

Date: Tuesday 17 April 2018
Time: 1:00pm
Meeting Room: Claris Conference Centre
Venue: 19 Whangaparapara Road
Claris
Great Barrier Island

Great Barrier Local Board

OPEN MINUTE ITEM ATTACHMENTS

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Whangaparapara Residents & Ratepayers Group

Great Barrier Island Local Board,
Claris,
Great Barrier Island.

April 13, 2018

Re: Whangaparapara Road

Whangaparapara residents have long been dissatisfied with the condition of the Whangaparapara Road, particularly the unsealed part of the road between the Hot Springs track entrance and the Harpoon Hill turnoff.

Our concerns relate not only to the expense of repairs due to constant wear and tear on our vehicles, but also to the safety of all road users.

At a recent gathering of residents, it was decided that this letter, outlining our main concerns and suggesting some possible actions to address them, would be presented at the next Local Board meeting.

The Whangaparapara Road is much more heavily trafficked than is indicated if planners only considered use by the relatively small resident population.

The following points are worthy of consideration:

- Whangaparapara is the island's main entry port for heavy machinery, roading materials, and fuel.
- Whangaparapara is a popular port of call for visiting boaties, many of whom walk the road to the Hot Springs track. It also carries a large share of tourist traffic in both rental and private vehicles.
- Many of the island's main walking tracks begin (or end) at Whangaparapara, creating increased road transfer traffic.
- The recent successful re-opening of the Great Barrier Lodge, coupled with their competitive pricing for fuel and other goods, has resulted in a large increase in daily traffic.
- Our all-tide, all-weather small vessel launching ramp is used extensively year round.

**Tabled at the Great Barrier
Local Board business meeting
on Tuesday 17 April 2018**

While the residents appreciate the reasons previously given for **not** sealing the Whangaparapara Road from the Hot Springs track to the Harpoon Hill turn-off, we do have some suggestions to make.

- Institute and maintain a regular (monthly) maintenance schedule on this part of the road – grading & rolling. At present this work seems only to be done on an ad hoc basis (occasionally after rain, or when a gravel or machinery barge is due, or when enough people complain.)
- Concrete the steep corners (which are the main areas where serious corrugations rapidly recur) This work could be done by local contractors (as was done in northern stretches of Aotea Road.)

The resultant decrease in dust nuisance (which is hazardous as well as unhealthy, particularly in dry weather), as well as a decrease in wear and tear on our vehicles, would be of considerable benefit. A further benefit of note would be the reduction in cost of maintenance over time, making it cost neutral.

Thank you for your consideration.
We look forward to on-going constructive dialogue on this matter, and a positive outcome.

On behalf of the Whangaparapara Residents & Ratepayers Group.



The majority of permanent Whangaparapara residents have seen this letter & concur with its contents. Those few who have not been contacted are either away from the island at present, or do not wish to engage with the wider community.