

Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Hon. Dr Smith

Recreational Only Finfish Park for the Marlborough Sounds

At our recent AGM a number of our members wanted to know where things were at with the above.

When the Committee advised that things seemed to have stalled, a number of direct and emphatic statements were made. This reflects the support and enthusiasm of members for this initiative.

In essence, members were concerned that a very attractive election promise in election year 2014 has not been followed through. Sadly, this lack of action dents the credibility of this Government to ordinary folk.

We wish to stress that the Association is constantly besieged by Central or Local Government to make submissions on this or that and accordingly we have to carefully consider how we allocate our time on these matters.

Deciding this was a worthwhile and meritorious proposal, the Committee put a lot of effort into explaining the merits of this proposal to members and other community organisations both at meetings and via newsletters and media articles.

As you may recall, the Kenepuru and Central Sound Residents' Association keenly supported your endeavours to achieve the much needed recreational only finfish Park for the Marlborough Sounds. Back in 2016 we put together a very considered, well researched and supportive submission on the last consultative/discussion document on this proposal and Marine Protected Areas generally.

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This support represents a diversion of time and resources from our already busy work schedule. Accordingly our disappointment and slight embarrassment when nothing happens is all the more keener.

The purpose of this letter is to seek from you, on behalf of the Government, an indication of the next steps and proposed timeline.

We look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely

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