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Dear Gareth

Kinloch Reserve Consultation

In June 2016, Taupo District Council (TDC) received a staff submission from the Waikato Regional Council's (WRC) Zone Manager for Upper Waikato/Taupo on the proposed design for Kinloch Lake Front Reserve.

On the advice of the Lake Taupo Catchment Committee (LTCC), WRC's Integrated Catchment Management Committee (ICMC) strongly endorsed the staff submission at its meeting on 19 September 2016. While acknowledging the need for public access, it is the Committee's view that the foreshores vulnerability to erosion must take precedence.

The partnership between TDC and WRC, outlined in the Lake Taupo Erosion and Flood Strategy (LTEFS), was specifically noted by the Committee. The LTEFS identifies the Kinloch Esplanade as one of the 21 erosion locations around Lake Taupo requiring remedial works. This strengthens their support of a long term plan to protect the Kinloch Esplanade as a priority. This plan should include protection of existing vegetation, a succession planting plan and the development of alternative options for public access. These alternative options should include restricting all vehicular access to the Kinloch Esplanade.

Thank you for bringing these matters to the attention of your Councillors.

Yours faithfully

Sue Yerex
Chair
Lake Taupo Catchment Committee