Kaipara District Council 42 Hokianga Road Dargaville 0310

26 March 2019

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to you as a group representing the nearby neighbours to the Insley Street Bridge to ask you to investigate and implement a pedestrian crossing as a matter of urgency whilst the current repairs are underway. It appears to be a great time to seize this opportunity for the benefit of many members of the Mangawhai Community.

The need for this bridge upgrade to allow pedestrian and cycle access we believe has strong merit. Some of the numerous benefits would be as follows -

- local school children would be able to walk or cycle to school. Currently most of the local children do not qualify for the school bus as we live too close to school yet it is too unsafe for them to walk or cycle.
- Riverside Holiday Park contributes a significant amount of foot traffic onto the Insley Street bridge and Black Swamp Road. This foot traffic is also not limited to day light hours as many people choose to walk to and from town for dinner or concerts at the Tavern in the dark.
- As per the Mangawhai Beach School tsunami evacuation plan the quickest route to high ground from the school is along Insley Street, over the bridge and up the hill. In the event of a real evacuation it is totally impractical to arrange safe movement.
- Insley Street Bridge and Black Swamp Road are included in the Te Araroa Trail which brings hundreds of visitors to our town each year. They are then required to walk across this busy bridge with large packs on with no safe access.

These are several of many reasons why utilising this upgrade period to include safe pedestrian crossing is essential to the continued development of the Mangawhai area. This road is not going to get any quieter and it would be a great shame to miss this opportunity. Waiting until such time as a full replacement bridge is built is far too far away in our opinion.

In addition to this request, many people are concerned about the prospect of the bridge being closed for repairs and having to use alternative routes to get to town. Is it possible to please get clarity on this ASAP as it directly effects numerous businesses etc? If it is to close what other alternatives is the Council looking at as we have been made aware that we will not be able to utilise Cames Road thus requiring us to go to State Highway 1 to get access to Mangawhai.

Are any alternative options being looked at such as a walking bridge (there is a large one for sale in Matakana after their recent bridge upgrade) for this period so people could still walk across while the work is being completed. Is there a possibility that this bridge could continue to be used long Brunt family of Tomograph Roy No god di. term for pedestrians?

We look forward to your response

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RECREATION & CONSERVATION SOCIETY INCORPORATED PO Box 141, Mangawhai 0540

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Ladies & Gentlemen,

I am writing on behalf of the elected committee representing the 35 property owners within the Tern Point subdivision on the southern side of Mangawhai Harbour, to express our support for the proposal that the upcoming repairs to the Insley Street Bridge in Mangawhai be expanded to incorporate a pedestrian pathway.

We are regular witnesses to the road bridge on Insley Street being used by pedestrians, including locals from Black Swamp Road, Raymond Bull Road, and even Tern Point, as well as increasingly by Te Araroa Walkway participants.

With heightened awareness of Tsunami threats, we are also conscious of the bridge's vital role providing a critical exit to higher ground for the growing roll at Mangawhai Beach School, as well as villagers.

Our experience is that the current bridge is not wide enough for two-way vehicle traffic to share with pedestrians, so believe the unexpected need to repair the bridge provides a perfect opportunity to ensure the upgraded crossing is fit for purpose in the 21st century.

We hope the Council will positively consider the proposal. Yours faithfully,

Bryan Clark

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In addition to the above we have our club's membership, delivery and service vehicles and a number of construction companies who work onsite or nearby who also utilise the Insley Street Bridge for access to their worksites.

We highly support the recommendation of an added pedestrian crossing in this instance for safer pedestrian purposes. As this area continues to grow this added infrastructure would be hugely beneficial.

We would be happy to discuss this with you should you require any further information from Tara Iti Golf Club.

Sincerely,

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General Manager

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We also host many groups who patronize the walking events that take place in Mangawhai. Many of these people use the road and therefore the bridge to get to the Village and some of their walks. Again, there is danger in using this stretch of road.

Although the speed limit has been reduced, it is still a dangerous stretch of road and it is surely only a matter of time before there is either a serious accident or a fatality involving pedestrians.

We strongly urge Council to take heed of our request and consider visitors to Mangawhai who bring income to the area by their presence.

Yours faithfully

Marlene Dragicevich

Chairman

On behalf of the Riverside Board and Management



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In addition to the traffic upgrade I am asking that the council consider placing a walkway on the left hand side (going out of Mangawhai) of the bridge. We have a number of students who currently live on the eastern side of the school that would use such a bridge if it was available. Also, as per our civil defense approved emergency route, we currently evacuate the School in the event of a tsunami over this bridge to the highest point. Every time we have a tsunami we have to block the Insley Street bridge to enable our students to cross. We are fortunate to utilise Traffic Safe NZ with this procedure however a footbridge would make this emergency evacuation route more accessible for the school.

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