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Great Barrier Island

Great Barrier Local Board

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To Great Barrier Island Local Board.

I have written this letter of enquiry to the board as a concerned business owner, resident and rate-payer on Great Barrier Island. My enquiry is as follows.

What is the local boards current position regarding spending/budgets for the Great Barrier Island road network? We have received word from Fulton Hogan (sub-contractor) to Downers (lead contractor) that there will be no capital expenditure works for roading this year Jan - Dec 2018. The only work scheduled being Cyclic maintenance conducted by the island-based Fulton Hogan crew.

Can you confirm if there is other budgeted works proposed for this year, I.E. Footpaths, retaining walls, Minor safety upgrades.

Can you confirm if Downers & Fulton Hogan still maintain a policy of encouraging local contractors? From our perspective this policy is now a moot point, especially when we see these contractors importing machinery, that duplicates what is already available locally. E.g. New truck & excavator for road rehab works, sucker/sweeper truck for dish drain clearance. I would respectfully query the value for money for all stakeholders?

Additionally, we are concerned by the lack of "value for money services", caused by the use of off island contractors Fulton Hogan & Downers, who bring little back to our island economy and give even less opportunities for local contractors. Essentially taking money from the roading budget and putting it firmly into the pockets of firms like Fulton Hogan. This ticket clipping needs addressing sooner than later.

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