



14 January 2026

**Endorsement and thanks for wetland & bittern education delivery**

Dear Wendy,

On behalf of the Waiau Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Enhancement Trust, I want to extend our sincere thanks to you and the Love Bittern Project for delivering the wetland and bittern learning module to the primary schools of the Waiau Catchment in late 2025.

Your programme brought an exceptional level of energy, clarity, and ecological insight into every classroom you visited. Teachers commented on how engaged their students were, and we saw this firsthand: children asking sharp, thoughtful questions about habitat loss, species behaviour, and the role of restoration in their own communities. Their curiosity is a testament to the quality of your teaching and the importance of the Love Bittern Project's message.

I also want to acknowledge how much our team gained from working alongside you during the delivery week, both in and out of the classroom. Your depth of knowledge, your ability to translate complex ecological ideas into accessible learning moments, and your calm, generous teaching style were all inspiring. Experiencing such effective environmental education in practice will directly strengthen the Trust's own work in the catchment.

The Waiau Habitat Trust is proud to endorse the Love Bittern Trust's education programme. It is a model of what high-impact, community-centred conservation outreach can look like, and we look forward to future opportunities to collaborate.

With sincere appreciation,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "sjr sutton".

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