

From: s 9(2)(a)
To: [Colin Hey](#)
Cc: [Franzhire Co Info](#); [Simon Bastion](#); [Peter Connors](#); [Michael Meehan](#)
Subject: Re: Forest approach to Franz Josef
Date: Wednesday, 13 March 2019 1:09:34 PM

Hi Colin

Thanks for your reply.

This bush is very important for the appearance of the town and the community. I take it from your email you will come back to the community before the bush is damaged.

We certainly want the road to be open and appreciate the great efforts you and your team do. We just want this bush to be retained, I suspect unless something changes the 55km corner bank will need a lift in the next year so hopefully we can work together to avoid a loss to the forest.

Regards/ Nga mihi

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On 12 Mar 2019, at 10:18, Colin Hey <Colin.Hey@nzta.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s 9(2)(a)

NZTA has no plans at all to raise the north bank protections works. Should we ever consider it necessary to do so in the future, the normal consenting procedures and consultation would be undertaken, which would include discussion about the bush margin.

Trust that clarifies NZTA's position.

Regards

Colin Hey

From: Michael Meehan <mm@wrc.govt.nz>

Sent: Monday, 11 March 2019 8:33 AM

To: s 9(2)(a) <[\[redacted\]@gmail.com](#)>

Cc: Franzhire Co Info <info@franzhire.co.nz>; Simon Bastion <simon.bastion@westlanddc.govt.nz>; Colin Hey <Colin.Hey@nzta.govt.nz>; Peter Connors <Peter.Connors@nzta.govt.nz>

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Hi s 9(2)(a)

Haven't heard of plans to raise this bank, have ccd NZTA for comment.

Mike Meehan
Chief Executive Officer

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On 10/03/2019, at 9:10 PM, s 9(2)(a) <[redacted]@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for your quick reply Mike.

The group don't want more Forest lost. As it is it's not great, another lift would however destroy what's left of the forest approach. So if a lift is planned we want to use the dusty river bed, not the thin margin of forest that's left. I assume a lift will be needed at some point so can we please try to get on the front foot and plan for the lift?

If I understand you correctly the exact location/ bush margin protection is a WDC issue and they would need to also issue a resource consent, is this correct?

Does the WCRC resource consent process not consider the visual and economic impacts of an application?

Regards/ Nga mihi

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On 10 Mar 2019, at 20:56, Michael Meehan <mm@wrc.govt.nz> wrote:

Hi s 9(2)(a)

Are you asking whether the State Highway Stopbank that protects the highway to the north and private property can be moved 20m to allow for a more dense forest on the approach to the town?

District Plan implementation is a WDC responsibility so have ccd Simon for the WDC team to respond. The WCRC resource consent for the river works would have been limited to the flood modelling etc so WDC are best to advise on your enquiry.

Mike Meehan
Chief Executive Officer

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On 10/03/2019, at 6:18 PM s 9(2)(a)

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@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Mike

I hope all is well.

As you know Franz Josef is primarily a tourism town. The livelihood of most businesses here depends on the town remaining an attractive tourism destination, much of this attraction depends on the visual appearance of the area along with the service level offered to guests.

As noted in various places the forest approach to Franz Josef is a key asset of the town. For example the district plan refers to " Both sides of the highway are closely flanked by dense indigenous forest and there is an element of surprise when the township is revealed". While we are very grateful to NZTA and there contractors doing a brilliant job keeping the roads open. It was publicly promised that NZTA would dig out the rocks they put in along the state highway south of the 55km corner under emergency works and move the bank out further. This was meant to restore the Forest approaches that the district plan and community place great importance on.

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I am not aware of being consulted or district plan being changed, has there been a consent granted to leave those rocks there and build a stop bank along the side of the river?

It is extremely likely that NZTA will need to raise the bank they have along the side of the road in the near term, this is not an emergency but predictable need.

Can we please have the WCRC assurance that no more Forest will be lost along the approach to Franz Josef? If beyond WCRC control this Forest is lost temporarily under the badge of emergency works can we have the WCRC assurance that the Forest margin will be fully replanted and restored?

Acting now and moving this bank 20m or more would protect this forest when the stop-bank is lifted. If not consented could WCRC please make this move a requirement?

Can we formerly request on behalf of all Franz Josef river rating district, that all rating

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district rate payers are considered affected parties for any consent application which would damage this beautiful forest approach? Can you please acknowledge this request?

Please don't take this as we don't care about the road being open, this is essential. We also care about the long term attractiveness of the town, with this forest being an essential part.

There is no need for this forest to ever be lost and then millions spent replanting it. The need to raise this bank (assuming it is a permitted bank) is visible now so "emergency works" is no loop hole to use.

Regards/ Nga mihi

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