

13 November 2022

To: Sandspit Resident and Ratepayers Association

Tena koe,

This letter is to express our disappointment in your approach to an effective management plan for the Spit and surrounding areas at Sandspit.

As recently as 23 October, we reached out through email and phone calls between our committee (Sue-Ellen for KIRRA and Peter for SRRA) around the importance of us working collaboratively on this, and following an appropriate process. Peter agreed with Sue-Ellen that this would occur. We have notified Auckland Council that we are engaging an environmental planner for this, enabling our respective communities to input appropriately.

This week, you have circulated a draft survey within your own community and called for a public meeting on this management plan, circulating a map that excludes the majority of public spaces in the spit area.

The draft survey contains leading questions and others that relate to commercial and operational services that are not relevant to your community, but highly consequential for ours.

It appears as though you are not prepared to work collaboratively on an appropriate management plan and that you are not interested in ensuring a future state for Sandpsit that we can all be proud of.

We have gained that view because your actions appear more aligned with enhancing the residential values of property owners overlooking the Spit, over any appropriate processes to ensure a thriving community and environment. The recent bund being built into the harbour to add protection to the Marina, that you have excluded related locations from consideration, and your failure to inform your community of the Public Transport Shuttle Trial to replace short car trips and reduce transport emissions, would confirm that.

Please remove the current survey from circulation and cancel the public forum planned for Weds 16th Nov, then confirm via reply email before 18th November that you are prepared to work collaboratively through the appropriate process for a management plan for the Spit. That process will identify the vision, values and ongoing management for the yellow shaded areas in the attached map.

Naku noa, na,

Pippa Tabron, for Kawau Island Residents and Ratepayers Association

Lin Pardey, for Kawau Island Advisory Committee