

# Sir Bob Harvey<sub>QSO</sub>

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I have been honoured to be the patron of the Moths and Butterflies of New Zealand Trust for some years and I embrace with enthusiasm the organisation and all it stands for. The concept of saving New Zealand's butterflies and moths seems to me to be a noble and hugely worthy role in a difficult and complex environment.

Butterflies, especially monarchs have been in my life since I was a young boy in the very heart of Auckland. I haven't forgotten those special times, and with my own children we shared the pleasure of rearing monarchs as they grew up. I still do. Now with grandchildren I am teaching them the awe and wonder of the transformation from caterpillar to butterfly. They learn kindness and empathy. They develop a sense of wonder and learn management skills. Monarchs also open doors into maths and science and IT – history and geography too.

Our butterflies have been badly affected by introduced predators and parasites. If these have affected a butterfly that is well known, what have they done to our native butterflies such as the forest ringlet, which is NOT known at all? How can we know that something has been lost, forever, if we didn't know it existed to begin with?

I am thrilled that Lottery Environment and Heritage has seen fit to provide funding to help the Trust with Stage 2 of their Forest Ringlet Project – and I do hope that you will be able to assist in this as well. Thanks to their efforts of there has been a huge groundswell and renewed interest in butterflies and moths, insects and biodiversity in people's gardens.

I am deeply privileged to endorse this project's success. I do hope you can join us to ensure that our New Zealand skies will forever see the wings of the monarch and our other glorious butterflies and moths.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Bob Harvey', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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