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REPORT SUMMARY

Report to: Chair and Members, Engineering Services Committee
Meeting Date: 28 April 2011
Subject: Road Name Change – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road
Report Author: Gary Clark, Transportation Manager

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Department of Conservation has recently gazetted the full Maori name for Te Waikoropupu Springs (Pupu Springs) Reserve. As a result they have requested that Tasman District Council consider changing the road names for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.

RECOMMENDATION

That the report RESC11-04-03, Road Name Changes – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road be received.

DRAFT RESOLUTION

THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Road Name Changes – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road report, RESC11-04-03; and

THAT Council retains the name of Pupu Valley Road and consults with the residents of Pupu Springs Road for that name to be changed to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road as noted in the report RESC11-04-03; and

THAT Council staff prepare a report for the Engineering Services Committee on the feedback from the community with regard to changing the road name for Te Waikoropupu Springs Road and a recommendation about the name change as noted in the report RESC11-04-03.

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to discuss a request from the Department of Conservation for Council to consider road name changes for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.

2. Background

- 2.1 The New Zealand Geographic Board has recently gazetted the full Maori name for Te Waikoropupu Springs (Pupu Springs) Reserve as a result of a request from the Department of Conservation. Consequently the Department of Conservation has requested that Tasman District Council consider changing the road names for Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Springs Road.

3. Present Situation/Matters to be Considered

- 3.1 Approximately 28 properties are affected by this request the majority in Pupu Valley Road.
- 3.2 Past history has shown that residents are generally unhappy when their address or road name is changed.
- 3.3 Any proposed change to the road name would require consultation with the affected parties.
- 3.4 It should be noted that the present names are easier to pronounce especially in terms of notifying Emergency Services.
- 3.5 Although there are precedents, Council is reluctant to have similar sounding names or names that are the same, for example Edward Street in both Richmond and Wakefield.

4. Financial/Budgetary Considerations

- 4.1 Any changes would incur a cost for new road name blades and also the cost of consultation.

5. Options

- 5.1 There are three options:

- Retain the current road names, Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road.
- Change the road names to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road and Te Waikoropupu Valley Road after consultation and agreement from the affected landowners.
- Retain Pupu Valley Road where the majority of residents live and change Pupu Springs Road to Te Waikoropupu Springs Road. This would also eliminate the repeat of road names as noted earlier.

6. Pros and Cons of Options

- 6.1 History shows that changing road names is not readily accepted by the local community and therefore retaining the current names would be the most acceptable solution.
- 6.2 The New Zealand Transport Agency has agreed to change the destination signage for Te Waikoropupu Springs on State Highway 60.

7. Evaluation of Options

- 7.1 Retaining the current road names, Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road would reserve the status quo but be out of line with NZTA's new signage.
- 7.2 Changing the road name to Te Waikoropupu Valley Road is unlikely to be acceptable to the landowners.

8. Significance

- 8.1 This is not a significant decision under Council's Significance Policy, but it is likely to have a local impact on the landowners of Pupu Springs Road who will have a change of address imposed on them.

9. Recommendation

9.1 That the Engineering Services Committee receives this report.

10. Timeline/Next Steps

10.1 In line with the recommendation a letter will be sent to the Department of Conservation explaining Council's process for their request to rename the two roads in Tasman District.

11. Draft Resolution

11.1 THAT the Engineering Services Committee receives the Road Name Changes – Pupu Valley Road and Pupu Springs Road report, RESC11-04-03; and

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