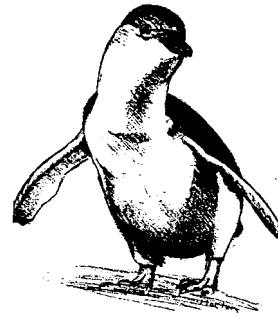


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**THE EASTERN BAYS LITTLE BLUE PENGUIN
FOUNDATION (Inc).**

25 August 2000

Mr R Furlong
Wellington Regional Council
PO Box 1 1-646
WELLINGTON



Dear Mr Furlong

The Foundation has recently been successful in obtaining resource consent for the construction of a Wild Bird Rehabilitation Centre at Lowry Bay which is estimated to cost approximately \$750,000 to construct. The Foundation is actively engaged in beginning to raise money towards this.

I am writing to ask if the Community Services Committee would consider the possibility of waiving some of the costs associated with the resource consent process at their next meeting on the 7th of September 2000. This relief would greatly assist in allowing the Foundation which is a registered charity to channel funding into the building fund for the actual project rather than the consent process.

The resource consent process has cost the Foundation in excess of \$30,000 and has taken over twelve months to prepare for. It involved a large amount of public consultation and the lodgement of Notified Consents to both the Wellington Regional Council and the Hutt City Council. Due to the large number of interest groups that needed to be consulted, and the variety of legislative considerations that the consent needed to consider, the process involved considerable use of experts such as traffic consultants, lawyers, planners, landscape designers, drainage experts etc. in conjunction with the attendance at a three day hearing of council officers and two independent commissioners.

We would be most grateful if the Committee would consider this request as it would assist us greatly in getting started on the task of establishing and raising the funding this project. We thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'V Hextall', written in a cursive style.

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