

Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Nicole

Annual Plan 2017 - Submissions re Funding Allocations for:

- **a Log Barge Site in Northern Kenepuru**
- **Sealing of the Kenepuru Road to Waitaria Bay**
- **an Allocation for a new Land Resource Environmental Scientist**

This submission is made on behalf of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association Inc., (**Association**).

Who we are: The Association was established in 1991 and currently has over 280 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 Three Submissions

Log Barge Site

As the Hearing Panel will be aware, the Association has worked closely and effectively with the Council as to the need for, (among other things - Health and Safety reasons) a Log Barge site to be constructed in the Northern Kenepuru. It should not be forgotten that the Association also wholeheartedly assisted and supported the Council with the Environment Court case confirming the enforceability of resource consent conditions requiring logs to be barged.

We are pleased that the Council has already allocated a significant sum of money for this facility and we are working closely with Council Officers as they progress the Project Plan. Accordingly, we do not intend to go into any detail on this matter other than **to submit for** and express our continued support and commitment to assisting the Council finish this project.

However, we want to **stress** the Association's belief that the proposed facility makes extremely

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good economic sense (compare the cost of upgrading the Kenepuru Road to take the anticipated log volumes) and will also prove an asset for the community e.g. as an efficient means of bringing scale quantities of much needed gravel into the area.

Sealing Kenepuru Road

In an earlier Annual plan the Council allocated funding to bring forward the sealing of a portion of the Kenepuru road from Taradale to Waitaria Bay. This work was put on hold for the last financial year in order to allow parts of the French Pass area road network to be sealed and the outcome of the litigation referred to above.

These matters have now been sorted and the Association wants to take the opportunity **to submit that** the Council complete this project this coming financial year. This is an outcome for which the community has been waiting with some anticipation.

Land Scientist

In the overview consultation document that the Council produced for this year's Annual Plan we noted with interest that the Council is considering creating a new Land Resource Environmental scientist position.

Whilst the Association has not seen the job description for this role, as a general principal the Associations **submits in support** of the Council seeking to upskill itself and expand its in house capability by creating such a position.

Conclusion

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

Yours faithfully

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