

Franklin Local Board

Draft Plan

30 June 2017

Dear Franklin Board Draft Plan

We are submitting our say on the need to improve the facilities at the Karaka Sportspark. This is important to create a base in our community for sports teams to train compete and interact as well as house visiting sports team from different sectors of sports.

Karaka lacks a central place where everyone can 'get together on a social level' and we feel this would be the ideal area for the Karaka community of all ages and interests and it will serve the needs of the Karaka community well into the future.

With the growing housing development in the area such as future development of Dyke Road 'Village Zoning' and Wesley Special Housing Area, will place the Karaka Sportspark in a central location to these developments and will accommodate the increasing need for a base for the local community, also adding a more 'spread out' cost of rates over more households.

The process of determining what projects are to be supported by Targeted Rates should involve extensive consultation between Council and Community, with specific funding areas. We would like to see more detail as to what areas of the Karaka Sports Park will be developed with Targeted Rates and at what cost and length of time period for maintenance etc- and we are sure this will come in due course if the Targeted Rates are approved.

We are aware there are many areas that could use the funding from Targeted Rates to improve our community, but we do see the Karaka Sportspark to be a main priority.

Kind Regards

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