

PUBLIC FORUM SPIEL FOR 18.6.19 by Jim Butler

For what it is worth Mr Chairman, this grumpy old ratepayer fully supports the Board's proposal 'Alternative to Golden Bay's Local Board Application' as set down on pages 39 and 40 in your agenda. When I sent in my alternative proposal to the Golden Bay Application to the Local Government Commission (I wasn't going to miss a chance like this) I wasn't certain if the Board was going to send in a proposal, or which way you were going to jump. So, as I suspect that the Board is wiser than me, I set down that I would support whatever you proposed.

While a Local Board appears attractive and I supported Golden Bay having one as a trial, I had doubts about a Local Board for Motueka because of the likelihood of increasing bureaucracy, overheads and additional costs to be borne by grumpy old ratepayers. So I took this opportunity to set down what happened to my section and to me when Roger Douglas sacked half the bureaucrats in Wellington. Also repeated my guessimate pitch on overheads which probably applicable to most councils and central government as well. How \$50,000 of work can end up costing ratepayers (or taxpayers) about \$400,000.

"A contractor gets \$100,000 to carry out a work. The council's costs for arranging and inspection of the work including overheads is also \$100,000, total \$200,000. The council funds this through a 20 year loan which will cost ratepayers \$400,000. But the contractor has overheads too and needs to make a profit. So the end result is that it can cost ratepayers about \$400,000 to get about \$50,000 of work completed." Frightening isn't it.

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To Mr Chairman + members of Community Board.
From: Ian Williamson.

- 1/ Now that our High Street pedestrian crossings have been given a safety face lift could a suggestion be made to N.Z.T.A. that High St / King Edward Street "clocktower corner" could also have an upgrade with a much needed round-a-bout.
- 2/ Geonet is reminding people to be prepared following a magnitude 5.5 earthquake near Milford Sound. This was followed by two aftershocks of 3.9 and another at 3.35am. A Geonet seismologist said the quake appeared to have occurred on the Alpine Fault which has the potential for larger events and this system runs almost the entire length of the South Island. Could a member of our Civil Defence organisation be invited to give a presentation to our Community Board?
- 3/ A "cycling pump track" as an additional attraction to the Motueka Skate Park finished in asphalt would provide a playground for all things wheeled. eg. scooters, skateboards and cyclists. The bumps would be very mellow and suitable for a wider range of age groups to cruise through. If it was considered a suitable project I would be pleased to follow it up for provisional quotes.

Milan Chapman

Thankyou Mr Chairman.