

Tabled Information - Reference 170/13P(b)

Public Participation on Thursday, 20 June 2013 for Vogelmorn Kingston Residents Association

My first comment is to convey my congratulations to the subcommittee and others involved as to the comprehensiveness of the material in the Town Belt management Plan before S.P.C. today.

Attention however is drawn to sections 2.7, 2.8, 2.9 and 2.10 from page 19. These refer to Town Belt Alienation, Reinstatement Policy, The Port Nicholson Block, and Proposed Approach to Town Belt Addition.

11 Vennell Street is part of the land included in the 1873 Deed, with the original Certificate of Title dated the first day of July 1874. All the necessary documentation is held by the Association in support of this comment.

We would also draw attention to certain conditions in the present leases for specific sporting bodies where the lease conditions require maintenance of the facilities within the lease area. As a consequence subscriptions for members necessarily have to include levies to cover not only maintenance, but also rent/rates and insurance to break even and provide for future replacements. Are those same conditions applicable with council provided grounds and facilities for non-specific sporting bodies, where the levies/fees for maintenance etc. are insufficient to break even, and the general public are required to meet any shortfall in their general rates? Is that equitable where members of the specific sporting bodies are also the Wellington general public?

In conclusion, and personally, I am grateful for the recognition of the various points raised in my own submissions before the subcommittee, particularly those matters which, in my view, gave racial preferences i.e. *mana whenua*. I noted the use of the expression '*mana tangata*' which when expanded becomes '*He tangata, he tangata, he tangata*' - that is '*all people*'.

Thank you sincerely

Bernie Harris
Secretary