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Kia ora team. The mantra sitting within the halls of Huntly College were – ma te pono ka watea – through truth comes freedom.

I share my three leadership r's

- Respect
- Responsibility
- Redistribution

Lets respect each other's presence in our hometown.

Lets be responsible in our empowerment through communication

Lets redistribute knowledge and wellbeing through another community meeting

Raahui Pookeeka is my ukaipo – my Turangawaewae ( my roots, my place to stand) and I trust that leadership will prevail through open and transparent communication.

Dave shares some very good points, such that I agree and will discuss with Glesson and Cox.

Ko te kai a te rangatira ko te koorero – the food of chiefs is discussion.

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**Subject:** Re: Gleeson Managed Fill - Community Board Update

Kate and co

Given the situation some thought over the weekend. Feel morally obligated as the community board chair to make you aware of a couple of things from the communities perspective.

a) Huntly isn't a reading town. Huntly is proud of a get stuck in and do it attitude and folks have a lot of skills and abilities around fixing things, making things, driving things etc. And as such are not big into reading. Those who are more the reading / writing type tend to move into higher education / management jobs and as such move out of Huntly to a location that has a better reputation. Case in point is that both Ngaruawahia and Te kauwhata have council white collar workers living in them but Huntly appears not to, even though it is arguably a more logical place to live. I am also aware that on a statistical basis Huntly will have high levels of dyslexia and associated learning disabilities, not to mention overall poor educational outcomes, even with the excellent teachers we have in the community.

Thus creating a document for people to read may not get the penetration / understanding that one might be expecting.

b) Not keeping ones word will be seen as evidence that Gleeson and Cox are not trustworthy. Tuesday's meeting was hard work and unpleasant. Not something I personally would want to repeat. However like a boil that needs lancing, getting things on the table and talked about is the first step to healing the pain. To have agreed to hold another meeting, and then renege on this, might appear to be the right decision from a management point of view. However the townsfolk will see this as Gleeson and Cox are liars and don't keep their word (have already had this said to me). Given that a larger proportion of the talk was about integrity and doing the right thing, this change in follow through, will be used as evidence that Gleeson and Cox are just saying these things, and don't actually do them.

Strong words, I know. Just want to make sure you'll are fully aware of how Huntly's townsfolk will react to this change.

c) Did the speed check, cover the northbound traffic out of the quarry and where the 50km change occurs? This might seem obvious, but the 50km change from 70km is in a funny location (it is logical once one thinks about it, but it isn't in a spot where it seems obvious). From memory the 50km zone has moved southward in the last few years, so may not be updated in the software.

d) Am aware that the new managed / clean fill site is different from the current operations. However as you have experienced many locals have experienced stress and negative effects from the current operation and thus see that the fill will add to these existing negative effects. The reality is that humans tend to complain to each other, rather than complain to the appropriate powers that be. Even with this reality, I am aware that folks have attempted to air their concerns previously. These concerns haven't been addressed, and thus their opposition / strong feelings about increased traffic etc.

Many folk have had negative personal experience from the quarry's operation, and feel powerless about change. Whether this be about truck driver behaviour, excessive dirty vehicles, near accidents caused by grunge on the ground making it slippery, vibration or dust. Having a clear way residents can express their concerns and have effective change will help change the ill feeling that exists.

It is obviously your business, and you can do whatever you think is best, wanted to communicate about how Huntly thinks and acts. Thus increasing your ability to develop a positive relationship / positive outcomes for all involved.

Sincerely

David

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On Mon, Jun 29, 2020 at 9:03 AM Kate Madsen <[kate@pauaplanning.co.nz](mailto:kate@pauaplanning.co.nz)> wrote:

Good morning David,

I have checked with Mark, and he has reviewed truck records and there were no reported incidents. However he has also had a word to the transport guys to be extra vigilant (as they always are).

It should be noted this is operational to the quarry rather than directly relevant to the Managed Fill proposal.

Kind Regards,  
Kate Madsen  
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**Subject:** Re: Gleeson Managed Fill - Community Board Update

Kate

Thanks for the update. Look forward to the questions being answered. Will communicate via facebook about the approach change.

Did you get the data from the trucks / speeding check, since this was stated it would be provided to the community with some haste?

A weekly update would be good.

Cheers David

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On Fri, Jun 26, 2020 at 4:43 PM Kate Madsen <[kate@pauaplanning.co.nz](mailto:kate@pauaplanning.co.nz)> wrote:

Kia Ora David,

While the meeting was tough going last Tuesday, we recognise it is an important first step, so thank you for your facilitation, recognising the Board was constrained by legislative procedures.

Certainly some good conversations were held after the meeting, and Mark has requested I update you as to where we are at:

Given the number of queries, Gleeson have chosen not to advertise any further public meeting at this stage, as we would like more time to prepare and respond well to the questions raised – recognising that a number of queries are outside the parameters of the consents at hand and would be more for NZTA, WRC and/or WDC to respond to. In addition, some items related to historic grievances against other fill operators, which again Gleeson should not have to answer to, but rather take as a caution of ‘what not to do’, while looking to build relationship and trust with the community going forward with both the quarry and managed fill operations.

We are meeting with WDC (as Asset Managers of Lake Puketirini) next week, and Norm is facilitating a hui with Waahi Whaanui Trust and Marae leaders for two weeks’ time. These are seen as important steps.

In the meantime, if there are community members who would like a brief written response to the questions tabled at the meeting (or raised during proceedings), I am compiling a table that either the board could circulate, or if individuals emailed me, I could send it to them – [kate@pauaplanning.co.nz](mailto:kate@pauaplanning.co.nz)

I am happy also to update you each Friday afternoon, to ensure you are kept well informed with proceedings.

Nga mihi

Kind Regards,  
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**Subject:** Re: Summary of community concerns

Mark

Looking good, I do agree that there will be more questions than time and mental space can accommodate. We will see how it goes, I haven't come to any conclusion about what might be a good next step to help get peoples questions answered. I have a lot of questions also, but see my role tomorrow as facilitatory more than asking all my questions (I will ask a few).

My very wonderful wife, Tiffany, pointed out over the weekend that folks will be extra edgy about the fill due to the pukemiro fill debacle. I don't know details and have deliberately kept it that way. But the owner of an open cast coal extraction company, who has a reputation for being highly unethical, dubious, taking advantage and putting profit above people, decided it would be a good location for a fill (I don't know what type). Needless to say once consents were obtained there has been constant problems such as trucks driving on the wrong side of the road, reports of illegal / dodgy dumping, which by the time the inspector gets out there two days later all looks good, etc. etc. The local community use the waterway that the fill backs onto as a source for food and as such is very concerned about leachate etc. I have no idea if this site is still accepting waste, but everyone in the area is aware of how screwed the residents got, and who knows what long term gremlins are waiting to be uncovered.

Unlikely you would be aware of this, which may help explain why some folks will be extra upset about a fill being in Huntly.

Look forward to meting you both tomorrow.

Cheers David

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On Mon, Jun 22, 2020 at 4:14 PM Mark Pelan <[mark.pelan@gleesoncox.co.nz](mailto:mark.pelan@gleesoncox.co.nz)> wrote:

Hi David – attached please find my presentation for tomorrow.  
I print a few copies for the Board and walk them through it.  
Hopefully it covers many of the questions on the list you sent through

Mark

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**Subject:** RE: Summary of community concerns

Hi David

Thanks for compiling this list. In truth, it's a well covered list I thought.

Includes all the things I'd want to ask.

I'll send you my later this morning but the main problem is that it looks like we'll run out of time to cover everything.

One of the things that will be important (both quarry & MF) is what Kate suggested, a quarterly or half yearly community catch up night.

Whether through the board or different, it'd be a good vehicle for us and locals to chat through concerns / ideas for a better Huntly etc

Also – when I'm in Huntly I try to go to the main street and buy lunch. I did so during the week and so in future I'm happy that locals stop me for a chat (assuming they remember me! LOL)

Talk soon

Mark

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**Subject:** Summary of community concerns

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Mark / Kate / team

Seems like the discussion on facebook about community concerns has come to the logical end. So have compiled the concerns and hopefully got them into some kind of logical grouping.

If you can address as many of these as you can, or pick some strategic ones to focus on that would be great. Think that water quality would be a very common theme. And in talking to Mark something that is important to Gleeson and Cox.

As you can also see the community does have some concerns about the current operation, thought I would cluster these together on this list, as the community clearly has some frustrations and doesn't know how to get these addressed or discussed. So it is good they are now on the table.

Meeting will be at Huntly college, entrance is on bridge street. I suggest you go into the college to park. As there is plenty of parking passed the courts.

The time of the meeting is 6pm, what time were you thinking of running the BBQ from? There is spaces to park it up outside the staff room / entrance areas, both paved and unpaved. Can make sure someone is on site to meet and greet etc.

Is a good idea to be available for people to talk to before / afterwards, and suspect this community board meeting may result in less formal meeting. Where people can converse about things. I know for the sleepyhead proposal for Ohinewai, they booked the local hall and put up posters on each of the key issues and had someone there who could talk intelligently on each topic. And the public could drop in from 3 - 7 This worked well, obviously the sleepyhead proposal is a massive deal, so much larger scope, but there are smaller meeting rooms in Huntly that can be used for drop in / presenting information etc. etc.

Cheers David

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