

Koitiata Residents' Committee

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Dear Barry

Re: Footbridge for Koitiata Beach Access

Thank you for delivering the pictorial impressions and a module of the proposed footbridge for Koitiata Beach. Residents' reactions have been very positive and we are most grateful that Council has responded to our request for bridge access to the beach so favourably.

At our recent residents' committee meeting three observations were made in respect of the footbridge. First, residents have repeatedly stipulated that they accept the offer of the bridge only if the cost and on-going maintenance costs of the bridge are met by the entire Rangitikei region, not just Koitiata residents. So far we have not had confirmation that this is the case. Secondly, should the project go ahead, it would then make sense for the RDC to take over the responsibility of maintaining the causeway access to the bridge and the residents' committee would therefore forfeit the \$500 annual grant, currently received for this purpose. Finally, we would need to nominate a resident from the village to liaise with you on bridge management issues.

We realise that Council has not yet obtained the necessary consents to proceed with the project, and before doing so, we ask that you take these three points into consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Regards

Liz Hawes
Secretary