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Dear Des

Undersea Volcanoes: Earth's final frontier?

I was very excited to hear about your plans for an international exhibition on undersea volcanoes. Your track record, and Jude Benson's, in getting such projects off the ground gives me confidence that it will succeed, and be highly professional in all aspects.

I have long been aware of the various promising research avenues GNS Science has been pursuing, and your leadership in this area. You have a great story to tell the wider public, and we know first hand what an effective communicator your scientific adviser Dr Cornel de Ronde is.

Be assured of the Royal Society of New Zealand's enthusiastic support for this venture.

Our very best wishes

Dr Di McCarthy ONZM
Chief Executive