

20 September 2022

File Ref: 2022-136

Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Request for information 2022-136

I refer to your request for information dated 23 August 2022, which was received by Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) on 24 August 2022. You have requested the following:

“For the period 1 January 2020 to today, please provide a copy of all correspondence, meeting minutes and briefing notes relating to the Kapiti Coast Airport or Paraparaumu airport. Thanks.”

Greater Wellington’s response follows:

On 25 August 2022 you agreed to clarify/refine your request to:

“As per my request, I’d like to understand any matters, conversations or correspondence GWRC may have participated in or contributed to since 1 January 2020 regarding Kapiti Coast Airport. If that involves multiple divisions of the GWRC then I’d be grateful if each division could contribute to satisfying my request.”

Attachment 1 contains all information Greater Wellington holds regarding the Kāpiti Airport (also known as Paraparaumu Airport), within the scope of your request.

Please note that certain information has been redacted under section 7(2)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act, to protect the privacy of natural persons. Certain information has also been redacted as the information is unrelated to your request. This is marked accordingly on the information.

We further advise that the Wellington Regional Leadership Committee has not participated in or contributed to any discussions on Kāpiti Airport, and it was not considered as part of planning/urban growth as part of the Wellington Regional Growth Framework.

We have searched for any other matter, conversation or correspondence with regard to other departments within Greater Wellington and confirm no further information is held on Kāpiti Airport.

If you have any concerns with the decision(s) referred to in this letter, you have the right to request an investigation and review by the Ombudsman under section 27(3) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

Please note that it is our policy to proactively release our responses to official information requests where possible. Our response to your request will be published shortly on Greater Wellington's website with your personal information removed.

Nāku iti noa, nā



Tracy Plane

Kaiwhakahaere Matua Rautaki | General Manager Strategy (Acting)

From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
Subject: Updates - Paraparaumu Airport, Ferry Terminal pathway to decision
Date: Friday, 18 September 2020 4:04:28 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Kia ora Daran

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Nga mihi
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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Luke Troy](#); [Kim Kelly](#)
Subject: RE: Updates - Paraparaumu Airport, Ferry Terminal pathway to decision
Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2020 8:40:47 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Absolutely. Thanks for clarifying how that should happen.

Nga mihi

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From: Luke Troy <Luke.Troy@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 September 2020 8:40 AM
To: Kim Kelly <Kim.Kelly@gw.govt.nz>; Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Updates - Paraparaumu Airport, Ferry Terminal pathway to decision

I think raising this as a project for future work under the WRGF banner is the right place for this. It would need the support of the other councils.

We don't want to be raising formal amendments to the WRGF itself during the Council adoption process, this will significantly slow things down and risk it not being adopted at all

Luke

From: Kim Kelly <Kim.Kelly@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 21 September 2020 8:06 PM
To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>; Luke Troy <Luke.Troy@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Updates - Paraparaumu Airport, Ferry Terminal pathway to decision

Have copied Luke in as we have previously discussed the Kapiti Airport in this context.

My view is that this should be raised with the Joint Committee once formed in 2021. My previous comment still stands in that neither of these came up as things to be a key part of the WRGF during the 12-15months of its development. Some of that will be related to timing but I don't think it is good to set a precedence to add things in when they become an issue.

Alternatively GWRC might want to as part of its workshop/council meeting want to raise this as a project (ie investigate the long term requirements for the region for airports (in total) and ports perhaps from an economic point of view – rather than to support housing growth). This would be a better approach than just adding them in now.

Hope that helps
Kim

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:59 AM
To: Kim Kelly <Kim.Kelly@gw.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Updates - Paraparaumu Airport, Ferry Terminal pathway to decision

Morena Kim

Thanks for your time last week, it was really helpful.

I included info in an update to Daran last week and he's come back with the question below (highlighted).

I'm not sure of the right order of events here:

- Should a request like this be discussed and/or put when the RGF gets presented to Councils for endorsement?
- Or should it be forwarded to the eventual Joint Committee in early 2021?
- Or should it be both?

Your thoughts?

Nga mihi

Amanda

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From: Daran Ponter – Chair <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 18 September 2020 4:10 PM

To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>

Subject: RE: Updates - Paraparaumu Airport, Ferry Terminal pathway to decision

Thanks Amanda.

Looks like the airport is covered by Civil Defence plans....and we should confirm this to KCDC.

I suggest that we formally put the issue of Airports and Ports to the RGF steering committee for response?

Daran

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 18 September 2020 4:04 PM

To: Daran Ponter – Chair <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Jessica Hare](#)
Subject: RE: Paraparaumu Airport
Date: Friday, 18 September 2020 10:17:29 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Thanks for the note Jess - a great summary, and it helps get the plan hierarchy straight for me as well. That comment (if the airport was no longer there we would just change our plan and land helicopters in a field) mirrors a comment that Keith Evans made in relation to the national plan so that all makes sense.

The WREMO website includes the 2013 report on Restoring Transport Links so that's useful background as well. Wayne Maxwell mentioned that Kapiti Road had an emergency related status, and that context is reasonably clear too.

Re the Group plan – I found Wellington Int Airport in the list of Strategic Partners (Lifeline Utilities and Lifeline Groups) in the Appendix, with a reference to their role in the body of the plan.

Anyway, no further questions (!) and hope your son is feeling better. A good day for being at home!

Nga mihi

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From: Jessica Hare <jessica.hare@wremo.nz>
Sent: Friday, 18 September 2020 9:15 AM
To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Paraparaumu Airport
Importance: High

Hi Amanda,

[REDACTED] Here is some information for you – if you need more information either we can reschedule or give me a call.

In case you're wondering – I've been seconded into a new role as Advisor to the Chair. Daran and I met with Mayor Guru and the CE Wayne Maxwell last week about Paraparaumu Airport. As you probably know it's privately owned and the owners are saying it's uneconomic and contemplating a range of options for the future including housing on the site. There is a lot of community concern at the prospect of possibly losing the airport, and much lobbying of central and local government to step in. **this has been going on for a significant period of time and of particular interest to Mayor Guru. We have engaged with Mayor Guru on this before – probably a year or so ago.**

The public have pointed out that the airport is identified in the Annex to the Wellington Earthquake National Initial Response Plan (MCDEM), as well as the RPS. A review of our various regional plans though, shows that the airport is not scheduled in any of them, nor a focus of future planning. **The Wellington Earthquake National Initial Response Plan is an operational plan and yes it is included in the annex. We have a similar plan, called the Wellington Region Earthquake Plan (WREP) and Paraparaumu**

Airport is included in this plan. However, This inclusion does not justify the need to keep the airport operating. Information provided to us when we developed the WREP was that it was likely following an earthquake the landing strip at Paraparaumu Airport is likely to suffer significant liquefaction and would only be useable for rotor wing aircraft (helicopters). The reason we chose to include Paraparaumu airport for this use is that they have a control tower and fencing for security. To be clear, this could also be done anywhere. Should the airport no longer be available, we can also land helicopters in a field, or just about anywhere. We would just amend our plan.

Daran was especially interested in our regional plan that I understand you wrote? (Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan 2019–2024), from the perspective of understanding how the airport did not come to be included, and whether there was (or should) be a pathway for that to happen. So that's what I'd like to discuss at our meeting. **The Group Plan is a strategic document and not an operational document. None of the Airports are in the plan – that is not what this plan is for. The operational plans is where the airport is included.**

Hopefully this helps, and I'm happy to answer any further questions you might have

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Helen Plant](#)
Subject: RE: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure
Date: Wednesday, 23 September 2020 9:31:22 am

Yes please I'd like to be involved Helen if that's OK.

It will give me more insight into how to address these types of issues.

Nga mihi

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From: Helen Plant <Helen.Plant@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 22 September 2020 2:14 PM
To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure

Yes the two responses were sent last week. I think I sent you the 'sent' emails.
I will set this meeting up for when DP is next up in Kapiti. Do you want to be involved in this one?

Ngā mihi
Helen

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Helen Plant <Helen.Plant@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure

Hi Helen
We've responded to this already haven't we? It was one of the two letters I sent you last week.
Nga mihi
Amanda

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From: Daran Ponter – Chair <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 12:28:55 PM
To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure

Do we have a response ready?

From: Peter Merwood [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 22 September 2020 11:43 a.m.
To: Daran Ponter – Chair
Cc: k.gurunathan@kapiticoast.govt.nz; wayne.maxwell@kapiticoast.govt.nz; Penny Gaylor; Tony Quayle

Subject: RE: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure

Good morning Daran

We've received no reply from you to the following e-mail and attached letter which is a concern. The threat of closure of the Paraparaumu Airport is real and would have a significant impact on the Wellington region for the reasons outlined in our letter.

We would like to meet with you to discuss the issues and the role the Greater Wellington Regional Council could play to ensure the airport remains open and operational.

Could you give me 2 or 3 times you would be available to meet during the week beginning 28 September please. Thanks.

Peter Merwood
Secretary, Kapiti Districts Aero Club

Ph: [REDACTED]

From: Peter Merwood <[REDACTED]@kapiti.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2020 8:17 am
To: daran.ponter@gw.govt.nz
Cc: k.gurunathan@kapiticoast.govt.nz; wayne.maxwell@kapiticoast.govt.nz; penny.gaylor@gw.govt.nz; Tony Quayle <tony@quayle.net>
Subject: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure

Good morning Daran

We look forward to the Greater Wellington Regional Council's response to the attached. Thanks.

Peter Merwood
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Ph: [REDACTED]

From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
Subject: RE: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport
Date: Thursday, 10 September 2020 11:03:06 am
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Daran

Thanks for this. Yes it looks like there is a reasonable amount of followup work to do and at first glance that sounds like a way forward.

Thinking that this is going to grow pretty fast though I've got a few thoughts:

- When do you bring in Adrienne on this in relation to her role on regional land transport? Just thinking that I'll be drafting letters soon for you both to respond to and they'll be signalling that we'll be taking this type of action (or however we phrase that) so I just wanted to check that Adrienne is in the picture
- I'm just checking in with Greg, Luke and Al, to make sure I connect with the "system" in terms of getting this type of advice together and make sure we are all clear on the scope, plan of action etc. That will also support us to be prepared once you contact the Mayors etc.

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Sent: Wednesday, 9 September 2020 4:29 p.m.
To: Daran Ponter – Chair; Penny Gaylor
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I think we should apply some caution around moving on this. Whilst it may have a political significance I'm not sure it has a high level of significance from a policy perspective. Many of our statutory plans cannot be changed quickly and require considerable process and justification. The WRGF is a partnership document that is jointly owned and changes are subject to consensus.

The RPS does identify it as 'regional significant infrastructure'. However other policies in the RPS would probably support intensification and urban growth in this location.

The RLTP does not identify the airport as significant and the team does not believe it has any particularly important role from a land transport perspective.

The aim of the WRGF is to guide future urban growth and related infrastructure. The Plan as currently drafted does not specifically mention the airport other than including it as a symbol on the diagrammatic map. Paraparaumu is identified as a Growth Node where substantial urban growth and intensification is to be facilitated. I'm not sure it would be appropriate to use this vehicle to try and apply some form of protection on the airport function itself as this is not the intent of this Plan. KCDC have never asked that the Plan include a specific reference to the Airport.

Thanks

Luke

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2020 10:42 AM
To: Greg Campbell <Greg.Campbell@gw.govt.nz>; Luke Troy <Luke.Troy@gw.govt.nz>; Alistair Cross <Alistair.Cross@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport

Kia ora koutou

Thinking I need to check in with you all around this in relation to the meeting I attended with Daran yesterday in regard to the airport, and the direction that he is looking to take.

I'm not sure what the process is in terms of getting aligned around work driven more by political imperatives and then bringing the appropriate people together around it. It may be that this is more straightforward than it looks and I can just connect straight to the relevant dept managers?

(Appreciating that I'm on a bit of a learning curve here!)

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Cc: [Matthew Hickman](#)
Subject: RE: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport
Date: Friday, 11 September 2020 11:48:52 am
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Thanks Fleur – a very apt summary!

Amanda, over to you....again.

Al



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Cc: Amanda Cox
Subject: RE: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport

I agree with Luke that we should think carefully about how this fits within the regional policy framework. As Luke says, there is a balance between the policies in the RPS for the land in question, not to mention requirements from the NPS UD that might apply. I'm happy to work with Amanda or others to describe this balance and wider context and help form advice to Councillors on options.

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Matt, Fleur

Thoughts???

Feel free to connect with Amanda too.

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From: Luke Troy

Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2020 11:29 AM

To: Amanda Cox; Greg Campbell; Alistair Cross

Subject: RE: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport

I think we should apply some caution around moving on this. Whilst it may have a political significance I'm not sure it has a high level of significance from a policy perspective. Many of our statutory plans cannot be changed quickly and require considerable process and justification. The WRGF is a partnership document that is jointly owned and changes are subject to consensus.

The RPS does identify it as 'regional significant infrastructure'. However other policies in the RPS would probably support intensification and urban growth in this location.

The RLTP does not identify the airport as significant and the team does not believe it has any particularly important role from a land transport perspective.

The aim of the WRGF is to guide future urban growth and related infrastructure. The Plan as currently drafted does not specifically mention the airport other than including it as a symbol on the diagrammatic map. Paraparaumu is identified as a Growth Node where substantial urban growth and intensification is to be facilitated. I'm not sure it would be appropriate to use this vehicle to try and apply some form of protection on the airport function itself as this is not the intent of this Plan. KCDC have never asked that the Plan include a specific reference to the Airport.

Thanks

Luke

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>

Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2020 10:42 AM

To: Greg Campbell <Greg.Campbell@gw.govt.nz>; Luke Troy <Luke.Troy@gw.govt.nz>; Alistair Cross <Alistair.Cross@gw.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport

Kia ora koutou

Thinking I need to check in with you all around this in relation to the meeting I attended with Daran yesterday in regard to the airport, and the direction that he is looking to take.

I'm not sure what the process is in terms of getting aligned around work driven more by political imperatives and then bringing the appropriate people together around it. It may be that this is more straightforward than it looks and I can just connect straight to the relevant dept managers?

(Appreciating that I'm on a bit of a learning curve here!)

Nga mihi

Amanda
027 289 7261

From: Daran Ponter – Chair <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2020 9:55 AM
To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>; Penny Gaylor <penny.gaylor@hotmail.com>
Subject: RE: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport

Thanks Amanda. I suggest that the action point from me in terms of understanding our expectations is :

- Identify the planning instruments and strategy documents within which the status of both Paraparaumu, Masterton and Wellington Airport are either identified or missing.
- Identify a plan of action for ensuring that these three airports are appropriately identified in all relevant planning instruments for the Greater Wellington region.

Does this cover us?

Don't want the scope to blow out here but you might want to consider whether there is a need for us to appropriately capture key helipads, especially associated with hospitals / patient transfer. Thoughts?

Once we are clear on the scope, I will email all Mayors to advise them of the plan of action.

Daran

From: Amanda Cox
Sent: Wednesday, 9 September 2020 4:29 p.m.
To: Daran Ponter – Chair; Penny Gaylor
Subject: Notes from meeting today with KCDC Mayor Gurunathan and CE Wayne Maxwell re Paraparaumu Airport

Kia ora Daran and Penny

Some rough notes from the Zoom meeting today. I think I've got most points but please let me know if not.

- The airport is included in the RPS as regionally significant infrastructure – valuable starting point for GW to act “shoulder to shoulder” with KCDC in acting to minimise the possibility of it being closed down and the land sold off for housing
- KCDC had lobbied for it to be included in the CDEM and Lifelines schedules at the time of developing the legislation/ plans but that had not occurred. Here is the link to the [Wellington Region Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan 2019–2024](#). The list of Lifeline Utilities & Lifeline Groups is on pg 114.
- Apparently Kapiti Rd’s status has been elevated because of its connection with the airport but not the airport itself (not sure what the statutory context is for that but could find out)
- Kapiti Airport is designated an Airport in the District Plan
- General agreement that it has a strategic role in a major emergency event.
- Consideration of airport’s future is relevant to central government – CDEM, Defence and Transport. Also to provision of aeromedical services.

- There is a case for GW and KCDC to work together to rectify the gaps in the relevant plans to ensure that where the airport is not mentioned in these, that it is included. This would include the Regional Growth Framework and the Wellington Region CDEM Group Plan, and possibly others.
- The RGF should also include Hood Aerodrome in Masterton

- There was potential for improved passenger rail connections from the north and south, and road access once TGM completed

- Questions regarding future capacity were discussed:
 - o The length of the airport runway would not constrain improvements in future service delivery (and thus better outcomes)
 - o IN the longer term, other means of propulsion (electric etc) could open up further opportunities that would be otherwise unrealised.

- The airport owner had said they wanted to work with KCDC “on better outcomes” – Guru and Wayne were expecting a request to help them with re-zoning the land. They had noticed that the airport was selling off associated businesses. KCDC was checking whether the plan change process could slow things down.

- All agreed that there should be a paper to GW (Council) to include relevant considerations and map out pathway forward.

Shall I ask Helen to set up a meeting with you both, me and Adrienne?

Nga mihi
Amanda

Amanda Cox

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PROACTIVE RELEASE

From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Luke Troy](#); [Greg Campbell](#)
Cc: [Jake Gilmer](#)
Subject: RE: MP 2020 Briefing - DP covering letter 151020 (003).docx
Date: Friday, 16 October 2020 11:19:38 am
Attachments: [Airport views - article.pdf](#)

Hi Luke and Greg

I've just been in a meeting between Daran, Penny and representatives of the Kapiti Aero Club. The KAC was asking for GW to support their advocacy for the Paraparaumu Airport to remain open; ideally they would like GW and KCDC to lead out that message together to government and others.

As a result of this meeting, Daran has asked for two actions:

- For a followup meeting with Mayor Guru and Wayne Maxwell. As context Guru has written a reasonably confrontational LTE in response to Penny's column in the Kapiti News (see attached)
- For a further BIM to be drafted, seeking to advance a tripartite conversation between GW, KCDC and the government, regarding the Kapiti airport. This would be a maximum 1 page. I can make a start on that, with more discussion to come next week.

Also, I'm not sure if you heard Luke but Daran is fine for the paper with the BIMS to be in PE at the 29 October Council meeting.

Nga mihi

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From: Jake Gilmer <Jake.Gilmer@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 16 October 2020 9:36 AM
To: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: Stephen Heath <Stephen.Heath@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: MP 2020 Briefing - DP covering letter 151020 (003).docx

Amanda,

Sounds good. I will take a look today and add provide any feedback that I have.

Cheers,

Jake

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, October 15, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Jake Gilmer <Jake.Gilmer@gw.govt.nz>
Cc: Stephen Heath <Stephen.Heath@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: MP 2020 Briefing - DP covering letter 151020 (003).docx

Hi Jake

Here's Steve H's first draft of the letter for the front of the pack with my various tweaks (cue resigned look from Steve). This gives a good sense of a style to use in a more personal letter.

Just thinking that you have a look and we otherwise sit on it until Monday while we see what other themes emerge from the councillor only session? Otherwise there could be word-smithing in vain which isn't a great idea.

What do you think?

Nga mihi

Amanda

PROACTIVE RELEASE

From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Kim Kelly](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club to the Chair
Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2020 9:10:27 am

Thanks Kim - no I hadn't seen that article

Nga mihi

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Subject: RE: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club to the Chair

Just in case you had not already seen this

https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12355097

Kim

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Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 4:12 PM
To: Helen Plant <Helen.Plant@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Scan Data from PRFX05

Sent by: planth [Helen.Plant@gw.govt.nz] Number of Images: 2 Attachment File Type: PDF

Device Name: ApeosPort-V C3375 T2
Device Location:

From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Sean Mahoney](#); [Tracy Plane](#); [Grant Fletcher](#); [Kim Kelly](#); [Matthew Hickman](#)
Subject: RE: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club to the Chair
Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2020 9:38:28 am

Thanks Sean

I talked to Penny G yesterday about this - yes it is garnering a lot of attention & discussion on the Kapiti Coast and beyond.

Penny & I agreed that we should provide technical advice only. As you say we haven't received any application.

Good idea to agree a collective approach as per your comments Sean, and to consider our response in that light. I'll set up a zoom meeting on it to get us around the table. I'll try for Friday to see how we go; that timing will be good in terms of getting an update with Daran early next week.

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Thanks Amanda

Do we need to agree a collective approach to this - it's a fairly fluid and emotive issue and I know the District Council and WREDA (Economic Development Agency) have been involved in some discussions we are probably in a difficult position if we start to answer too fully ? SO maybe we take an approach of waiting on any application for change of use or sale , and continue to work with partners on finding a solution

Interested in others thoughts before we start to draft a response ?

Cheers

Sean

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Hi Tracy

Yes please bring whomever can share comments on this to shape up a response that is well informed from a technical perspective. Just talking to Penny G and there's a very long story about it and a lot of speculation as well on the Kapiti Coast.

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From: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
To: [Adrienne Staples](#)
Cc: [Amanda Cox](#)
Subject: Re: Kapiti Airport - Regional Civil Defence importance
Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2020 4:20:46 pm

Hi Adrienne, This is one of a series of emails they have sent far and wide. Amanda is coordinating responses.

Amanda, can you add this request to our response please.

Daran

Daran Ponter
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A.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 1, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Adrienne Staples
Subject: Kapiti Airport - Regional Civil Defence importance

Kapiti Airport

Regional Civil Defence importance

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adrienne.staples@gw.govt.nz

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From: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
To: [Adrienne Staples](#)
Cc: [Amanda Cox](#)
Subject: Re: Kapiti Airport - Regional Civil Defence importance
Date: Wednesday, 2 September 2020 6:43:44 pm

We can jointly sign our response if that suits?

Daran Ponter
Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council
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On 2/09/2020, at 5:42 PM, Adrienne Staples <Adrienne.Staples@gw.govt.nz> wrote:

Thanks Amanda
As Chair of RTC which is supposed to have a regional focus (albeit not airports) I feel I should at least acknowledge the letter.

Regards
A.

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From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, September 2, 2020 5:00:28 PM
To: Daran Ponter – Chair <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>; Adrienne Staples <Adrienne.Staples@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Kapiti Airport - Regional Civil Defence importance

Will do Daran & Adrienne.

FYI I've organised a meeting of related managers on Friday afternoon to consider Daran's version of this letter and a different request along the same lines from Kapiti Aero Club, that will shape our response.

I'll let everyone know that you've had it too Adrienne.

Nga mihi

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From: Daran Ponter – Chair <Daran.Ponter@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 2 September 2020 4:21 PM
To: Adrienne Staples <Adrienne.Staples@gw.govt.nz>

Cc: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>

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To: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
Cc: [Greg Campbell](#); [Luke Troy](#)
Subject: RE: Kapiti Airport Regional Civil Defence importance
Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2020 2:04:22 pm
Attachments: [Ponter.doc](#)

Thanks Daran.

I've convened a short meeting of officers on Friday to discuss this, with a view to providing comments next week. I'll add this one to the mix as well.

Greg and Luke, attached is the letter to Daran referred to below.

Nga mihi

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Subject: FW: Kapiti Airport Regional Civil Defence importance

Hi Amanda - can you please have a look at this one as well.

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You will have received the invite from KCDC to talk about this.

Ngā mihi
Helen

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Subject: Kapiti Airport Regional Civil Defence importance

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PROACTIVE RELEASE

From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Greg Campbell](#); [Matthew Hickman](#)
Subject: RE: Kapiti
Date: Wednesday, 7 October 2020 2:49:31 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi Greg & Matt

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Matthew O'Driscoll](#)
Cc: [Greg Campbell](#)
Subject: RE: Kapiti
Date: Friday, 9 October 2020 10:44:55 am

FYI Matt

(O'Driscoll rather than Hickman)

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At Mayoral Forum today, it was concluded that no further action could be taken on this. In effect, the situation has been accepted.

Greg Campbell | Chief Executive - Te Tumu Whakarae

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Ngā mihi,
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Subject: Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure
Date: Monday, 31 August 2020 8:29:28 am
Attachments: [31082020 Regional Council Request.pdf](#)

Good morning Daran

We look forward to the Greater Wellington Regional Council's response to the attached. Thanks.

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31 August 2020

Mr D. Ponter
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Wellington Regional Council
Box 11646
Wellington 6142

Dear Daran

Paraparaumu Airport – Threat of Closure

The owners of Paraparaumu Airport, NZ Prop Co, have advised all operators and stakeholders in the airport that "the airport faces significant economic viability issues" and that "safety was now a significant concern for the airport" and that they are considering all options for the continued operation of the airport.

Can you please advise what the Regional Council's response is to the very real threat of closure of Paraparaumu Airport and what actions you will take to ensure the airport remains open and operational for the foreseeable future.

The operative Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region includes Paraparaumu Airport as Regionally Significant Infrastructure and notes the efficient use and development of such infrastructure can be adversely affected by development. Policy 8 and Method 1 requires district and regional plans to include policies and rules that protect Regionally Significant Infrastructure from incompatible new subdivision, use and development occurring under over, or adjacent to the infrastructure.

We understand District Plans must give effect to regional policy statements and any national policy and environmental standards. While there are many references to Paraparaumu Airport in the Kapiti Coast District Council's (KCDC) operative and proposed District Plans, these appear to only control the activities in and around the airport and its approaches and but do not appear to protect the existence of the airport, a Regionally Significant Infrastructure, itself. There is no acknowledgement of the significance of the Paraparaumu Airport to the region in KCDC's 2018 – 2038 Long Term Plan. This would appear to be a material oversight.

In addition to the oversight highlighted above, we ask when preparing your reply that you consider:

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The Wellington Northern Corridor including the current Transmission Gully and Peka Peka to Ōtaki Expressway projects will hasten the economic growth of the Kapiti Coast and are expected to change the demographics of those who live on the coast. Formerly, the Kapiti Coast was a pleasant place to retire to. Due to the decreased travel times introduced by the Wellington Northern Corridor, the population balance of the Wellington Region is expected to shift north and the average age of those living on the coast reduce as younger people move into the area. In time, Wellington's population will be spread further north along the west coast – but, if Paraparaumu Airport is closed, it's major airport will be at the most southern end of the region.

To provide ready access to air services without overloading the region's roads, the community would be better served by there being a well-supported Paraparaumu Airport in the north of the region's major population base with routes served by turbo-prop aircraft to New Zealand's major cities and other regional centres. This will ensure travel time and distance to services are minimised for all modes of travel.

2. **Regional resilience and National Assembly Area**

During a major Wellington earthquake, the Kapiti community could become isolated due to disruption of the road and rail network along Centennial Highway (Pukerua Bay), Transmission Gully and Otaki bridge. Although helicopters can land on most sports fields, when its runway has been inspected, Paraparaumu would be vital for fixed wing resupply to the Kapiti Coast and medical evacuation to other centres. The Wellington Earthquake National Initial Response Plan acknowledges the importance of Paraparaumu airport as both a self-contained transit node (with its Jet A-1 and Avgas fuel supplies) and ability to support medium lift military aircraft. The airport's central location on the Kapiti Coast and large land area is also recognised in the Plan as a Potential National Assembly Area.

We are very conscious of the country's housing crisis but believe sacrificing a strategic local asset is not the way to free up land for residential development. Mr Wayne Maxwell, Chief Executive, KCDC has advised there is plenty of other land available in the district for such development.

Although Paraparaumu Airport's owners have publicly stated "they are considering all options" for the future of the airport, their actions indicate an intention to close it before Christmas or apply such significant restrictions to its use that current operators and leaseholders would have no option but to cease their operations and abandon it.

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Yours sincerely



Tony Quayle
President & Chief Executive

cc: Mayor K. Gurunathan – Kapiti Coast District Council
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Subject: Key points for response to [REDACTED] docx
Date: Friday, 11 September 2020 12:52:53 pm
Attachments: [Key points for response to \[REDACTED\] docx](#)

Hi Fleur

This is pretty rough and higher level – trying to keep it brief.

Any major flaws that you can see?

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Please see attached – starting points for a response letter to [REDACTED] which can be adapted for Kapiti Aero Club. For discussion at our catchup.

The commentary from various people in GW is “proceed with caution” around this as none of the regional plans include Paraparaumu Airport.

Talk soon
Amanda

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Helen Plant](#)
Subject: Kāpiti Airport in Regional Plans - briefing note
Date: Monday, 16 November 2020 11:23:12 am
Attachments: [Kāpiti Airport in Regional Plans.docx](#)

Here you go Helen – one for the briefing pack.

Nga mihi
Amanda

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From: [Kim Kelly](#)
To: [Amanda Cox](#)
Cc: [Sean Mahoney](#)
Subject: Info for Kapiti Airport
Date: Monday, 7 September 2020 1:27:17 pm

In thinking about this a bit more and what we might say in any letter back regarding the WRGF, I don't think we should actually make any comment. GWRC have had some briefings on the WRGF and some will have attended workshops but there is no GWRC position yet as they will not be considering the draft Framework until the end of October. So any comment about alignment or not would be mine rather than an official comment. So at this stage best to say nothing on the WRGF.

Thanks

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[Kapiti Airport Regional Civil Defence importance \(49.8 KB\).msg](#)
[Paraparaumu Airport - Threat of Closure \(139 KB\).msg](#)
Importance: High

Hi Penny.... See the notes (below) Amanda has prepared that will be useful for the meeting today.

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Helen

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I hope this is useful for you, noting that it's day 3 for me! I'd really appreciate any feedback that you have regarding this advice.

I'm in a meeting from 10-12 but am otherwise free to discuss or follow up anything as needs be.

Nga mihi
Amanda



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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Greg Campbell](#)
Subject: FW: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club; approach from here
Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2020 12:27:32 pm
Attachments: [31082020171202-0001.pdf](#)

Hi Greg

Just checking in with you as I'll be drafting a response

- Penny is wary of being dragged into this from a political perspective; I rang her about it and she said that it is the topic of much speculation & debate etc despite no decisions having been made by the new owners
- I've forwarded to Matt Hickman in E Pol (given the RPS) and Tracy Plane in Corporate Planning. It is relevant to regional transport, regional growth planning & economic development
- People are keen to form a collective view shaping a relatively succinct response at this stage; I've convened a short zoom meeting on Friday focussed on that. Comments would then be provided with that approach in mind.
- Guru has asked that Daran, Penny and I meet with him and Wayne Maxwell next week to discuss it further (that invite arrived this morning). I see that as helpful in understanding the political context.

Does that sound reasonable? Am I missing anything vital? Obviously I'd need to connect with Daran beforehand about the approach.

Nga mihi

Amanda
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Ngā mihi
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Subject: Scan Data from PRFX05

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Penny Gaylor](#)
Subject: FW: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club
Date: Monday, 31 August 2020 4:35:28 pm
Attachments: [31082020171202-0001.pdf](#)

Hi Penny

I've just got this from Helen - Daran's looking for a response for me to draft from us (he's a week early!)

Anyway, I thought I would check in with you about this; what are your thoughts on it?

I'll also check in with Matt Hickman and Tracy Plane as we might have some views from RPS/ regional resilience/ transport planning perspectives.

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To: [Grant Fletcher](#); [Kim Kelly](#); [Sean Mahoney](#); [Amanda Cox](#); [Matthew Hickman](#)
Subject: FW: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club to the Chair
Date: Monday, 31 August 2020 4:54:14 pm
Attachments: [31082020171202-0001.pdf](#)

Hi Amanda

Hope you don't mind me bringing a couple of others into the mix on this. Presume this is sensitive information so probably best if we all treat as confidential for now.

I thought you might have some comments from the following perspectives:

Grant - regional transport
Kim - regional growth planning
Sean - economic development

On a personal note having just moved to the coast, this would be a real shame!

Ngā mihi

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-----Original Message-----

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Monday, 31 August 2020 4:40 PM
To: Tracy Plane <Tracy.Plane@gw.govt.nz>; Matthew Hickman <Matthew.Hickman@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: FW: Letter from Kapiti Aero Club to the Chair

Hi Tracy and Matt

Please see attached this letter; Daran has asked me to respond to it (he's a week early!). I've asked Penny G for her comments.

What are your thoughts? Do we have a view from an RPS and/or transport planning perspective around this that we would want to convey?

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From: [Helen Plant](#)
To: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
Cc: [Penny Gaylor](#); [Amanda Cox](#)
Subject: FW: Kāpiti Independent request
Date: Monday, 28 September 2020 11:09:55 am
Attachments: [Response to \[REDACTED\] re Paraparaumu Airport.docx](#)
[Response to Kapiti Aero Club re Paraparaumu Airport.docx](#)

Hi Daran... as this is from the media, are you happy with 'copying' the response we sent to [REDACTED] or Kapiti Aero, that we sent a couple of weeks ago?

Ngā mihi
Helen

From: Amanda Cox <Amanda.Cox@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Sunday, September 27, 2020 3:37 AM
To: Helen Plant <Helen.Plant@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: Kāpiti Independent request

Hi Helen
Could you help with this request from Penny please? It looks pretty straightforward. I'll follow up anything else when I get back next Thursday.
Many thanks
Amanda

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From: Penny Gaylor <Penny.Gaylor@gw.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, September 25, 2020 3:52 PM
To: Amanda Cox
Subject: Fwd: Kāpiti Independent request

Hi Amanda

Please see request below - I reckon I could just send him the content of the letter that has gone out in Daran's name, rehabs some might not be necessary - can you please send it to me in an email and I shall re do.

No need til Monday.

Thanks heaps Penny

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 25 September 2020 at 9:58:32 AM NZST
To: Penny Gaylor <Penny.Gaylor@gw.govt.nz>
Subject: Kāpiti Independent request

FAO:

GWRC, Councillor Penny Gaylor

Kia Ora Councillor Gaylor

We are publishing a series of articles on the future of Kāpiti Airport.

Because of the GWRC's importance in all this, could you tell us please:

1. What is your position on the future of the Airport?
2. Could you outline the decisions the GWRC has made, or is considering, to keep the airport open in view of its vital civil defence role?
3. I understand important plans have been made in the past regarding the Airport's role in a civil defence emergency. How important is this now?
Can you please include references for these decisions in your reply.
4. Could you also let us know, please, what further action you will take in view of the overwhelming support in the Region
for the retention of the Airport.
5. You stated last year that one of your major achievements was to get a productive political relationship between the Regional Council
and the KCDC. Are you now working closely with the KCDC on this?

We would be grateful if you could give these matters your early attention.

With sincere regards,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature area of the letter.

From: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
To: [Amanda Cox](#)
Subject: FW: Airports
Date: Friday, 11 September 2020 3:59:12 pm
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Adrienne Staples
Sent: Thursday, 10 September 2020 6:25 p.m.
To: Daran Ponter – Chair
Subject: RE: Airports

Yes, the problem Kapiti Airport has is that the land is privately owned. It completely goes against New Zealand property rights for councils to try and prevent the owner for using it for something else if the zoning allows, which in this case it does not from what I can see from KCDC's DP. It seems to me that they would have to put through a plan change which I imagine would be loudly opposed. The problem I then see is that if the airport is not commercially viable, the owners could go to ground and allow it to run into disrepair therefore stopping operations through safety issues. It's not hard to do, you just need a couple of potholes and the commercial flights won't be able to land. Then there will be enormous costs to bring it back to standard. My guess is that the only way that piece of land can be guaranteed to remain an airport is for KCDC to buy it and NOT ask GWRC for a contribution.

Just my thoughts.

Cheers

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From: Daran Ponter – Chair
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Adrienne Staples
Cc: Amanda Cox
Subject: Airports

Hi Adrienne, In your capacity as Chair of RTC, just wanted to advise that following a meeting with Mayor Guru yesterday I have asked Amanda to commence a piece of work that:

- Identifies the planning instruments and strategy documents within which the status of both Paraparaumu, Masterton and Wellington Airport are either identified or missing.
- Identifies a plan of action for ensuring that these three airports are appropriately identified in all relevant planning instruments for the Greater Wellington region.

Any thoughts.

Daran

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Fleur Matthews](#)
Subject: Key points for response to [REDACTED].docx
Date: Friday, 11 September 2020 12:52:53 pm
Attachments: [Key points for response to \[REDACTED\].docx](#)

Hi Fleur

This is pretty rough and higher level – trying to keep it brief.

Any major flaws that you can see?

Nga mihi
Amanda

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
Subject: Key points for response to [REDACTED].docx
Date: Friday, 11 September 2020 2:21:52 pm
Attachments: [Key points for response to \[REDACTED\].docx](#)

Hi Daran

Please see attached – starting points for a response letter to [REDACTED], which can be adapted for Kapiti Aero Club. For discussion at our catchup.

The commentary from various people in GW is “proceed with caution” around this as none of the regional plans include Paraparaumu Airport.

Talk soon
Amanda

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From: [Amanda Cox](#)
To: [Sean Mahoney](#); [Grant Fletcher](#); [Tracy Plane](#); [Kim Kelly](#); [Matthew Hickman](#)
Subject: Forming a response to Kapiti Aero Club - our collective approach
Attachments: [FW Kapiti Airport Regional Civil Defence importance \(48.6 KB\).msg](#)
[Letter from Kapiti Aero Club \(103 KB\).msg](#)

Two letters have now come to Daran about this – see attached.

Sorry this is the only time – I know there is at least one clash

Amanda Cox is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

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Agenda

KCDC / GWRC meeting

KCDC offices, 175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu

18 November 2020 at 9am

1. Update on Investment Business Case for Capital Connection replacement/Future Rail – facts sheets attached (Scott)
2. QEP – future plans (Cr Prue Lamason)
3. Otaki Lakes Access update (Graeme Campbell)
4. Kapiti Airport in regional plans (Amanda Cox)
5. LIMs re coastal inundation (Daran)
6. Land purchase at Paraparaumu Station (KCDC)
7. Lengthy time and costs re stormwater consents (KCDC)
8. Changes to the Natural Resources Plan (KCDC)
9. Weigh Station (KCDC)

From: [Helen Plant](#)
To: [Scott Gallacher](#); [Graeme Campbell](#); [Amanda Cox](#); [Matthew Hickman](#); [Alistair Cross](#)
Cc: [Daran Ponter - External](#); [Penny Gaylor](#); [Prue Lamason](#)
Subject: Agenda for the KCDC / GWRC meeting on Wednesday
Date: Monday, 16 November 2020 11:08:09 am
Attachments: [KCDC AND GWRC meeting 18 Nov 2020.pdf](#)

Hello all.... The attached agenda has expanded.....officers, if you could please send me any info you have on your related topics and I will compile a pack for the meeting. As the agenda is more extensive than first expected, Penny is allocating timing to each item which will make the meeting flow.

Many thanks
Helen

PROACTIVE RELEASE

From: [Amanda Cox](#)

To: [Mayor K Gurnathan](#)

Subject: Accepted: 3.30pm Zoom meeting KDCDC Mayor Gurnathan and Chief Executive Wayne Maxwell with GWRC Chair Daran Ponter, Cllr Penny Gaylor and Amanda Cox - re Kapiti Airport

PROACTIVE RELEASE

From: [REDACTED]
To: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
Subject: Kapiti Airport Regional Civil Defence importance
Date: Tuesday, 1 September 2020 12:20:23 pm
Attachments: [Ponter.doc](#)

Kapiti Airport

Regional Civil Defence importance

Daran Ponter,

Chairperson, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), daran.ponter@gw.govt.nz

Dear Mr Ponter, please see the attached letter and we look forward to seeing your public response on this vital local and regional issue.

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31 August 2018

Daran Ponter,
Chairperson, Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC), daran.ponter@gw.govt.nz

Kapiti Airport
Regional Civil Defence importance

Dear Mr Ponter,

As the GWRC Chairperson I'm sure you will be aware that the future of the Kapiti Airport lies in the balance with the new owners suggesting they may close it down as they say it's uneconomic. This is of immediate importance to the Greater Wellington Regional Council which classifies Kapiti Airport as Regionally Significant Infrastructure ¹.

While it's a small busy airport its regional significance is far greater than that. It is, in the proper sense of the word, unique, as the only back up to Wellington Airport in the event of a major natural disaster, most obviously the earthquake which will inevitably hit Wellington. In recognition of this, in December 2018, the Ministry of Civil Defence assigned Kapiti Airport a crucial role for the Defence Force ² in the **Annex to the Wellington Earthquake National Initial Response Plan**.

Even a nearby earthquake is likely to do enormous damage to Wellington and the airport. The 1855 Wairarapa earthquake generated New Zealand's largest recorded tsunami - 11 metres high - which completely inundated the Rongotai-Kilbirnie isthmus where Wellington Airport now stands. In the case of an earthquake and / or a tsunami damaging or destroying Wellington Airport, Kapiti Airport is the only airport in the region and must be retained if there is to be any comprehensive civil defence infrastructure for the region.

The airport is already properly oriented to allow operation in the often strong prevailing winds in the region, it is close to the Main Trunk Railway line and even closer to State Highway One, all vital factors in having a viable back up airport in the event of the inevitable earthquake which faces Wellington.

¹ Wellington Regional Policy Statement pg 194 (GWRC) <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans--Publications/Regional-Policy-Statement/RPS-Full-Documentedited.pdf>

² Pg. 18 <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/WENIRP-2.0-Annex-1-FINAL-PUBLICATION.pdf>

The massive but little publicised damage to the Wellington container port done by the Kaikoura earthquake shows how isolated Wellington will be when a major earthquake occurs - the damage took years to repair rendering the port unable to handle containers for a considerable period of time.

While any change of use would require the land to be rezoned, the simple closure of the airport by the new owners - land developers not airport operators - would save them money and cause huge disruption to many business and jeopardise the vital long term role the airport plays in the region's civil defence infrastructure

It is vital that elected officials - MPs, and Regional and District Councillors - **publicly** commit to securing the long-term future of Kapiti airport.

There is already a groundswell of concern and interest about the future of the airport. On August the 27th this year, George Jenkins, spokesperson for Puketapu Hapū ki Paraparaumu vigorously reaffirmed the Hapu's commitment to retaining the airport as an airport³. The National Party's candidate for the Otaki seat, Tim Costely⁴ has already called for the long term future of the airport to be secured. this.

We look forward to seeing GWRC make a similar commitment as the new owners of the airport are currently considering closing the airport.

Yours faithfully,

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³ <https://beachfm.transistor.fm/episodes/george-jenkins-spokesperson-for-puketapu-hapu-ki-paraparaumu>

⁴ https://www.nzherald.co.nz/nz/news/article.cfm?c_id=1&objectid=12355097

From: [Daran Ponter – Chair](#)
To: [Wayne Maxwell](#); [Mayor K Gurunathan](#)
Cc: [Penny Gaylor](#); [Amanda Cox](#)
Subject: FW: Draft email to Mayor Guru and CE Wayne Maxwell
Date: Tuesday, 22 September 2020 12:34:53 pm
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Kia ora korua

Kia ora Guru and Wayne

Trust all is well.

Following our Zoom meeting on 9 September, I wanted to update you regarding the status of Paraparaumu Airport within the Civil Defence planning framework, and the Wellington Regional Growth Framework. These seemed the most likely opportunities to recognise the regional value of the airport.

WREMO perspective: The *Wellington Earthquake National Initial Response Plan* includes the airport in the annex. WREMO has a similar plan - the *Wellington Region Earthquake Plan (WREP)* - and Paraparaumu Airport is included in this plan.

However, this inclusion does not justify the need to keep the airport operating. When WREMO developed the WREP, it was informed of the likelihood that following an earthquake the landing strip at Paraparaumu Airport would suffer significant liquefaction and would only be useable for rotor wing aircraft (helicopters). Paraparaumu Airport was chosen for inclusion because they have a control tower and fencing for security.

WREMO noted that landing rotor wing aircraft could also be done anywhere. Should the airport no longer be available, WREMO can also land helicopters in a field, or another open location. That is, they would just amend the plan to allow for available facilities.

Wellington Regional Growth Framework: You will have been part of the prior briefings for this regional spatial plan for housing, employment and travel, and latterly economic development and recovery. I understand GW, KCDC, along with all other councils in the region, iwi and Cabinet will be asked to endorse it from around early October.

In early 2021 councils will be asked to join a Joint Committee. My view is that ports and airports (including Paraparaumu Airport) should be included in the work programme for this Joint Committee once it is established. In any case it would need formal support of GW and of other councils, and those discussions would be best to have once the Committee is up and running.

Nga mihi



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