

*Dear members of the Fences, Roding, Reserves and Dog Committee,*

*IRONMAN New Zealand celebrated its 34<sup>th</sup> birthday in New Zealand more importantly its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday in Taupo last week. Over 1600 athletes took part in both the full distance event and IRONMAN70.3 (half Ironman event). As an organisation it is wonderful to continue to see growth in what we feel is one of New Zealand's most iconic endurance events.*

*It is with this growth in mind that I write this request to you in regards to the removal off and replacement with the supply of six (6) trees on the Tongariro North Domain.*

*There are six (6) cedar trees that are planted on the southern side of the tennis courts. They encroach onto the Domain and are out of line with the existing tree line of trees and flaxes. It would also appear that due to the close nature of planting all six trees lower branches are also suffering. If these six trees could be removed the benefit to the IRONMAN NZ event (and I suspect other large events like the Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge) would be the ability to enlarge our footprint space on the Domain to accommodate additional competitors.*

*For the IRONMAN NZ event this area currently accommodates the marquee change area of both T1 and T2 (transition areas from swim to bike and bike to run) and the bike racks. As event owners we would like to expand the bike rack area to accommodate 1750 bicycles but to do this the change marquee would need to move north (towards the tennis courts) by approximately 3 meters. The six trees we wish to move currently prevents this growth.*

*Maintaining tree numbers and Taupo's green reserve space is of critical importance to us as an organisation so the request to remove the six (6) trees is not one we enter lightly into. To offset the removal of the six (6) trees IRONMAN NZ would happily offer to supply a replacement six (6) semi mature trees of your choosing to be replanted in your choice of location.*

*We value the ongoing relationship and partnership we have with the Taupo District Council and would welcome the opportunity to work with you in allowing the IRONMAN NZ event to continue to grow.*

*Yours sincerely*

*Wayne Reardon  
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