



TAUPIRI COMMUNITY BOARD
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The Acting Service Delivery Manager,
Roger MacCulloch
Waikato District Council
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Ngaruawahia

Dear Roger

Re: Pine Trees planted at property of Paul & Bernadette Ranson - 2276 Gordonton Rd, Taupiri 3721

It has been brought to the Taupiri Community Board's attention that quite a number of Pine Trees have been planted outside the boundary line of the above mentioned property. Residents on Button Lane, opposite to where the trees have been planted, have expressed concerns that the Pines trees will grow extremely tall and wide. This will create lack of sun, not only on the Gordonton Rd but also on their properties.

I visited Paul & Benadette Ranson on the 30th April, at their property, 2276 Gordonton Rd, Taupiri (currently SH1) to sight the trees. I asked the Ranson's their reason for planting of this specific type of tree. Paul replied that the trees were planted as *a wind-break and to try to prevent people from coming onto their property*. To alley with Council and neighbours concerned, Paul has said that he will keep the Pine Trees trimmed in height to an acceptable level at his own cost. Believe it or not, they have had 4 of the pine trees stolen not long after they were planted.

I noted the expressed concern of the residents opposite the plant-site; specifically of how big the trees will grow and the obvious consequence that it will block the sun; not only on the road but also on their properties.

The Ransons are accommodating and I found them to be very reasonable. The Ransons expressed their disappointment and concern that the complainant's never took the time to discuss this matter directly with them prior to going to the Taupiri Community Board.

Regards

Dorothy Lovell
Taupiri Community Board – Chair