

MINUTES

TITLE: Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan Hearing
DATE: Wednesday 5 September 2007
TIME: 10.00 am
VENUE: Golden Bay Service Centre, Commercial Street, Takaka
PRESENT: Crs E E Henry (Chair), E J Wilkins, S J Bryant
IN ATTENDANCE: Mike Harding (Consultant), Community Services Manager (L L Kennedy), Reserves Manager (B Wilkes), Minute Secretary (V M Gribble)

1 HEARING PROCESS

To receive written submissions to the Draft Reviewed Tata Beach Reserves Plan, and to hear verbal presentations where submitters have indicated they wish to do so.

2 SUBMITTERS

2.1 D & R Bullen

Oppose vehicle access to esplanade reserve, north of the boat ramp.

2.2 H Cropp

Oppose investigation of walkway access around the peninsula on reserve land. This has been investigated previously and found to be difficult and costly.

2.3 J M & J U Cropp

Oppose walkway access around the peninsula. Construction of a track would be expensive and also contrary to the Reserves Act.

2.4 B & S Devonshire

Mrs Devonshire was in attendance to present her submission. She opposed the removal of willow and poplar trees from the wetland reserve saying the trees are not responsible for flood events. They should be retained to provide shelter and bird habitat, until native trees are established.

Mrs Wilkes suggested planting some tree lucerne that would screen the water tanks and provide bird habitat.

2.5 R & J Emmerson

Support policies 5.24.3 and 7.2 (quiet enjoyment). Also suggest that Council investigates alternating the ski lane annually between either end of the beach; enforces restrictions on overnight stays; bans glass and alcohol over Christmas and New Year and purchase land to provide parking.

Mrs Wilkes said that the Environment and Planning Department of Council is looking at reviewing the alcohol ban in Golden Bay and Tata Beach would be included in that review.

2.6 Golden Bay Community Board

J Bell, C McLellan and L Gamby were in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Golden Bay Community Board.

The Board supports the suggested separate review of the boat ramp as its existence appears incompatible with general policy 6.2 They support revegetation with a preference for native species ie pingau/spinifex. The esplanade access is supported in principle but are mindful that natural values should not be adversely affected in creating the access. Access along the beach esplanade reserve is supported without the suggested gravel path.

Mr Kennedy suggested that by having a gravel path, the area could be delineated as a public area.

2.7 A & D Gentleman

Support beach stabilisation and planting, prohibiting removal of driftwood and weed control. They sought clarification of wetland reserve.

2.8 P J Hope

Oppose vehicle access north of the boat ramp. The access creates dangers for pedestrians, causes congestion and disturbance.

2.9 R C Horrell

Opposed to closing vehicle access south of the boat ramp, and opposes a reduction in the number of car parks north of the boat ramp.

2.10 H & D Kingston

Oppose investigation of walkway access around the peninsular. Support improvement of protection for wildlife and asked that banded rail be added to the policy.

2.11 N C Mace

Supports removal of vehicle access south of the boat ramp, and placement of speed humps north of the boat ramp. Requests the creation of one designated disabled car park in the area, so a person confined to a vehicle can view the sea away from the busy trailer park area.

2.12 R Mueller

Supports policy 5.9 (leases and licences) and policy 5.10 (commercial and non-commercial activities).

2.13 Golden Bay Branch, Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society

Jenny Treloar was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Society.

The submission supports the closure of vehicle access south of the boat ramp, increased protection for spotted shags and restriction on dogs and horses in reserves.

2.14 NZ Motor Caravan Association Inc

Mr Neville Baldwin was in attendance to present the submission on behalf of the Association. The submission supports independent overnight parking at Tata Beach/Wainui area for up to two motor homes for one night in any calendar month. Motor home tourism use is a fast-growing industry which has minimal effects on the environment. Members of the Association are encouraged to comply with district bylaws.

2.15 G & S Neill

A statement from PJ Radich legal representative for G & S Neill was read.

Opposed to continued vehicle access north of the boat ramp. Supports reducing the number of car parks north of the boat ramp and rehabilitation of the area. Replanting will help reduce erosion and will create bird habitat. They would like the road, the car park and turning area completely uplifted on the esplanade reserve.

2.16 Ornithological Society of NZ

Support improvement to protection for wildlife, eg spotted shags, banded rail and other birds.

2.17 J Piekarski

Oppose retention of the boat ramp, the closure of vehicle access south of the boat ramp and the removal of car parks south of the boat ramp.

2.18 R Piekarski

Oppose retention of the boat ramp, the closure of vehicle access south of the boat ramp and the removal of car parks south of the boat ramp.

2.19 QEII National Trust

Submits Section 3.2 (Location and Resource Description) should include more information about the importance of coastal cliff systems and associated vegetation

for protection. Support monitoring, planting, plant pest control, habitat and heritage conservation. Oppose investigation of walkway access around the peninsula.

2.20 J F & J M Rogers

Support closure of vehicle access south of the boat ramp and creating a grassed walking track. Closure to vehicles will protect the dunes and make it safer for pedestrians.

2.21 R Stocker & P Garrett

Oppose investigation of walkway access around the estuary. Creation of a track will encourage dogs, cats and other predators jeopardising banded rail in this area. Creation of a track will encourage dogs and may threaten the little blue penguins nesting in this area.

2.22 F E M Walker-Murray

Support the closure of vehicle access south of the boat ramp. Vehicle access causes damage, accelerates erosion and threatens pedestrian safety.

2.23 C J & J R Wild

Oppose speed humps north of the boat ramp and opposed to reduced car parks north of the boat ramp.

2.24 P J Wilson

Supports closure of vehicle access and rehabilitation south of the boat ramp which will help protect the dune and make it safer for pedestrians.

2.25 J D & A Wilson

Support closure of vehicle access, rehabilitation and car parks south of the boat ramp. There has been a vast improvement in the foreshore since the 2001 initiative.

2.26 G & G Wright

Mr Wright was in attendance to present his submission which supports the plan in total and consider it is a common sense review of the issues at Tata Beach. He said there is a visibility problem on the road south of the ramp and there is very little room for vehicles to turn around. He expressed concern about drivers backing along the road and supported the road being closed.

2.27 R A J Bay

Supports two speed humps being built and also an alcohol ban. He suggested closing the north part of the reserve to vehicles during hours of darkness from 20 December to February each year. Council needs to show leadership to prevent damage to property and assaults.

2.28 K & L MacLean

Support removal of vehicle access south of the boat ramp and restrictions on vehicle access north of the boat ramp. This will greatly improve the area by making it friendlier and safer and reduce dust and erosion.

2.29 B S Petterson

Opposed to closure of reserves to vehicles and reducing the number of car parks. Tata Beach provides opportunities for easy access to the sea. People should be encouraged, not discouraged, to use the beach. Vehicle access should be available on a sealed road right along the foreshore.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Wilkins
CS07/09/01**

**THAT the submissions to the Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan be received.
CARRIED**

3 DELIBERATION

Amend last bullet point in clause 7.14.1 “the formation of a ~~gravel~~ pedestrian/cycle ...”

Amend 7.2.2 to read “ ... to reduce vehicle speed and if necessary, further restrict vehicle access during the hours of darkness.”

Amend 7.3.1 to read “Move the car parks adjacent to the dune south of the boat ramp several metres back from the existing dune and ...”

It was decided not to have a designated place for motor homes at Tata Beach.

Amend 7.8.1 to read “...practicality, cost and environmental impact of developing ...
Note: This presently is a low priority.”

Amend 7.14.1, bullet point 3 “... such as spotted shags and banded rail”.

Add 6.10 – Recognise the ecological value of the coastal cliff communities and liaise with adjacent landowners over protection and management issues, including weed control.

**Moved Crs Bryant/Wilkins
CS07/09/02**

**THAT it be recommended to the Community Services Committee that the draft Tata Beach Reserves Management Plan, with amendments, be adopted.
CARRIED**

The meeting concluded at 2.45 pm

Confirmed:

Date: