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The Executive Committee of Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Inc.

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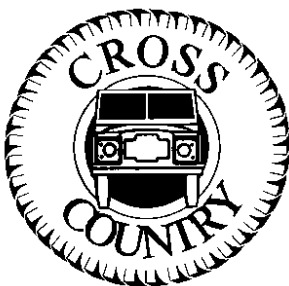
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The Chief Executive
Upper Hutt City Council
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20 January 2002

Dear Sir

OBJECTION - Proposed Stoppage – Unformed Section of Johnsons Road Upper Hutt

Representation

This Objection is issued on behalf of the following organisations:-

Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Incorporated (ARAC)
Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington) Incorporate
New Zealand 4WD Association (Central Zone)

Of these, ARAC represents some 3,500 motorised recreational users in the greater Wellington Area. CCVC has a membership of just under 500, based for the most part in the Hutt Valley. NZFWDA (Central Zone) has approximately 800 members based in the lower North Island

To simplify matters, we lodge this joint objection to the closure of that unformed section of Johnsons Road. Should Council wish to proceed with the provisions of the Tenth Schedule (Local Government Act 1974) despite this objection, each of the parties reserves the right to representation either jointly or severally at the Environment Court.

Background

The above bodies have been involved in lengthy discussion with Lower Hutt City Council regarding the provision of motorised recreation facilities along the Hutt Valley firebreaks. As part of that discussion process, consideration was given to the amalgamation of the Johnsons Road – Moores Valley Road link road into the available track network.

Upper Hutt City Council were advised of this intention , but unfortunately, that request was not forwarded to Council for consideration prior to the decision to proceed with the formal stop process.

There is a break of approximately 200 metres between this unformed road and Moores Valley Road. This has the effect of rendering Johnsons Road as the only lawful means of access to the whole of this unformed road.

Grounds for Objection

The section of road proposed to be stopped forms a vital part of the proposed recreation network to be used by ARAC as part of its firebreak programme. As such, any stoppage would have severe impacts on the recreational facilities available for use

The unformed section that is proposed to be stopped provides the only lawful access to the remainder of the road within the confines of Lower Hutt, and would in essence create a “land-locked” road of no value either commercially or for recreation.

The unformed section again provides the only lawful access to many of the land titles along its length. Stopping the road could create “land-locked” properties both within Upper Hutt and Lower Hutt.

Alternatives to Stopping the Road

The above organisations in no way wish to impede the business of the Woodhill Partnership, and would seek alternative solutions.

We would have no objection to the road being re-routed along the boundary of the proposed subdivisions, such that lawful access is maintained, whilst allowing Woodhill Partnership the opportunity to continue with its subdivision project without further hindrance.

For and on behalf of
Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee
Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wellington)
New Zealand Four Wheel Drive Association (Central)

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