

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL
FOR THE MEETING OF 22 APRIL 2009

Report for Agenda Item No 1

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Members Interest

Councillors are encouraged to consider the items on the agenda and disclose whether they believe they have a financial or non-financial interest in any of the items in terms of Council's Code of Conduct.

The attached flowchart may assist Councillors in making that determination (Appendix A from Code of Conduct)

Recommendation

That Councillors disclose any financial or non-financial interest in any of the agenda items.

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Report for Agenda Item No 2

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Confirmation of Minutes

Minutes of the meetings held on 18 March 2009.

Recommendation

That the minutes of the meetings held on 18 March 2009 be confirmed.

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Report for Agenda Item No 3

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Council Programme of Works

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

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Report for Agenda Item No 4

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Matters Under Action

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Status
October 2005	15 - Ikamatua Boundary Adjustment		In progress
November 2006	11 - Tourism Waste Management Strategy	Strategy endorsed. Final document to be developed.	In progress
	12 - Study of Effects of Climate Change	Discussion with other Coast Councils	In progress
February 2007	16 - Road Stopping Fox River	Notification required	In progress
May 2007	10 - WestReef Services	Letter written to Board about Reefton Depot	In progress
	11 - Abbeyfield Residential Home	Land transfer to be carried out	Subdivision complete. Transfer to be arranged.
	15 - SNAs	Proposed strategy to be followed	In progress
	11 - Umere Road Stopping	Road to be stopped	In progress
July 2007	13 - Bakers Creek Road Stopping	Road to be stopped	In progress
	15 - Flood Mitigation	Initiate more detailed cost estimates	Awaiting action from West Coast Regional Council
October 2007	12 - Sale of Land Reefton	With Department of Conservation to complete	Department of Conservation approved process now back with land owner to progress.

Date	Agenda Item	Action	Status
	13 - Council Investment Property	Report on options	In progress
April 2008	9 - North Beach Accreted Land	Local purpose reserve to be created. Commercial leases set. Expression of interest sought.	Awaiting transfer
May 2008	12 - Legalisation Denniston Track	Minister of Transport to vest track in Council	Commenced
	13 - Gifting of Land Towards Denniston Heritage Reserve	Land swap sought	In progress
July 2008	12 - Legalisation Beach Road Charleston	Legalisation required	Not yet commenced
	13 - Flagstaff Access	Consultation with land owner required	In progress
	16 - Water and Wastewater Services Punakaiki	SCP required after further work	Inclusion in Draft LTCCP
September 2008	9 - Carters Beach Erosion	Consent granted	In progress
November 2008	8 - Westport Performing Arts Centre	Detailed Design	Inclusion in Draft LTCCP
December 2008	13 - Utopia Road Speed Restriction	Review Brougham Street speed limit	Not yet commenced
February 2009	7 – Closure Unformed Legal Road (Deadmans)	Road to be closed	Not yet commenced
March 2009	16 - Breast Screening Bus	Meeting to be arranged	Meeting likely in June
March 2009	19 - Westport Airport Security	Cameras to be installed	Not yet commenced

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

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Report for Agenda Item No 5

Prepared by - John Rodger
- Rates Officer

Electoral System for 2010 Election

Purpose of Report

The report is to inform Council of the update with regard to its resolution of the meeting, 27 August 2008, with regard to its preference in retaining the “*First Past The Post (FPP)*” electoral system for the 2010 triennial election.

Following that resolution, Council gave notice (The News, 28 August 2008) of the right under Section 28 of the Local Electoral Act 2001, for 5% of the current constituency of electors to demand a poll determining the electoral system to be used.

The final date for such demand to be made was Monday 2 March 2009, and there have been no responses received in this regard.

Thus, Council will be using the preferred option of FPP for its elections for (Mayor, Council, and Community Board) in October 2010.

Recommendation

That the report be received for information.

BULLER DISTRICT COUNCIL

FOR THE MEETING OF 18 MARCH 2009

Report for Agenda Item No 6

Prepared by - Bede Brown
- Property and Reserves Officer

- Karl Beaufort
- Property Officer

Smoke Free Parks Policy

Purpose of Report

Attached is a letter to Council from the West Coast District Health Board Smoke free coordinator requesting that Council give their support to putting up Smoke Free signs in Children's Playgrounds and create Policy to this effect.

Background

The impact of smoking on public health is significant. Out of all New Zealanders 75% do not smoke. It is generally felt that children and young persons are more likely to emulate the behavior of role models if they are smokers.

Staff research has found that the initiative to have Smoke Free Playgrounds, Parks and open spaces, is currently supported by 22 other Councils throughout New Zealand. Of these 22 Councils, currently 11 support a blanket approach to total smoke free parks and facilities and 11 support policy of only Smoke Free Playgrounds.

In June 2008, at the Annual Plan meeting Council agreed to support this initiative of Smoke Free Playgrounds if it did not cost the Council any money.

The proposal as presented indicates that there is no cost to the Council in that the signage is supplied by Community and Public Health, in reality there is a cost to Council in that there is an expectation that the erection and maintenance of the signs will be at Council's cost. Samples of the signs available are attached.

The proposal is not asking the Council to pass a bylaw to make its Playgrounds smoke free, nor is it asking Council to be involved in enforcement of Smoke Free Playgrounds.

It is asking Council to support the initiative of smoke free playgrounds in that;

- The public be encouraged through signage and publicity to maintain a clean healthy environment in areas that are primarily used by young people and children for recreation activity,
- That Council use signage and publicity to emphasize the positive environmental health benefits to seek compliance from the public as opposed to enforcement.

Options

There are three options available to Council:

- do nothing
- support smoke free playgrounds
- support total Smoke Free Playgrounds, Parks and open spaces.

Community Outcomes

“Outcomes” are defined as things the community thinks are important for its well being. In 2005 the Council facilitated a full Community Outcomes consultation this process identified six high level outcomes of which Health was one.

Council’s LTCCP states that Council wants to achieve,

- A healthy environment with services and infrastructure to support community health.
- Increased community awareness and involvement in health issues to assist them to reach their goals.
- Promote opportunities for community access to health information and participation
- Advocate for the local community.
- Establish an environment of support and assistance to health providers.

This proposed Smoke Free Playgrounds Policy supports Council’s LTCCP stated outcomes.

Identification of Relevant Legislation.

Smoke Free Environments Act 1990 further amended in 2003.

Assessment of Significance

The decision on this issue would be categorized as “Having Significance” but would **not** be Significant in terms of Council’s Significance Policy.

Consultation

No public consultation has occurred in relation to developing a Smoke Free Playgrounds Policy.

Financial Implications

Option 1

The cost of implementing and enforcing a full Smoke Free Policy in Playgrounds, Parks and open spaces within the District would be significant.

Option 2.

If an educational Smoke Free Policy in major Playgrounds was adopted the cost would be significantly less. The major Playgrounds that would be signposted are:

Derby Street
Victoria Square
Carters Beach
Crampton Road
King George

Initial erection and ongoing maintenance costs have been estimated at \$3,000. No allowance has been made for vandalism estimated at approx 20%

There has been no financial allowance made in the Long term Council Community Plan to fund the implementation or on going maintenance costs.

Conclusion

In today's society it is becoming more acceptable to have Smoke Free Policies in place and people are becoming less tolerant of second hand smoke.

The Council is not prevented from amending its current policy 21.14 "on smoking in the workplace" and 21.15 Smoking Policy Council Buildings and Public Buildings under Council Control as listed under Council Properties to include an educational policy where the public will be dissuaded from smoking in public Playgrounds.

It is proposed that signage would be erected at the named Playgrounds that will in a positive manner, request the public to comply with the educational policy of a smoke free environment.

Recommendation

- 1. That the public be encouraged through signage and publicity to maintain a clean healthy smoke free environment in the named areas:**

Derby Street, Victoria Square, Carters Beach, Crampton Road and King George Playgrounds being areas that are primarily used by young people for recreational activity.

- 2. That the Council appeal through signage and publicity, the positive environmental health benefits and that the policy be educational as opposed to penal in seeking compliance.**

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Report for Agenda Item No 12

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Correspondence Received

1. Office of Hon Steven Joyce

Notification of Proposed Changes to the Government Statement of Land Transport Funding 2009/10 – 2018/19 and Other Transport Funding Changes

2. Office of Hon Simon Power

Funding of Community Law Centres

3. Robert Terry

Lodging of Formal Complaint - Objection

4. Department of Conservation

Conservation Board Vacancies 2009

5. Friends of Fox River Bridge Society Inc

Appointment of Ex Officio Member of the Society

6. Office of Hon Anne Tolley

Support for Taskforce

7. JR O'Regan Q.S.M.

Understanding Beech

8. Mike Toseland

Banning of 1080 in Watersheds

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Report for Agenda Item No 14

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Public Forum Response

Recommendation

That Council decide what if any response will be given to those persons making a presentation at the public forum.

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Report for Agenda Item No 7

Prepared by - Stephen Griffin
- Manager Operations

Stock Movement Bylaw

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to amend the changes to the Draft Stock Movement Bylaw as presented to Council on 18 March 2009.

Attached is the amended report with track changes.

Recommendation

That Council resolves to initiate the process outlined in section 155 of the Local Government Act 2002 to give public notice of its intention to make a Stock Movements Bylaw for a period of not less than two months. That any submissions received during the consultation process be considered before the by law is made.

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Report for Agenda Item No 8

Prepared by - Stuart Gray
- Compliance and Emergency Manager

Litter Infringement Offences

Purpose of Report

To put before the Council a proposal to update the Litter Infringement provisions as provided for in the Litter Act 1979.

Background

The Litter Act 1979 contains a provision (section 13) which enables a Territorial Authority to introduce infringement notices in respect of offences committed under the Act.

This means that instead of the Council needing to lodge a notice of the offence at the Court to commence a prosecution against any person committing a litter offence, the Council can issue an infringement notice (generally referred to as an “instant fine”) to the person concerned.

The Act provides that the fine in relation to an infringement offence cannot exceed \$400.00.

Sections 15 and 16 of the Act set out the offences for which the Council might issue an infringement notice. The offences are entitled: “Deposit of litter in a public place or on private land” and “Wilful breaking of bottles or glass”.

However the existence of an infringement regime does not prevent the Council proceeding against an offender summarily for the offence.

In the majority of cases the offence will likely not be serious enough to warrant the expense of summary prosecution. However, where a more appropriate penalty might be warranted this course is still available.

Infringement Notice Provisions

When the Litter Infringement Notice process was adopted in 1980 the fine was set at the maximum of \$20.00, the Act now provides that this fine can be a

maximum of \$400.00 hence the necessity for a new resolution, increasing the penalty.

In addition it is suggested that the Council adopt a more flexible infringement notice regime whereby different levels of offending attract different levels of fine. Under the Litter Act 1979, Council is able to do this by passing a different resolution for different offences.

At the lowest end of the scale for minor littering (anything from a discarded cigarette butt to a single small bag/packet) the recommended infringement fine is \$100.00.

For moderate littering offences (one bag of household rubbish with no glass sharps or hazardous material, discarded takeaway packaging) the recommended infringement fine is \$200.00.

For other more serious littering the maximum infringement fine of \$400.00 should be applied (this would not only include the quantity of litter being in excess of that for the lesser offences, but also the type of litter with waste food, glass waste or other environmental offensive or hazardous litter being included).

Note that those offences considered more serious can also be dealt with by summary proceedings pursuant to Section 15 of the Act whereby individuals can, on conviction, be fined up to \$5,000 and \$7,500 where the litter is any bottle whether broken or not, glass, article containing glass, sharp or jagged material, or any substance of a toxic or poisonous nature. For corporate entities the corresponding fines are \$20,000 and \$30,000 respectively.

Also note that offences under the Resource Management Act 1991, which include discharges of contaminants onto land that may enter into water and discharges onto land from industrial premises, are dealt with under that legislation rather than the Litter Act 1979."

Options

The Council has the option to continue with the present infringement notice regime whereby an instant fine substantially less than the present maximum could be applied, or where it would be necessary to initiate summary proceedings to impose a more appropriate penalty.

Alternatively it can adopt the approach of updating the penalties to enable the system to retain relevance and provide an appropriate deterrence. This is consistent with the approach of nearby councils such as Nelson City Council.

Significance of Decision

The decision to introduce a new penalty regime in respect of littering is not significant under the Council's Significance Policy.

Consultation

As the Council has already introduced and operates an infringement notice system it is considered that no consultation on this matter would be necessary.

Also the only persons likely to be affected by the proposal would be those likely to offend and consultation with these people would be impractical.

Relevant Council policies

There is no relevant policy. The existing maximum litter fine was set by Council Resolution in 1992.

However protecting Buller's natural and unique environment is very important to residents and was rated the top "Best things about living in Buller".

The recent increase in dump fees has led to an increase of illegal dumping. A maximum fine of \$400 will be a significant deterrent for those resistant to paying dump fees.

The Officers presently warranted as "Litter Control Officers" under the Litter Act, who are authorised to issue infringement notices include Environmental Services staff.

Recommendation

That the Council adopt the infringement notice provisions of Section 13 and Section 14 of the Litter Act 1979 in relation to the deposit of litter or the leaving of litter in any public place.

- 1. Where such litter comprises a single item the infringement fee in respect of the deposit or leaving of that litter be \$100.00.**
- 2. Where such litter comprises more than a single item the infringement fee in respect of the deposit or leaving of that litter be \$200.00.**
- 3. Where the litter comprises a large quantity of rubbish and/or comprises broken glass, food scraps or other offensive matter the infringement fee in respect of the deposit or leaving of that litter be \$400.00.**
- 4. In serious cases Council proceed by way of summary proceedings pursuant to S.15 of the Litter Act 1979.**

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Report for Agenda Item No 9

Prepared by - Trish Casey
- Manager Community & Environment

Performing Arts Centre – Update

Purpose of Report

This report provides an update on the project to convert the Westport Community Hall to a new Performing Arts Centre.

Background

In November 2008 the Council considered a proposal to convert the Community Hall as outlined in a report to Council and presented in architectural drawings by Boon Goldsmith Bhaskar. Feedback received via a public meeting was also considered at the meeting and direction was given to staff to refine the design working with the interested parties who raised concerns.

The following resolutions were adopted at the November 2008 meeting:

- 1. That Council provide approval for the project to proceed for the conversion of the Community Hall to a Performing Arts Centre including Cinema and Screening Room at an estimated capital cost of \$2.176 million.**
- 2. That detailed design now commence and tenders be sought and brought back to Council for approval to proceed.**
- 3. That Council confirms budget of \$1.4 million, made up of \$700,000 ratepayer funded and \$700,000 Major District Initiative (MDI) funding.**
- 4. That the shortfall to be sourced from outside funding.**
- 5. To allow project to proceed as soon as possible Council underwrite any shortfall.**

This report provides an update of the changes made to the design as a result of the ongoing consultation with users, and the timetable for tender consideration.

Key Changes

User concerns were raised about:

- Inadequate backstage space
- Stage height
- Comfort and noise issues with retractable seating
- Lack of kitchen facilities
- Quality of acoustics

The various representatives of the groups that expressed concern were consulted on an individual and group basis to resolve the concerns, and the revised design is resultant of this consultation.

Revisions now provide for:

- Additional backstage space of 4m to provide adequate crossover for performers
- A flat floor instead of a raised stage
- Fixed tiered seating providing for optimum comfort and sight lines
- Increased servery and plug in space for catering from front of house

Acoustic services are being provided by Marshall Day Acoustics who are recognized experts in this field. The design incorporates methods to treat acoustics appropriately, and the addition of fixed, upholstered seating will assist in sound absorption.

Impact on Usage Profile

The only significant impact on the usage profile caused by these changes is that by introducing fixed seating there is a corresponding reduction in flexible use of the floor space. However, the loss of a raised stage in some way addresses the reduced flexibility by providing for banquet style gatherings on the stage area. Further to this, it is proposed that a temporary stage can be constructed over the middle section of the first three seating rows. Diagrams depicting options for this have been prepared and the summary is as follows:

- 30 round tables of 1200mm can be accommodated seating 180 people
- 22 round tables of 1500mm can be accommodated seating 176 people
- 19 rectangular tables of 2400x900mm can be accommodated seating 190 people
- A catwalk layout can be accommodated seating 209 people theatre style

Timetable

Registrations of interest were called for and a shortlist of construction contractors has been selected. Full tender documents are now with the shortlist. An analysis of tender prices and a recommendation will be brought to Council in the May meeting. The construction schedule for the project runs from 1 June 2009 to 28 February 2010.

Conclusion

This report is prepared for information purposes only. The next decision for Council will be at the May meeting where tender results will be considered.

Recommendation

That the report be received for information purposes.

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Report for Agenda Item No 10

Prepared by - Rachel Townrow
- Planner - Policy

Council Approval of Changes to the Buller District Plan

Purpose of Report

This report is to obtain final approval for changes to the Buller District Plan (the Plan).

Background

Council publicly notified 113 changes to the Plan in June 2004. 56 of these changes were not submitted on and they were incorporated into the Plan in October 2004. The remaining 57 changes received submissions.

Hearings were held on these changes in July 2005 by Council's Hearings Committee. The last of the decisions from the Committee on these proposed Plan changes were received by staff on 27 February 2008.

The Hearings Committee reached decisions on proposed Plan changes 3-7, 9, 14, 15, 21, 43, 44, 48-52, 57, 58, 63, 65, 66, 69, 72, 75-87 and 90-110.

The decisions of the Hearings Committee were sent to submitters on the Plan changes in July 2008, as required by the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

Two appeals were received in relation to proposed changes 3, 4, 6, 7, 9, 21, 44, 66, 69 and 72. Three additional parties joined these appeals.

Council resolved to withdraw proposed Plan change 9 at its meeting in August 2008. The remaining appeals were resolved through Environment Court mediation.

Consent Orders have been received from Environment Judge JE Borthwick, being the final settlement of these appeals. A copy of these Orders is attached.

A copy of the proposed Plan changes is attached.

The next step for the Plan changes to become operative is for them be approved by resolution of Council pursuant to Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the RMA. This resolution is given effect by affixing the Seal of Council to the District Plan.

The final step in making the plan changes operative is to then publicly notify five working days in advance the date the changes will become operative.

Identification of relevant legislation, Council Policy and Plans

Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the RMA requires Council to give approval to the proposed Plan once decisions have been made and all appeals have been dealt with.

Clause 20 of the First Schedule of the RMA requires Council to publicly notify the date on which the approved Plan will become operative. This notification must be given at least five working days before the date the Plan becomes operative.

Assessment of significance

This matter is not deemed significant under the Council's significance policy.

Consultation

Public consultation was carried out on these proposed plan changes in 2004.

No further public consultation is required to make these changes operative.

Resource Implications

These changes will need to be incorporated into the Plan, which will involve staff time.

Copies of the amended plan will need to be printed and distributed.

Conclusion

This is the final stage in the Plan change process which began in 2004. Now that decisions have been made on all of the proposed Plan changes, Council shall give their approval to the amended Plan, and that Plan shall become operative on Monday 25 May 2009.

Recommendation

That in terms of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 Council resolves to:



1. Pursuant to Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, approve proposed plan changes 5, 14, 15, 43, 48-52, 57, 58, 63, 65, 75-87 and 90-110 as per the decisions made by the Hearings Committee.
2. Pursuant to Clause 17 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, approve proposed plan changes 3, 4, 6, 7, 21, 44, 66, 69 and 72, as per the Consent Orders signed by Environment Judge JE Borthwick.
3. Pursuant to Clause 20 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, allow the Chief Executive to publicly notify Monday 25 May 2009 as the day on which the amended Buller District Plan will become operative.

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Report for Agenda Item No 11

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Report from Inangahua Community Board

Purpose of Report

The Inangahua Community Board at their meeting on 6 April 2009 requested that Council consider the following:

To reduce the potential danger to cyclists, walkers and horse riders, motorists and tourists using State Highway 7 Reefton to Blacks Point, and State Highway 1 from the Inangahua River 'town bridge' to the Soldiers / Big River Road turn off, the Inangahua Community Board urges the Regional Land Transport committee to authorise immediate investigations into establishing:

- A reduction to 50k of the 70k speed zone on State Highway 7 through Blacks Point.
- A clip on pedestrian walkway on the Murray Creek bridge, State Highway 7, Blacks Point
- A cycleway/walkway on State Highway 7 from Reefton to Franklyn St, Blacks Point.
- The extension of the 50k speed zone on State Highway 1 from Sinnamon St, Reefton at the Inangahua River Bridge to the Soldiers/Big River Road turn off, known as Grey Road or:
- A clip on pedestrian walkway on the Inangahua River Bridge and
- A cycleway/walkway from the Inangahua River Bridge to the Soldiers/Big River Road turnoff.

On behalf of the residents of Blacks Point the Board makes the following points regarding hazards which potentially jeopardize the safety of cyclists, horse riders, walkers, motorists and visitors:

- Traffic has increased on the Reefton – Christchurch highway through Blacks Point, particularly during the tourist season and especially since the operation of the Oceana Mine site where mine traffic has been introduced along this stretch.
- Tour bus operators have increased to 2000 visitors to the Black's Point Museum from September 2007 to April 2008.
- Traffic (including these buses) leaving the museum to return to Reefton enter State Highway 7 into the 70k zone with a 55k blind corner to their left.
- Tourists leaving the Murray Creek loop also enter the State Highway 7 70k zone between two blind corners.
- Tourists and locals who walk the Murray Creek loop and all other pedestrians and cyclists come to a bottleneck on the Murray Creek Bridge. When two cars approach the 8 metre wide bridge, there is nowhere for pedestrians to go but to cling to the side.
- With the imminent promotion of the Goldfields Journey, there will be an increase in the number of visitors using the walking tracks in the area and the Murray Creek track will be one of the entry/exit points of the Journey.
- The speed limit is confusing, entering Blacks Point from a 100k zone to 70k, with an immediate 55k bend, followed by the continuing 70k zone, another 55k bend, and back to 100k, all this within 800m and through the heart of residential Blacks Point.

On behalf of the Rosstown and Grey Road residents the Board makes the following points regarding factors which potentially jeopardize the safety of cyclists, horse riders, walkers and visitors:

- The stretch of State Highway1 from Soldiers/Big River Road to the beginning of Sinnamon St, Reefton begins with leaving the 100k zone at a 55k blind bend, into a 70k zone of winding road for a distance of only 800m until the 50k residential zone is reached.
- For Reefton residents and tourists who walk the Powerhouse loop, crossing the Inangahua River bridge while State Highway1 traffic (including large trucks) also cross the bridge is daunting. Most residents using the Powerhouse loop are older folk using the walkway closest to the town, necessitating the crossing of this bridge. This bridge has a 93cm wide crossing platform of concrete pavers. There are always some unstable pavers, there have been times when pavers

have been removed, and currently there is a paver with a large piece of corner missing.

- For anyone living in Rosstown or along Grey Road and using a mobility scooter to access the town, this bridge is impassable.
- In the past, horse riders, cyclists, and motor cyclists enjoying the loop track of Soldiers /Big River Rd to the Lookout and back down the Zig Zag have used this 800m stretch of State Highway1. With the increase in traffic seen over the past 10 years, this option for leisure has become very dangerous.

The Board notes that other State Highways do not have a 'lead in' of a 70k zone between the 100k and 50k, notably the highway into Culverden and Amberley, both of which change from 100k to 50k on straight stretches of highway, without the winding nature of the Reefton roads and without the residential area of Blacks Point and Grey Road, nor do these Canterbury roads share the walking traffic of the Reefton environment.

The Board reminds Buller District Council of the Council's commitment to the health and wellbeing of its communities.

Recommendation

That Council support this request to New Zealand Transport Agency via the Regional Land Transport Committee and/or any other New Zealand Transport Agency avenue.

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Report for Agenda Item No 13

Prepared by - Gary Murphy
- Chief Executive

Publications Received

Buller Promotion Association - Minutes 11 March 2009