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Dear Graeme

Re: South Waitohu Stopbank

Thank you for the opportunity to discuss the proposed South Waitohu Stopbank with you just prior to Christmas. I undertook to follow up with a letter confirming Kapiti Coast District Council's preferred path. I apologise for the delay.

Kapiti Coast District Council is not at this stage necessarily opposed to a possible South Waitohu Stopbank, although it does have significant questions about the effectiveness of such a structure if one of the goals is protection of residents in Ranguru Road area. The Council's primary concern is to ensure that there has been full community discussion on the project and its final view will be significantly shaped by the outcomes of that process. The issues require wider discussion beyond the immediately affected landowners.

The Council would also like to see integration of any solution with the work being done by Kapiti Coast District Council on the urban stormwater issues. The modeling work for this is almost complete and we appreciate the joint approach and contribution by Greater Wellington Regional Council.

On that basis we would recommend that the South Waitohu Stopbank project is deferred at this stage and further joint work is undertaken over the next year to fully explore integrated solutions. However, we are concerned that the budget that would have been expended on this project is retained (within next 3years) for the area.

This would mean once final agreement on an overall way forward is reached, work can be undertaken quickly. It also allows integration of any project with Council's forward programme.

Yours sincerely

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