

Motueka Community Board Meeting. 19.06.2018.

From: Ian Williams

To: Mr Chairman & members of the Community Board
Thankyou for this opportunity to speak.

1/ On Saturday I received and read the "Agenda" for this meeting. I was impressed with our Chairman's letter to the Hon. Damien O'Connor outlining the urgent need for the reinstatement of the Motueka High Street (SH60 Urban Area) improvements programme. Last Thursday I had been invited to the Public Meeting in Richmond with the Leader of the Opposition Simon Bridges & the Hon Maureen Pugh - National list MP, but with prearranged surgery I was unable to attend so rang Parliament & spoke with Maureen's PA. My message to her was as follows: "Please convey to both Hon Maureen Pugh & Hon Simon Bridges my deep concern as to the apparent change of mind of the Government for the approval of the go ahead on High Street Motueka (SH60) upgrade which has been in the pipeline for last 20 years. I mentioned having already written to Hon Kelvin Davis - "Minister of Tourism" and Hon Julie Anne Genter - "Minister of Transport" in November 2017 on this important project and both of them responded positively in support of it especially from a safety & health perspective for members of the local community and our increasing tourists. I also mentioned the urgent need of a replacement Motueka River Bridge as the current one was old, narrow & hazardous & with the daily volume of traffic it is a fatality waiting to happen". I am minded to follow up with a letter to Hon Simon Bridges as a man who has had experience as a "Crown Prosecutor" certainly would be a good fighter on Motueka's behalf.

2/ On a more promising note on the 24th May I attended on invitation a "Community Health Meeting" in Takaka concerning upcoming events and news within the District Health Board covering the Nelson/Tasman/Marlborough regions addressed by Mr Peter Bramley, CEO of Nelson Marlborough Hospital Board.

"Top of South Impact Forum" ² (19.06.2018) from Ian Williamson.

Some Points of Interest of Advocacy for our Communities

Firstly he expressed a huge thank you to all those who helped in the aftermath of Cyclone Gita. There is a move towards restorative care approach for home based support.

District Nurses will be qualified to have tablets.

Manage my health - look at your own records online.

Health addiction - methamphetamine 15-24 yr olds now are accessing mental health addiction services.

Healthy Homes - What Ora - insulation, heating blankets & fire alarm

Children 0-4 yrs now presenting with dental, asthma & respiratory illnesses.

Primary Maternity service retained in Motueka for first 1000 days.

A new Fibro Scan (\$100,000) now available for at home liver scans.

46,000 people visit emergency departments in Nelson Hospital.

Nelson Hospital currently often runs out of beds.

By November we should know when to expect the building of a new Nelson Hospital.

Bowel Screening starts this year in August at the Nelson Hospital for 60-74 yr olds.

You will receive a letter, if you don't ring for one. Then you will receive a kit & then if results confirm a need for a further follow-up you will receive an appointment. If you have a first degree relative who has or had cancer ensure this is on your GP records.

Mr Branley finished the meeting by saying: "I love questions and suggestions so please start!"

I asked if consideration could be given for an X-ray facility in Motueka. He agreed this was an excellent suggestion and could avoid a lot of unnecessary travel & wasted time. But as well as the equipment you need trained staff so it will be kept in mind.

In a letter from Mr Branley he has detailed ten areas in primary care where "Nelson Marlborough Health" has already invested eg. Increased funding to the Motueka Family Service Centre for working with families.