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Dear Dr Freeth

Congratulations on your appointment.

I am writing to let you know that glyphosate is generating a high degree of public interest and concern here in the Wellington Region. Greater Wellington Regional Council has been asked to urgently undertake or source a recent critical review of the life, effects, and breakdown of 'Roundup' akin to the IGPCC reports on Climate Change.

I am aware that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is monitoring international assessments by IARC, WHO, US EPA, and the European Union on the health and environmental impacts of glyphosate.

I urge the EPA to promptly assess international reports in order to contribute an informed position to this debate both in Wellington and elsewhere in the country. I look forward to receiving your review and assessment at your earliest convenience.

Yours sincerely

Chris Laidlaw

Chair