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Dear Sir/Madam

**Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association - Submission on Resource Consent Application U240860 – Waitaria Bay, Kenepuru Sound – Jetty and associated structures and works –Marlborough District Council.**

I write in my capacity as President of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association Inc., (**Association**).

**1. Introduction**

1.1 The Association was established in 1991 and currently has approximately 300 household members who live full time or part time in the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. The Association's objects include, among others, to coordinate dealings with central and local government and represent members on matters of interest to them.

**2. Background**

2.1 The severe storm events of July 2021 and then August 2022 wrought significant damage on the Kenepuru Road roading network and associated infrastructure. Accordingly, a major focus of the Association over the last few years has been on the restoration of the Kenepuru road network and the associated infrastructure.

2.2 The initial disruption and then years of ongoing restricted access to parts of the road network has highlighted the importance of preserving the integrity and functionality of the existing public infrastructure, e.g. wharves and jetties, that support or complement the Kenepuru road network.

2.3 The (for now) damaged Waitaria Jetty was and remains an important part of the areas local transport infrastructure - servicing as it does the Waitaria and associated area communities, local School, recreational and other commercial and tourist usage.

### 3. Do we support the Application?

3.1 Yes, the Association **supports the applicants application**. In reaching this decision to support the applicants application (with only one or two refinements) we have reviewed the application and submit in support of the applicant's:

assessment of effects (minor);

suggested mitigation conditions; and

assessment of the application against the stated statutory framework including the New Zealand Coastal Policy and the proposed Marlborough Environment Plan.

2.2 The Association assumes that the conditions set out in section 4.1 and 4.2 of the application will, *mutatis mutandis*, form part of the conditions of the Coastal permit and Land use consents sought by the applicant, when granted. However, we have one comment on an important term of the coastal permit consent when granted.

2.3 **Term of Consent - too short:** The Associations notes that at section 3.3 of the application the applicant is applying for a consent term of 15 years only. With all due respect that seems **too short** a time frame for a permanent and important public structure of this type and materials and with less than minor impacts. The suggested term is, we submit, significantly shorter than the usual time period customarily granted for coastal permits for both public and private structures in the Marlborough Sounds coastal marine area.

2.4 Accordingly, the Association submits that the proposed term set out in Section 3.3 of the application should be **amended to twenty-five years**.

### 3. Discussion- Design Enhancement

3.1 One of the Committee has an engineering background and has kindly reviewed the proposed design with users of the Jetty and a local resident familiar with the area and land movement and we comment as follows.

3.2 From the engineering assessment it appears that the likely failure mode is rotation of the previous "Slip Circle" and or "Horizontal Creep" into the water.

3.3 We have therefore suggested a relatively minor alteration to the applicants concept design plan that will accommodate some of this movement without any significant effect on the use of the Jetty. Furthermore should future movement be larger than anticipated this could easily be compensated for by adjustment to levels on the abutment end of wharf, thus leaving the bulk of useable structure intact and functional.

3.4 We attach to Appendix One that suggested modification to the applicants concept design plan and submit accordingly.

4. **Conclusion**

4.1 For the reasons touched on above and elsewhere in this submission, and in the applicants submission, the **Association supports** and submits in favour of the grant by the Council of a new coastal permit for a jetty and associated structures together with the associated earthworks for the installation and maintenance of foreshore rock protection work at the site.

5. **Hearing**

5.1 The Association does not see the need for a public hearing of this application but, if for whatever reason, the Council decides a public hearing is appropriate and required then the Association would like to be advised in a timely fashion so it can appear and support its submission and the applicant's application at any such hearing.

4.2 The Association advises it is open to meeting with the appropriate Council staff to discuss the application and our comments in this submission.

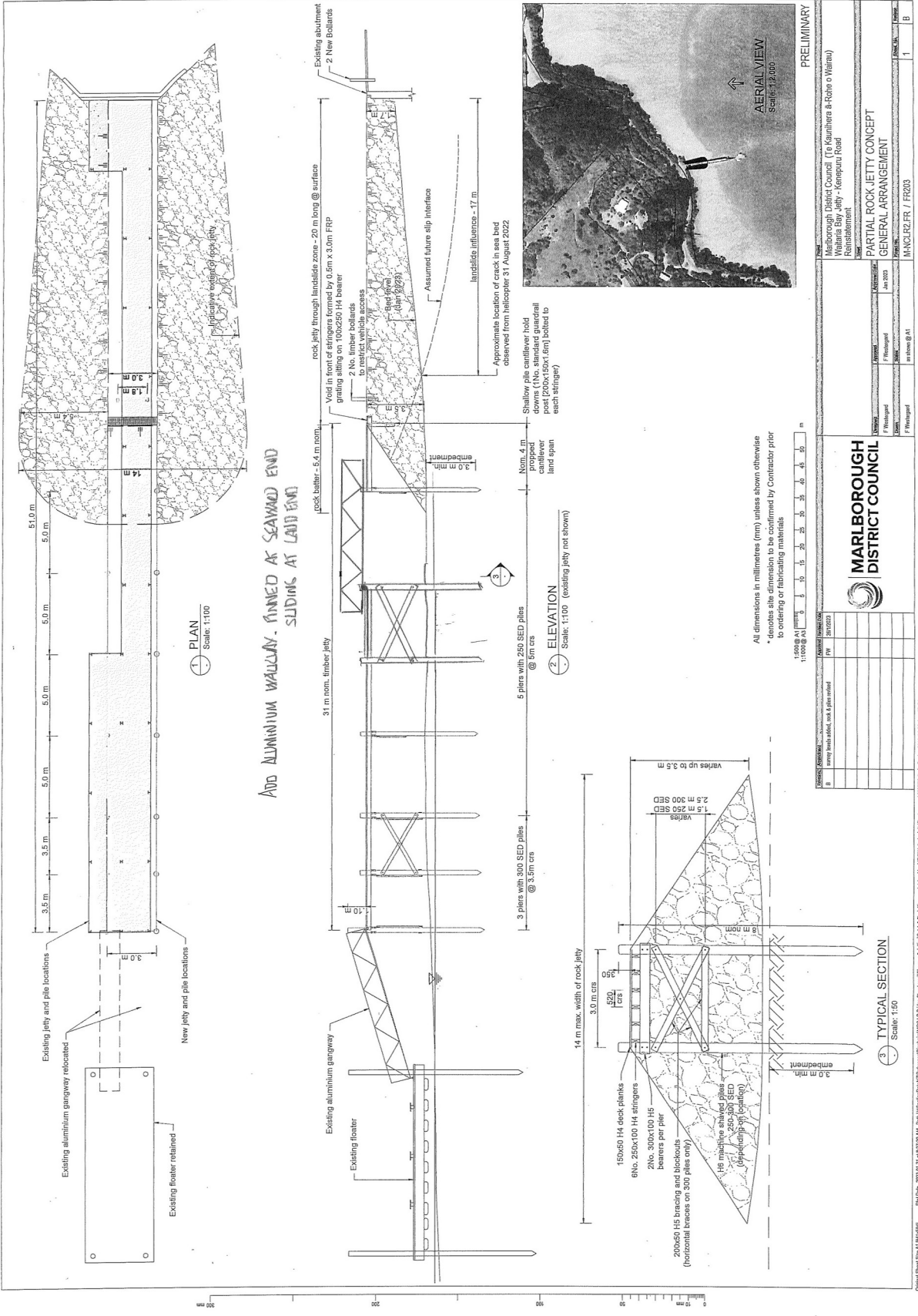
Yours faithfully

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# APPENDIX 1

## KCSRA suggested changes to the Applicants Concept Design Plan



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Marlborough District Council - Kempford Road			
Reinstatement			
Project Name	Project Number	Date	Scale
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GENERAL ARRANGEMENT			
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