

18 May 2017

10:00 a.m. - about 11:00 a.m.

Link Road Stockyards

purpose - to discuss plans for Arthur Harsants 100 acre block and for community members to meet Arthur

Present:

Arthur Harsant (landowner), Graham Harsant, Thom Dodd, Brian Green, Johnny (Hahei Bike Hire), Karen Blair (reserves committee), Peter Hawley, Gordon Willis (landowner nearby); local farmers John Newton and Graeme Newton(leases Arthur's land) Joe McLean (Leases the Harsant girl's 100 acre block), Charlie Adams (Lees road farmer); Anne Donovan (landowner over the road), Gavin White, John North and Bill Stead (Hahei ratepayers), John Gaukrodger. (TCDC), Marc Osbourne, David Ivory, Hayden Smith

Opening statement:

Graham H started things off saying we were here to look at ways to help remove the polluted signs on Wigmore Stream

- An introduction to Arthur Harsant and hear what his plans are as the new town boundary
- discuss fencing of Wigmore stream and tributaries on Arthur's land as per Dairy NZ suggestions to dairy farmers.
- Explore the long term possibility of a walkway/cycleway in the area between fence and stream (with option to discuss with Gordon Willis a path to Hot Water beach from Hahei .

John Newton clarified the Dairy NZ recommendations about fencing stock off streams - stream must be 1 meter wide by 30 cm deep year round, so this stream does need to be fenced off but no firm mandate to do so as yet.

Arthur's say: 3 major points

- Stocking rate very low on this property.
- Reticulated water sorted - Arthur put in a bore and enough water troughs to give stock drinking water according to Dairy NZ recommendations.
- Fencing is voluntary at this point, but he is doing it with John Newton's help.

Karen Blair asked what Arthur's feelings about a walkway were.

Arthur replied that he is not a starter. Various reasons - tourist numbers, potential for trash or even vandalism, loss of privacy, etc. He noted that he did not want to saddle his 3 children with something they did not necessarily want when they inherit the land. Said he would rather bear the entire cost than share it and have a pathway.

Karen suggested that if a walkway were fenced and planted, tourists would at least know where they were allowed.

Arthur hinted that he did not want his 100 acre block, by virtue of it being undeveloped, to become Hahei's dumping ground, and mentioned TCDC whispers about expanding the sewerage scheme onto his land.

Bill Stead assured him that was not on the cards - too expensive and too small a ratepayer base to foot the bill.

Arthur said the fencing of Wigmore stream and 3 or 4 tributaries on his land would commence soon.

Joe Mclean mentioned he was unable to reticulate and fence due to the unknown time frame for development of the land he leased.

John North asked if there was an opportunity to connect onto Arthur's water supply for a few troughs through the fence.

Joe was not comfortable with this idea.

Finally, we walked out and got a visual look at Arthur's boundaries and the streams planned for fencing.

Casual discussion and conversations by all to support Arthur's fencing and planting. Introductions for opportunities to correspond in the future.

respectfully
Thom Dodd