

Deputy Chairperson G Gillon

PFAS contamination at Ngataringa Bay

1. I (with George and Mike C) attended a joint Council and NZDF briefing on the PFAS contamination at Ngataringa Bay. am still concerned about the level of contamination at Ngataringa Bay. Although the NZDF report seems sure that there is little harm to humans there does seem to be potential harm to our wildlife. The Shoal and Ngataringa Bays are highly valued ecosystems for Dotterel, tern and other local and migratory birds. They eat a range of foods such as molluscs and worms and shrimps. Nine composite mollusc and three crab samples were collected in March 2018 and PFAS were detected in all samples. 5 samples exceeded the avian wildlife diet guidelines for the protection of birds. The main risk seems to be second generation ie the chicks.
2. A second concern is over the Ngataringa tip site not being tested yet anecdotal evidence points to it being the location of discarded (used) foam concentrate drums, further the tradewaste discharge into the Council wastewater system hasn't been tested since 2017 when testes showed high levels of PFA contamination.
3. Recommendations:
That the Devonport Takapuna Local Board
 - A. requests Land Fill team to test the old Tip site at Ngataringa Park for PFAS contamination.
 - B. Requests that further PFAS testing be carried out on the natural food source of the birdlife at Ngataringa and Shoal Bays,
 - C. That a further test be carried out on the tradewaste entering the Council's wastewater system from NZDF to assess the current level of PFAS contamination.

Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (TMA) meeting with local board chair's

4. On 11th March, as Deputy Chair, I attended the Tūpuna Maunga o Tāmaki Makaurau Authority (TMA) meeting with local board chair's.
5. Several points were made in the presentation.
 - Paul Majurey advised that TMA are aware of our track project proposals for Maungauika/North Head;
 - The TMA will talk to some local boards about adding in contiguous land to the Maunga i.e. transfer of some Council or Crown owned land to the relevant Maunga. It was unclear if it affected our board area;
 - They are working with the fire service about reducing fire risk on the Maunga including pre-fire season and post-fire season meetings;
 - The TMA are investigating a more fire resistant grass for sowing and receiving fire service advice on species;
 - There will be extensive tree removal on parts of some of the Maunga. They will only remove trees where the removal won't damage archaeological features;
 - New aggregate has been sourced for track building. This will replace the previous aggregate that found its way into archaeological sites; damaging some e.g. kumara pits;

- The TMA will arrange local board visits in the middle of the year; and
 - The issue of community liaison was raised with some boards, represented at the meeting, raising the issue in a strong manner.
6. Recommendations
- That the Devonport Takapuna Local Board
- A. request that officers contact the Tupuna Maunga Authority and clarify whether any trees are planned to be removed from our local Maunga; and if any contiguous Council or Crown owned land is under discussion for transfer to the Maunga.

Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development's role in delivering local economic development initiatives from 1 July 2019

7. The letter of expectation which informs the development of Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development's (ATEED) draft statement of intent for 2019-2022 was presented at the 19 February 2019 Finance and Performance Committee. A brief overview of the general messages and priorities include:
- programme delivery by demonstrating value for money across all expenditure;
 - building trust and confidence;
 - Auckland Plan 2050 implementation;
 - addressing challenges associated with climate change; and
 - promote Maori outcomes.
8. The letter of expectation proposes four strategic priorities which ATEED should reflect in their statement of intent, which include:
- supporting sustainable group of Auckland's regional visitor economy;
 - attract regional investment Auckland;
 - continued focus on economic development outcomes in Auckland's south and west; and
 - develop robust performance measures.
9. The letter of expectation and its respective priorities raises a number of concerns which could have an impact on the local board's ability to deliver local economic development initiatives. It is unclear what:
- role ATEED will provide to businesses, Business Improvement Districts and other related entities in the north going forward;
 - advice to local board will be given to support and deliver of local tourism initiatives (such as the Explore North Shore initiative);
 - role ATEED will have to support and deliver local economic development initiatives; and
 - impact the significant emphasis on regional investment and growing the visitor economy will have locally;
- B. values economic development as a means of supporting local employment and business growth and local jobs reduces traffic congestion, especially on the Harbour Bridges.
10. Recommendations:
- That the Devonport Takapuna Local Board

- C. notes Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development's statement of Intent requires a focus on West and South at the detriment to the North.
- D. notes Auckland Tourism, Events and Economic Development intends to reduce its contribution to the North with the YES programme is funded by a Devonport Takapuna Local Board budget contribution.
- E. Notes that Devonport Takapuna's budget is over-extended by current demand and cannot absorb the extra costs of maintaining ATEED's current business support programmes.
- F. Requests that ATEED's Statement of Intent for 2019-22 be amended to include economic development initiatives on the North Shore, in addition to the current focus on West and South.

Signed

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Dr. Grant Gillon – Elected Local Board Member