



**Date:** Tuesday 20 May 2014  
**Time:** 6.00pm  
**Meeting Room:** Devonport-Takapuna Local Board Chamber  
**Venue:** Takapuna Service Centre  
Level 3  
1 The Strand  
Takapuna

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## Devonport-Takapuna Local Board OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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29 April 2014

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Dear Mike

**NATIONAL OCEAN WATER SPORTS CENTRE (NOWSC) FACILITY AT TAKAPUNA – Relationship Agreement**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 April 2014 which requests Auckland Council to review its Relationship Agreement with the Harbour Access Trust for the delivery of the National Ocean Water Sports Centre (NOWSC) at Takapuna.

The Relationship Agreement is a high level agreement which sets out council's financial commitment of \$3M to the project and establishes a cooperative relationship between council and the Harbour Access Trust in order to deliver the project vision. The vision for the project, as set out in the Relationship Agreement, is to provide marine access facilities and services for high performance ocean sports and associated events.

As events have transpired details of the project vision are changing. However, at this stage in the project, there would be no real benefit in amending the Relationship Agreement. This is reinforced by the fact that the Relationship Agreement can only be varied or terminated by mutual agreement between Council and the Harbour Access Trust. Instead, the altered details, would be better reflected in a specific funding agreement which reflected the changes in details and would take precedence over the redundant details in the Relationship Agreement.


Council's financial commitment to the NOWSC project is in the form of a grant. In order to clearly document the outcomes sought by council and the pre-conditions for payment of the grant to the Harbour Access Trust, council will draft a funding agreement and a supplementary community access agreement. The funding agreement is expected to be completed within the next three months.

I consider it appropriate that any community access agreement seek the input of the relevant Local Board. If the project progresses to this stage I would therefore expect that the Local Board will be contacted at the appropriate time. In the event that the Harbour Access Trust wish to locate the facility on the Takapuna Beach Reserve, they will require a lease with council and landowner approval prior to the release of any funding.

Council considers that the funding agreement will provide all the checks and balances required for the payment of the grant to the Harbour Access Trust. There is no need to review the Relationship Agreement as it will remain in the background while the funding agreement will set out the steps that must be completed by the Harbour Access Trust before any portion of the grant is paid.

I trust this helps to clarify council's position with regard to the Relationship Agreement between council and the Harbour Access Trust.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Town  
CEO





**Lomandra Tanika (Akoranga Drive)**  
Lomandra Tanika has proven to be one of the toughest, most reliable landscape plants. Tanika is much finer than the common type of Lomandra longifolia which will produce an attractive flower head in spring. Tolerant to windy, dry conditions and suitable for a variety of landscape applications.



**Coprosma repens 'Poor Knights'**  
Semi-prostrate form of Coprosma repens from the Poor Knights Islands. Best in sun though tolerant to coastal and humid conditions. Fast growing and easy to maintain. Prune to maintain foliage production.

**Xylocarpus australis (cabbage tree)**  
The cabbage tree has a straight trunk and a densely rounded head. Each stem on this iconic NZ native is crowned by a rosette of strappy long leaves. Dense panicles of creamy fragrant flowers appear late in the summer. Withstands waterlogged soil but in warm, humid areas keep the root zone cool by mulching or shade-planting. Good coastal option.

