

Presentation by Heather Smyth and Dianne Smith Wednesday 6th April 2016

We are land owners of 34 Featherston Ave, Kairaki Beach and have been residents here for 14 plus years. Generally, we support the proposed Residential Red Zone Recovery Plan for Kairaki Beach.

Our reservations are these:

- As others have mentioned in their comments,
 - who will be able to obtain the leased sections
 - how this will be decided
 - what sort of buildings, etc etc

- Should the lease of the sections for semi-permanent dwellings happen, how will this be monitored? If someone leases land and does not comply with the conditions of the lease, what can the landowners / other lease holders' neighbours on adjacent or nearby properties do?
 - **We believe there needs to be a written process for comment / complaint to the council that means the WD Council will address any issues appropriately and in a timely manner.**

- We also support the proposal that the Tuhaitara Trust take over the East side of Featherston Ave and maintain it.
 - **We would like an assurance that the land is at least maintained to the current standard.**
 - **We believe there needs to be process drawn up and approved by The Tuhaitara Trust, the WD Council and the affected residents that will mean effective communication and cooperation between the parties. It would reassure the current residents if complying with this process is a requirement of the lease.**

- **A Comparison:**

We went through a lengthy consultation process, similar to this one, with the development of the extension to Kairaki Beach Camp to behind our property. The consultation appeared extensive and very invested in seeking the agreement of the affected residents, as this process has been. We believed that the extension of the camping ground would benefit the community, bring people into the community and develop the area as a recreational one, so we supported it with some reservations. However, although the consultation process was extensive and reassuring for us, the actual implementation of the final approved camp extension and destruction of flaxes and fruit trees in the surrounding area, was disappointing and distressing. The plan of the extension was changed without consultation: a road around the perimeter that would have situated the caravans a further 7 to 10 metres away from our boundary was removed, subjecting us to campers' music and at times even hearing conversations. When we asked how the plans were changed without consultation, it was brushed off by the Council person involved, who gave the impression that it was a

done deal and we had no recourse. A drainage swale around the perimeter of our property, which was in the final plan, was promised but not done. After two years of contacting the Council and contending with water pouring into our section after heavy rain, we wrote to the CEO of the WDC and within a few days it was completed.

The point is

- **We believed we were considered and listened to, however it turned out that we weren't. How can we be assured that this process will not turn out the same?**