

Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Nicole

Kenepuru Road – Completion of Sealing to Waitaria Bay - Submission

This submission is made on behalf of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association.

The purpose of the submission is to seek immediate allocation of Council funding to complete the road sealing of the Kenepuru Road from Taradale to the Waitaria Bay Community Hall.

The Association was established in 1991 and currently has approximately 200 household members whose residents live full time or part time in the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. The Association's objects include, among others, to coordinate dealings with central and local government and promote the interests of residents of Kenepuru Sound and adjacent areas and to promote and act in the best interests of residents, ratepayers and persons associated with the Kenepuru and Central Sounds area. AGMs of the Association are well attended.

The Reason Why

This stretch of unsealed road is the only part of an important and reasonably heavy traffic usage road that is not sealed. We note that the Waitaria School and Community Hall is located at the end of the proposed sealing. This road is used by tourists, service industries and residents alike. Traffic has increased significantly over the past few years. Over the last twenty years the section of the Kenepuru Road from Portage has been sealed on an intermittent kilometre by kilometre basis. The Association submits that there are considerable efficiencies and economies in doing this remaining portion of the road in 'one hit'.

The Cost

The Association has been in dialogue with Mr. Steve Murrin of Marlborough Roads and he, in conjunction with your Mr. David Craig (Finance), has been kind enough to supply us with the

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measurements and costing's. Accordingly, based on this data we have been advised by Mr. Murrin that the estimated cost to complete the sealing to an appropriate standard would be \$793,000. Should you wish to confirm these costing's and measurements, **we recommend** you consult in the first instance Mt Steve Murrin. Naturally we can supply the email correspondence from Mr. Murrin if requested.

How Will It be Paid for

Currently there is a 50-50 contribution from local ratepayers and the Council for further sealing of roads within the Kenepuru Sound. Mr. David Craig has advised that this contribution totals approximately \$71,000 per year. Mr. David Craig has also advised that there is approximately \$93,000 in surplus in the account. Therefore based on these figures, it would take approximately nine years to accumulate the total sum. The Association submits that rather than wait this inordinate time to complete the sealing, it be funded by way of an advance to the account by Council and completed in one hit.

When could it Commence.

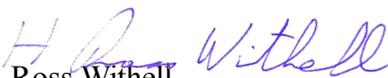
As noted above, on behalf of the community we submit the Council fund an accelerated sealing program by way of a Council advance in order for the sealing to commence in the 2016/2017 financial year. The Association submits that completing the work on a piecemeal basis over the next decade would not be efficient given the inevitable increases in costs over that period. By doing it now and thereby saving the increase in costs is a natural hedge against any suggestion for there to be a component of interest levied on any such advance to the subject account. Further, this approach (no interest component) is, we submit, similar to other public good projects within Marlborough e.g. Seddon library etc.

Conclusion.

We believe that this project is of significance to residents and visitors to the Kenepuru Sound and Marlborough generally.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit the Association's views and we would be pleased to speak to this submission at the proposed hearing.

Yours faithfully


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