

REPORT

TO: Motueka Community Board Members

FROM: David Ogilvie, Chair

DATE: 2 October 2009

SUBJECT: **Report to meeting of 13 October 2009**

1 Water Allocation : Hearing 58, Tasman Resource Management Plan

On behalf of the Board, I attended the Council hearing on 15 September 2009 in Richmond.

The hearing was in two parts, the first in front of the Council, and the second in front of Commissioner Andrew Fenemor.

The Board's submission is included as part of this agenda (note that my personal submissions are also included).

In summary, the points highlighted are:

- The risk to the sustainability of the Motueka water supply regarding the Council's proposal to increase the allocation and to transfer out of zone.
- Whether the Council was right in hearing and deciding these issues since the Council is actively driving the Variation, ie a conflict of interest where the Council is both the applicant and the arbitrator.
- A concern that the Council had not carried out a proper S.32 analysis required by the RMA.
- A request that the Council develop a policy of financial assistance to those Motueka residents adversely affected by drawdown.
- A concern that the data prepared for the increased allocation has not been adequately or appropriately peer-reviewed.
- A concern that climate change predictions and riverbed level degradation have not been considered.
- A request that any increase in water allocation be reserved for use by the Motueka community and environs – the proposed 33% increase will be fully utilised locally within 35 years.

The Council's decision on the hearing has not been finalised, or made public, at this time. I do not need to emphasise how significant this issue is for the Motueka community. (As an example, I have included the water supply areas for Mapua as they were indicated in March 2006 at the LTCCP (2006 – 2016) and as they were recently in June 2009 of the LTCCP (2009 – 2019).

2 Motueka Transportation Study

This important study is continuing (see Terms of Reference) with a meeting in October 2009 being planned for Motueka Councillors and Community Board members.

An earlier meeting, I consider, would have been preferable where the various issues could have been pinpointed for the consultants. Presumably the Board's submissions to the Regional Land Transport Programme and to the LTCCP (2009) would have been read and considered, and of course the previous surveys/reports are readily available.

A bypass will resolve many of the current traffic concerns – a longer term necessity; I am nervous of short-term solutions which frequently are “band-aid” answers.

The Motueka Central and West Structure Plan is being held up while the Transportation Study proceeds – an appropriate appreciation of the worth of both studies.

The Richmond West Plan (recently released) is a 50-year plan and has received widespread support. I sincerely hope that the same long-term plans for transportation and our structure/rezoning will be similarly visionary, practical and acceptable.

3 Conclusion

A month of many issues! The four items above are featured, but others are mentioned in the various letters, reports, Council/Committee agendas and minutes.

We have a diverse community reflected by the wide-ranging matters which cross our paths. Monitoring these properly, responding to residents' queries, and initiating discussions, meetings etc reflects well on the Board.

David Ogilvie
Chair, Motueka Community Board

Meetings/Activities during September 2009

Date	Meeting
1 September	Public meeting at the Service Centre : Freedom Camping Issues (53 attendance)
2 September	Toastmasters Motueka (guest at monthly meeting)
7 September	Our Town Motueka Annual General Meeting. (Howie Timms, Chairman; Liz Salt, Secretary; John Murphy, Treasurer)
8 September	Motueka Community Board monthly meeting
12 September	E-Day collection (K McLean's orchard, Hursthouse Street)
14 September	Water Allocation Hearing : Plan Change/Variation to TRMP
14 September	Abbeyfield Motueka Management Committee meeting
15 September	Tasman Bays Promotions Association meeting
15 September	Our Town Motueka monthly meeting
18 September	Motueka High School Community Issues survey results on Rural Fires/Air Pollution
21 September	Motueka District Museum Trust Board/AGM
21 September	Keep Motueka Beautiful meeting
22 September	Tasman Bays Promotion Association
23 September	Memorial Park Pavilion Committee
24 September	St Bede's College "Canteen" run begins (7.30 am) from Fearon's Bush, Motueka to Christchurch. (Starter – on a wet, cold morning)
29 September	Tasman Bays Promotion Association AGM (Guest speaker – Paul Davis)