

TAMAHERE COMMUNITY COMMITTEE SUBMISSION TO THE DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2010

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a submission on the Waikato District Council 20010/2011 Draft Annual Plan.

Key Consultation Issues

Our key objective for the coming year is the completion of the review of the Tamahere Country Living Zone Structure Plan and our thanks go to the council for making this possible with the allocation of \$50K in 09/10 and another \$50k to complete it in the 10/11 budget. We have also identified the other following key areas we wish to make submissions on:

1. Tamahere Committee Admin Costs
2. Walkways/Footpaths
3. Water/Storm Water
4. Franklin Transition Costs

1. Admin Cost

The Tamahere Community Committee is a very active voluntary committee that is currently unfunded, while council has Community Boards & 2 ex boards which get annual funding to use as they like. All we ask is for enough money to cover the admin costs we currently absorb ourselves such as photocopying, printing, stationery, telephone, community flyers, mileage, etc. While many other community committees are combined with their local hall operations, our community isn't and therefore has no access to funding of any kind. Therefore we once again we ask that council contributes \$2,000 annually towards our costs.

2. Walkways/Footpaths

Community consultation prioritises footpaths rather than walkways therefore we would like to be able to reallocate funding from walkways to these.

As part of the need to address the significant risks to the community associated with the increased volume and speed of traffic, especially on Newell Road, which includes the substantially higher volume and frequency of pedestrians and cyclists, we would like to see footpaths built on the following roads in order of priority - rather than walkways:

Newell Road - *with most urgent priority placed on the sweeping corner and the dip*
Cherry Lane - *high volume traffic of older members of the community.*

3. Water/Storm-water.

We support the requirement to build reservoir capacity to keep water pressure consistent but question why the annual plan doesn't include any measures or plans to conserve water, as the use of rainwater also reduces the amount of storm water. Such processes in the medium term would save large capital costs for the future.

There needs to be a review of council water charging mechanisms in order to drive and reward water conservation. The council's current charging system is far too simplistic in an environment where water is becoming a scare and expensive resource.

4. Franklin costs

There are significant costs associated with absorbing Franklin into Waikato District Council along with the ongoing costs; and we support the Council that these should not be incurred by existing rate payers, but rather by the government, and/or the new super city that can much better absorb it.

The Tamahere Community Committee would like to speak in support of this submission if the opportunity arises.

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