

Report from: Tawa Progressive Ratepayers Association (Inc.)

To: The Tawa Community Board

Meeting: 11th March 2010

Matters Concerning Tawa Community

1. Communication:

We wish to congratulate the Community Board with the prompt replies to the bulk of our queries put forward on the 10th February 2010 meeting.

These replies are noted as “Report 12, page 106” on this evening’s agenda.

2. Road Repairs:

Over recent weeks road works have been carried out on the Tawa Main Road. It is interesting to note that due to these road works considerable traffic delays have resulted at peak hours – i.e. around 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. (when most schools in Tawa are finishing for the day).

These road works are carried out under WCC programmed repairs that require limited to no notification to the public of possible traffic delays that will occur. Some of these delays could be eliminated by traffic being directed through detours, especially vehicles not required to pass through Tawa city centre. It would have been quite simple some mornings and afternoons for traffic to be directed – e.g. through McLellan Street, Duncan Street, and Tawa Street. Also at times traffic could have been directed through Oxford and Cambridge Streets.

The questions is: are WCC staff aware of alternative routes through Tawa and are Contractors made aware of how they can improve traffic flow at peak times in using these possible detour routes.

In summary, it appears to be poor planning and lack of knowledge of the local area, along with poor communication from WCC staff in advising the Ratepayers of Tawa.

3. Wind Farms:

One is aware of the development of wind farms within the proximity of Tawa. Recent publications and research have highlighted the problems that are now occurring with larger bladed-turbines and the associated non-audible sub-sonic noise that is emitted and are transmitted over a large area.

Many Tawa ratepayers will not be aware of this “problem” and how it can detrimentally affect one’s health.

Is the Tawa Community Board aware of this issue? Has any review or investigation been undertaken by the Tawa Community Board to ensure that ratepayers’ are kept informed?

The Wellington Federation of Progressive Ratepayers’ has members that have researched this matter and can nominate independent advisors that can provide valuable information to the Tawa Community Board.

The Tawa Progressive Ratepayers’ Association is keen to ensure that the public are made aware of this issue.

4. WCC Reviews:

The TPR Assn. (inc.) will be making submissions to the WCC re **Gaming Venue Policy** and the extension of the Central City **Liquor Banning Policy** being extended into the Suburbs (reference: Newtown).

5. Takapu Island Roading Development:

In support of the residents and ratepayers of Taylor Tce, we will continue to pursue our concerns with the Minister of Transport (lack of reply to earlier communications with the Minister and WCC).

Ray Lindsay

President

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