put together a nice, colourful piece about a woman in power with ADHD.

It would be great to be able to do this before 11:30am this morning, but I completely understand if that isn't possible!

Ngā mihi nui,

Pretoria Gordon | Journalist

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Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Erin Gourley <x@xx>
Subject: Comment from the Mayor

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Subject: IRC-6605 James (via fyi.org.nz) FW: Stuff comment
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Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 10:08 AM
To: Laura Frykberg <x@xx>
Subject: RE: Stuff comment

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From: Laura Frykberg <x@xx>
Sent: Friday, June 7, 2024 9:50 AM
To: s7(2)(f)(ii) <s7(2)(f)(ii)@wcc.govt.nz>
Subject: Stuff comment

Hi [REDACTED]

Just tried calling you.

Would it be possible to get a couple of comments from the Mayor about her neurodivergent diagnosis?

Thanks very much and speak soon.

Laura

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