

Submission for 2008 / 2009 Annual Plan

Tamahere Community Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Waikato District Councils 2008/2009 draft annual plan. The Tamahere Community Committee would like to speak in support of this submission if the opportunity arises.

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Key Consultation Issues

Our key objective for the coming year is to make our community safe. This includes addressing issues such as:

- 1. Industrial risks surrounding school**
- 2. Parks and Reserves**
- 3. Roothing**
- 4. Footpaths/Cycleways**

1. Industrial Risks

The Tamahere School was and remains bordered by industrial risks. While IcePak is not currently operating, there are unknown risks at Regal Transport, who are another local company who have grown exponentially over the past few years. We need to stocktake the risk and develop appropriate mitigations to ensure the communities safety now and in the future.

2. Parks and Reserves

2.1 We support the development of the Pa site situated at Titoki, Tauwhare Road, Matangi into a well-defined historic site which would include a picnic area and walkway to the site.

2.2 Through the use of the funds (\$275,000) currently budgeted in the Annual Plan, we would support the development of the first of the Tamahere Walkways (as per the structure plan).

3. Roothing

3.1 Newell Road

Current speeding traffic through Newell Rd is creating significant risks to the Community. The LTCCP has \$2.7m budgeted to be spent on Newell Road which was to include traffic calming measures and a semi-urban upgrade. We support the alternate roading plan our local councillor Wally Hayes has proposed, which would see the closure of the southern end of Newell Road, with traffic diverted down Divine Lane and out a new road to link with Airport Road through the already owned council land (*Ex Murray*

Property). In combination with this new roading link an upgraded slip lane for traffic turning off Airport Road would need to be created as the current Airport/Newell Road junction represents a high risk.

3.2 Woodcock Road/Tauwhare Road Intersection

The intersection between Woodcock Rd and Tauwhare Rd also represents a high risk intersection. In the community plan developed in 2004 it was rated a one to three year priority and with the increased traffic flows due to further subdivision it remains so.

4. Footpaths/Cycleways

As part of the need to address the significant risks to the community associated with the speed of traffic on Newell Road, we would like to see the allocation for footpaths, that are presumed to be part of the \$2.7m budgeted for the semi-urban upgrade of Newell Road in the LTCCP, used to provide safe walk/cycle ways in this area as soon as is possible. While the roading link through Birchwood Lane may not be addressed in the near future a continuation of the footpath linking Birchwood with Devine Lane would allow the community safe access to the school, thus helping to decrease traffic on Newell Road. It would also fulfill an objective of the Reserves and Recreation Strategy by providing a recreational walking/running/cycling circuit for residents.