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To Aotea Great Barrier Local Board
Meeting 3rd December 2019
Dear Members

Re: maintenance, signage and safety of the road path/walkway between Police station north to Kauri Glen.

Written letter in support of the presentation at the Public session today:

I wrote a letter and submitted it to the Local Board requesting a walkway for the public from Claris to the Hot Springs track probably a decade ago when I lived at Whangaparapara and it was great to see a move a few years ago to establish a partial tar sealed path/track beside the present roadway from the police station almost to Kauri Glen.

Signage:
Myself and several friends who live in the Claris area often walk/bike this path and I wish to draw your attention to its sad state of neglect and disrepair. Many people do not even realise (especially vehicle drivers,) that this is a walking path as there are no notices or signage to alert traffic to walker's safety.
Walking figures painted every 25 metres on the tar seal, signposts, highlighter reflectors where there are no wooden barriers etc. are inexpensive to set up.

Maintenance:
Maintenance is seriously needed before the path disintegrates back into nature.
Regular tidy ups to sweep loose metal, remove kukuia grass and remove fallen debris especially small pieces of gum branches that can stab you in the shins make walking a risk taking adventure.

Completion of walkway from Claris to Xroads or even to Sports Club:
This is a main throughfare for walkers who need to use this method at all hours whether locals, visitors, hitchhikers or trampers walking to track entrances.
I'm sure you are all aware of the situation as you all drive daily in this direction to your homes. The safety issue is paramount.

Thankyou for the opportunity to bring this to your attention.
I know you have plans in progress for going south past the police station to Claris so this may be resolvable in the same process.

Yours faithfully
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*Attached previous letter touching on this maintenance issue for your info*
Great Barrier Island, Claris Settlement Activation.

I'm sorry I missed your open day 1st December, as the Santa Parade and Market day were postponed owing to extreme weather conditions so I thought that included your info' time too and looked for you on the following Saturday.

I live in Claris and regularly walk through the village. So I was delighted when this opportunity came up to suggest improvements, upgrade present facilities and plan for future developments.

Walkway – repair and upgrade:

1) Claris (airport) to Ocean View road walkway – approx 1 km
   has sadly fallen into disrepair.
   In places the present path has fallen away, become boggy,
   wooden edges have been removed.

Rational:
   It is dangerous to walk on the road as the two way traffic is high as it is the island's main/only
   thorough fare. I see people walking from the airport with luggage having to scale the sandbank
   often.
   In winter you just can't use it.

2) Claris (airport) to Claris shops walkway – approx 1 km - as above
   as above plus many bush branches overgrown that wack you in the face – not kind to anyone if
   you're not looking.

3) Claris shops North to link with roadwalk past Police station – less than ½ km
   grass side of road on a slope and uneven so not conducive to walking on.
   The corner just before the police station is extremely dangerous to cross over
   (for pedestrians and traffic)
   Yesterday a car pulled out further onto the road to pass me and had to take defensive
   action to avoid hitting an unseen car coming around the corner from the opposite direction.

4) Continuation please of walkway established as part of tarsealed road going North –
    Kauri Glenn to X-roads – approx 1km
    I have seen young Mum’s with toddlers in pushchairs using this road,
    cyclist’s also take their life in their hands. Speed of traffic in this area makes for unpleasant
    walking/biking.

Walkways - Future planning

1) Claris north walkway to follow footpath through to the Sports Club, Golf Club then to Hot
    Springs
    the trampers and walkers would love you if you could follow this through in the future.
    Also all of the Claris residents and islanders - to help them keep fit in that they have a safe
    flat distance to walk safely.

2) Track to wind up the Grandstand hill (between Claris shops & Police station)
    would be a great lookout and easy reach of airport while people waiting to fill in time
    before departing. An icon for Claris =:)}
Public Seating in various places scattered around the neighbourhood:

- attractive alcoves or peaceful relaxing spots for people to catch up, walk to, or meet socially. Need shade with these hot summers.
- as residents usually arrange to meet in a central venue from different ends of Barrier
- at present only meeting seating places are commercial and you need money to buy!!

The Gum tree reserve at the roads is a good place.
- need to make some shade though as very hot in summer and can get sunburnt!

St John’s Community Church area Medlands:
- needs a park bench by their gate on the road grass verge under the Pukutukawa tree - because it is a one of the few places for people to sit out of the sun while waiting for lifts especially the elderly re op shop, counselling, church activities or youger hitchhikers catching the boat.
Tourist and School buses stop also – nice to be out in the fresh air while waiting.

Claris as “capital city of Barrier” has little in the way of scenic wanderings, parks or benches for picnics to offer family visiting, waits between travel, or peaceful scenic relaxation / non commercial and not close to speeding traffic.
There needs to be something to be proud of!!!??

Extended play areas for young children and teenagers

Many of the ideas suggested on your paper for Claris children and youth play areas,
I think would be better placed on other areas away from the traffic roads. Would also have to allow for parking areas adjacent
- traffic which is becoming heavier and faster as roads improve
- to find more peaceful safer options.

Thankyou for the opportunity to ponder

Teresa Manion Wood
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Greetings to everyone gathered today. I acknowledge mana whenua and the land we stand on. I acknowledge this house of democracy. I acknowledge the founders of Auckland from the earliest times and remember those who have passed. I acknowledge the Mayor and all my councillor colleagues, friends, family, staff of the council whanau and those tuning in on the live stream. A big huge warm mihi to you all.

It is a great honour to give a maiden speech as the newly elected Councillor for Waitemata and Gulf ward representing the beating heart of Tāmaki Makarau and the stunning gulf islands. An area contributing 20% of Auckland’s GDP, of tremendous population growth, increasing diversity, major cultural institutions, world class places of learning with residents who experience everything from dense urban vertical living to off grid rural lifestyles.

I acknowledge my predecessor Mike Lee, long serving councillor and former Chair of the ARC. Among many achievements he was instrumental in the renaissance of the Auckland’s public transport and expansion of the regional parks network. Passing the torch graciously is not always easy and I wish him and Jenny well.

It’s a privilege to have been part of Auckland Council right from the exciting, but at times daunting, beginning in 2010. I acknowledge Auckland’s first Mayor Len Brown for his massive contribution that has yet to be written — and for also making those early days fun. I pay tribute to my many colleagues over the years who have tried hard to make the super city experiment work for the best interests of our communities. It is very timely for the CCO review announced by the Mayor to examine the part of the governance model that was deliberately set up to corporatize Auckland and remove democratic decision-making.

I come to the governing body with the experience of nine years on the Waitemata local board working for, what can be summed up as, inclusive, accessible, safe, healthy, connected, sustainable, resilient communities for everyone to enjoy. It has been a challenging but immensely satisfying and enjoyable time. I’d like to think that I bring to the big table the ability to get stuff done, make the most of modest budgets, work alongside community and business organisations always with a commitment to genuine partnership with mana whenua. There is still much to learn, and I thank everyone who has supported me on that journey.
Former Chair Shale Chambers contribution to establishing the Waitematā Local Board and setting the foundations for strong local decision making across council can’t be underestimated. Remarkably as the chair and deputy chair combo over 9 years we never once had a bust up. I thank him for his support, guidance and for becoming such a strong advocate for Auckland being a great place to cycle even though you will never see him on a bike.

It was easy to let go knowing the Waitematā Local Board is in good hands under new chair Richard Northey and with an impressive team. A shout out too to the wonderful, committed local board staff who support the board so professionally and effectively.

It goes with the territory to be on the receiving end of nasty comments and the odd insult. Supposedly this includes “I get on well with bureaucrats and management”. I think that means you Mr Town and your team! Absolutely I will continue to value positive working relationships and collaboration with everyone who is committed to working for and serving the best interests of Auckland. My role is to ask the difficult questions and to know when to challenge advice but I make a commitment to always do that with kindness, empathy and respect. (just warning everyone I have a naturally resting bitch face that I can help!)

I acknowledge my fellow class of 2019 – Angela, Tracey and Shane. As former board chairs I believe we will bring to this table an approach of collaboration, cheerfulness and working together that we have experienced at the Chairs forum. I know we are all here to bring our A game. Actually forget A’s and B’s - I am calling it now that I am on team C – Team collaboration!

Like everyone around this table I was elected independently. What I do hold as a badge of pride is that I am part of the City Vision whanau and join Cathy Casey as a City Vision councillor. Like Cathy I don’t belong to a political party and just to put the record straight there is no party master (at least I am yet to meet him or her or find the so called back room where the deals are meant to be taking place). We are a progressive coalition with shared values of social justice, commitment to the Living Wage, outstanding public transport, environmental restoration, action on climate change, ownership of public assets, and a real say for local communities. We are upfront about what we stand for because we believe our role is far more than about us as individuals.

I respect that around this table we all come from different political traditions of the legacy councils. But the reality is that I wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for being part of City Vision. It was the only way for progressives to break the C&R stronghold over the old Auckland City Council. I acknowledge and thank all those who have supported my election. Robert Gallagher Chair of City Vision, Jeremy Greenbrook-Held, my campaign manager, the wider support team of volunteers including on Waiheke and the great team of candidates I stood alongside.

In many ways my path here started early on with community activism, volunteering and community-building. Like 39% of Aucklanders I was born overseas. I was born in London and raised in a post war new town called Hemel Hempstead where my politics were shaped from a young age by the threat of nuclear war, the toxicity of apartheid and the rise of Thatcherism.

My family immigrated to New Zealand just after I turned 14. Surprisingly for that difficult teenage period it was a move I embraced (in my version of the family history it was actually my idea to immigrate here and thank god we did). I immediately felt at home living in Ponsonby and attending Auckland Girls’ Grammar School, where my interests in service and
activism were encouraged. It is also where my north London accent was beaten out of me! I acknowledge Miss Poumtney my principal at AGGS who is here and who I am now allowed to call Charmaine and is a neighbour in Grey Lynn.

In 5th form I was a founding member of Auckland City Youth Council established under then Mayor Dame Cath Tizard. Many of the issues then we sought to bring a youth voice to continue to this day but now with increased urgency led by school strike for climate.

I was fortunate to spend my last year of school as an AFS student in Peru and to have completed a law degree at Otago University. I first experienced what it was like to be brutally defeated in an election when I came second to last for the OUSA exec well behind now Mayor of Whangerei Hamish McDouall.

My community activism continued during a 15 year legal career. It was awesome to be mentored along the way by John Edwards who gave me my first legal job and is now the Privacy Commissioner and Una Jagose my manager at the Ministry of Fisheries in Wellington who is now the Solicitor General.

During this time my dad Mel Coom was killed in a car crash at the age of 49. Many years later, and now as Vision Zero campaigner, I’ve come to think of dad’s death not just as a family tragedy but also as an example of why the “safe systems” approach to creating a forgiving road network is so vital. I applaud Auckland Transport for moving ahead with the slower speeds bylaw work and I will continue to be a tireless advocate for road safety and transport choice.

It was redundancy from an inhouse legal job at Vector over 10 years ago that really kick started my political career. It allowed me to pursue my passions and to throw myself into community busybody-ness, cycling advocacy, sustainability as chair of the Grey Lynn Farmers Market and Trustee of Grey Lynn 2030, and organiser of major climate action events. I am still working with many of the fabulous people that I met through that time and I give thanks for all the encouragement I received to pursue politics in particular from Suzanne Kendrick and Barb Cuthbert.

The challenge for this term of council cannot be overstated. Bold leadership is needed like never before. There can be no more business as usual. Our agreed 1.5°C target requires urgent climate action in the next 10 years. Everything has to be seen through the lens of the climate emergency and climate action must be at the heart of all our decision-making. I’m honoured to have the deputy chair role on the Environment and Climate Change committee working with Cr Hills as chair. We have big shoes to fill to continue the work led by Penny Hulse. I thank her also for her tremendous support to become councillor.

All of us as councillors need to be focused and prepared for the challenge ahead.

Decisions must be made for the long term, not just the short term.

We must recognise the inter-relationships between issues - climate, water, coastal risks, public transport, the central city transformation, economic development - and the broad benefits we can deliver for all communities across Auckland if we take an integrated approach.
We must ensure we are not locked into future pathway that could increase our emissions and decrease our resilience to climate impacts.

Every community will be impacted by climate change so regardless of personal viewpoints around the table, everyone has an important role to play in terms of preparing our communities for the impacts and transitions to come. We must ensure the inevitable transition is just.

It’s not just about a central city response, but from Rodney to Franklin, South Auckland and West Auckland. We need everyone around the council table reaching into their communities to help articulate the challenge ahead and also bring back the knowledge, insights, concerns and priorities to help craft community-specific responses to the climate emergency. This is why we must all be team collaboration.

I know you have indulged me extra time for this speech. But there are a few important acknowledgements I would like to end with. I’d like to acknowledge the Mayor, our koromatua. He is a good man with a warm heart who works incredibly hard for us all. I’d just love him not to drive so much (even if it is an e-car) and have more time for experiencing our communities on foot or bike. I think it is hugely symbolic that both the Mayor and councillor Fletcher have both spoken publicly about having grandchildren born in the week after the election. There’s been a reset on a fresh start this term to work together for future generations.

My partner Paul, also known as the Dennis Thatcher of Auckland politics, is here. You won’t see him at much but he is a constant support behind the scenes (please forgive me for always having an excuse not to do housework). Paul’s lack of interest in being my plus one is great news for my wonderful mum Barbara Grace who is always up for everything. Thank you to you both, my family and my wider urban whanau.

In the last week I’ve had the opportunity to attend the inaugural meetings of the local boards in my ward - Aotea Great Barrier, Waiwera and Whangarei (I have to fess up to missing the plane to Auckland and arriving late!) I look forward to building strong relationships with the three local boards, serving my entire ward and working hard to fulfill the aspirations of all Aucklanders.

There is a lot of work to get on with and I am here for it!

No reira tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tatou katoa
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#### What we’ve been doing

- Each year we deliver activities and services in your local board area. These are based on our three-year Local Board Plan.
- In 2019/2020, we delivered grant funding to support our health, welfare, education, tourism, arts and other community groups.
- The board-funded Ecology Vision coordinator, Okiwi pest coordinator and biodiversity/biosecurity officer roles continue to support community environment initiatives.
- We’ve continued investigations into the Claris cemetery, linking our walkways, and enhancing our village spaces.
- The Area Plan, which will assist the transition from the Hauraki Gulf Islands District Plan to the Unitary Plan, will be ready for consultation mid-2020.

#### Our proposed priorities for 2020/2021

- We are in a climate change emergency and will back community sustainability projects including the Ecological Footprint Project, potable water initiatives, on-island food production projects, and advocate for ethical sources of investment.
- We will continue to support the Ecology Vision, freshwater stream initiatives, marine biosecurity and investigate marine protection for our coastlines.
- We will work with mana whenua to support their aspirations, enable our community groups to do their good work, monitor tourism through the Visitor Strategy and investigate ways to address housing and technology concerns.
- We’re not proposing any major changes to the existing work programme for 2020/2021 as we continue to deliver projects identified in our Local Board Plan.
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Each year we deliver activities and services in your local board area. These are based on our Local Board Plan, which sets our three-year direction for the local board.

Message from the chair

We are in the final year of our 2017 Local Board Plan. Some of our key achievements have been gaining International Dark Sky Sanctuary status, switching the council buildings onto solar power, supporting the establishment of the Learning Hub, and delivering a visitor strategy.

We are in a climate change emergency and propose to continue funding community groups to deliver their low carbon events and projects such as AoteaOra’s Ecological Footprint and Off The Grid event, and investing in sustainability upgrades to their facilities. We will investigate initiatives for potable drinking water, on-island food production, and advocate for ethical sources of investment.

Over 2020/2021, we propose to continue delivering on our local board plan initiatives. These initiatives include: working with mana whenua to support their aspirations; grants funding for our health, welfare, education, tourism, arts and other community groups; monitoring tourism through the visitor strategy; compliance funding for our Dark Sky Sanctuary; investigation of a Claris cemetery, consultation around new walkway linkages, village spaces plan and Area Plan; and further investigations into ways to address our housing and technology concerns.

You’ve told us how much the environment means to you so we propose to continue supporting the Ecology Vision, biodiversity and biosecurity programmes, marine biosecurity, and freshwater stream monitoring. We will also investigate marine protection around our coastlines in collaboration with mana whenua and the community, using Sea Change – Tai Tipu Tai Pari as a guide.

Over the coming months, we will be holding various hui, community meetings and events as the new board begins consultation on its new three-year Local Board Plan. Please join us and share your thoughts on what’s most important to you for the next year, three years and 30 years.

Nga mihi nui,

Izzy Fordham
Chair – Aotea / Great Barrier Local Board

What we propose in your local board area in 2020/2021

In 2020/2021 to deliver on our priorities we plan to invest $764,000 to renew and develop assets and $2.61 million to maintain and operate assets as well as provide local programmes and initiatives. The budget in the local area is allocated as follows:
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Visitor Strategy | Multiple (but arrow can go Claris)
Capital Grants | Multiple (put arrow at a gap or many arrows)
Ecology Vision | Multiple (put arrow at a gap or many arrows)
Biodiversity and biosecurity programmes | Multiple (but arrow can go Okiwi and Medlands)
Freshwater stream monitoring | Multiple (but arrow can go Typhena)

### CAPEX project name | Location
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Claris cemetery | Whangaparapara Rd
Mulberry Grove skateramp | Mulberry Grove

**What do you think?**

In your opinion, are the priorities right for this local board area in 2020/2021?