

(Bill)Introduction:

Good Morning Mayor Sandra, Councilors, and TCDC Staff,

Thank you for hearing us today.

And thank you Scott and other TCDC staff who have worked so hard on this bylaw consultation process.

Managing traffic in Hahei is a huge challenge

We have been working with Mercury Bay Community Board to come up with creative solutions. And we thank them for their hard work.

We developed a number of options which are the subject of this consultation

Initially we received positive feedback from some residents.

However, to more thoroughly test the concepts, we conducted an online survey. But as the consultation process has indicated, the survey did not truly reflect the community's views.

Put simply, the consultation process has shown that the majority do not support parking permits in Hahei . That is democracy and we completely respect result of the consultation.

Now I would like to ask Anna Bartlett, one of next generation leaders, to tell you more about how we wish to move forward.

(Anna) Consultation/Engagement:

Good morning,

Thank you again for allowing us time to talk to you about Traffic Management in Hahei.

As Bill discussed, our Committee acknowledges that we misread the community support for parking permits in Hahei.

However, we need to find ways to not let this happen again. In future, we intend deepen our engagement with the wider Hahei community

Perhaps Council could assist to do surveys on important issues in the future

If you have any suggestions, let us know. 😊

We will continue to work with the Mercury Bay Community Board, and TCDC staff on the current minor works in progress throughout Hahei.

We really support Scott Summerfield and council staff's proposal to use the 2018/19 summer to "continue to monitor the parking situation in Hahei, and to collect additional data" about the scale and nature of the parking in Hahei. We feel this would give us all the ability to make evidence-based decisions on this issue.

Thanks also to Scott for his analysis of the submissions-. There is some fantastic feedback in there

In the meantime, there are some **Immediate measures** we can take that focus on **safe walking** and **minimising the impact of traffic** on our village:

In our view, our most important traffic management challenge is to have more tourists park their vehicles in the Visitor Car Park. The signage needs to be improved, and perhaps trial a temporary round-about at the car park entrance.- We need a lot of help from TCDC Roading Dept to make this happen.

It is clear from reading submission comments that we must also focus more on the safety of our visitors and residents. We wholeheartedly support the Safe Walkway or 'Cone Footpath' along one side of Hahei Beach Road; also Dawn Ave and Harsant Ave. But we also believe it is vital that we install a footpath from The Visitor Carpark along Hahei Beach road to Pa road. We have seen numerous near misses along this section of road where pedestrians, confused drivers, and impatient locals combine!

Our long term plan is to maximise walking in Hahei. Congratulations to TCDC on a your success in securing Tourism Infrastructure Funding for Hahei,. We look forward to working with you to implement the all-weather walkways joining the Visitor Carpark and the Beach, Shops and Cathedral Cove Walkway.

Finally, there are number of small but **critical items** that require your attention. We would like to encourage camper vans to park in Visitor Car Park, implement time limits on parking outside the shop, a Bus stop outside the shops and additional pedestrian crossing to connect the walkways.

But it is important to recognise that traffic management in Hahei is a constantly evolving

I will hand you back to **Bill** to discuss some of the challenges we need to think about.

Thank you, Anna.

While the current consultation is focused on bylaw changes, I spend a moment talking some of the challenges we see as we welcome more and more visitors to Hahei.

The rate of growth never fails to surprise us.

For instance, 2 years ago, the MWH Traffic management report recommended that we provide around 1000 car parking spaces by 2021. But Cathedral Cove visitor numbers are now greater than the MWH report forecast, so is 1000 car parks still correct?

Going forward we need to think about the effect of the construction of a Lee's road carpark. When will it be operational and how many vehicles will it take?

Will the expansion of the Visitor Carpark effect traffic flow? If Pay and Display is implemented at this car park, how will visitors react? Many people in our community's think that this car park should remain free permanently and visitor revenues generated in other ways. Obviously, making it free mitigates traffic congestion in Hahei.

How will the Beach Front Car Park be developed through the upcoming Reserves Management Plan review? What are Ngati Hei and DoC views on how this car park should be developed? If it is Pay and Display, how will this effect vehicle parking?

Visitors to Cathedral Cove drive traffic congestion Hahei. Will DoC try and control visitors?

So let's keep an flexible approach to traffic management in Hahei.

Finally, there are lessons we can learn from this consultation

Firstly, let's make small incremental changes. and then review

And secondly, as Anna has discussed, we will take a good hard look at how we connect with our community and do our best to improve our engagement.

Thank you for your time.