

Hahei Ratepayers Association

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Thames Coromandel District Council
Mercury Bay Service Centre
10 Monk Street, Whitianga 3510

Attention: Andrew Scobie, Project Manager
Copy: Allan Tiplady, Mercury Bay Area Manager
Paul Kelly, Chair Mercury Bay Community Board.

Subject: RMA Consent to Establish a Public Carpark
on the 6.7ha property at 20 Pa Road, Hahei (Lot 2 DPS.26648)

Dear Sir

The Hahei Beach Rate Payers Association, at a committee meeting on the 13-03-2016, passed a resolution supporting in principle the Thames Coromandel District Council's proposal to establish a Public Carpark at 20 Pa Road. We understand you will need a RMA Consent to change the use for the site from wastewater treatment and disposal to a public car park as it is a Non-Complying Activity.

We acknowledge that the proposed car park is of significant importance to the Hahei Community and the facility will help to mitigate Hahei village's parking problems caused by the rapidly growing high levels of tourist vehicles.

We have reviewed the letter and documentation you have sent to Affected Parties and wish to advise that our continued support is conditional on you implementing the following key design features.

1. **Sealing of Entrance** – We are pleased to see that the entrance slip road from Hahei Beach Road to the defined parking area will be sealed to eliminate any dust issues impacting the neighbouring properties.
2. **Screen Planting around Car Park** – There must be effective screen planting along the boundaries to reduce noise and provide privacy to the Affected Parties. Please make sure you discuss with Affected Parties the type of shrubs/trees to avoid disputes in future.
3. **Public Toilet Essential** – The current design does not include a public toilet. We regard this as an integral part of the car park proposal. During the peak period up to 1,500 people per day were utilising the temporary parking area and the first question many people had were directions to a toilet. A Portaloo was available as a short term solution, but we think it is essential that a permanent public toilet be included in the current design.
4. **Relocate and Expand Bus Shelter** - The temporary bus shelter (as shown on the plan) requires relocating to the specified bus loading area. At the peak of the summer season, visitor numbers have exceeded the bus capacity and the shelter was inadequate. Consideration should be given to either extending the shelter – for instance you could cheaply incorporate shade cloth sails for use in summer.

5. **Information Board** – It is most important that a comprehensive visitor Information ‘I’ site board is incorporate into parking area. We would be very happy to work with you to design the board to show walkways, attractions etc. in Hahei.
6. **Rubbish Collection** – We have found that visitors expect to find facilities for them to dispose of their rubbish. For instance, we have often seen visitors decide to have a picnic in the car park, creating waste food and packaging. To deal with this, it is important to incorporate the necessary rubbish facilities around the park and ensure they are emptied regularly, particularly over the busy summer season.

Please confirm that the proposed Pa Car Park will incorporate the above features.

Furthermore, given the significance that the land will no longer be part of the Waste Water Treatment Plant, we request a copy of Thames Coromandel District Council correspondence confirming that the land area is not, nor will be required for any foreseeable waste water treatment activity.

Yours faithfully

John North



Deputy Chairman of Hahei Ratepayers
Beach Ratepayers

Bill Stead



Chairman of Hahei Beach Ratepayers
Association