



Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery

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Attn Hon Mr Mitchell

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Dear Minister

Invitation to Visit – Storm Damage Kenepuru Road - Marlborough Sounds

I am writing to you in my capacity as President of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association (**KCSRA**).

KCSRA was incorporated in 1991 we have over 300 signed up members and there are approximately 900 residents and property owners in the area. We engage on behalf of our members on a wide range of issues. A core function has always been safeguarding the integrity and security of the Kenepuru Road network (some 100km plus side roads).

The storm events of July 2021 and then August 2022 wrought significant damage to parts of the Kenepuru Road network.

For various reasons and despite working hard and collaboratively with Council the repair of our network continues to struggle. While we totally appreciate funding will always be an issue, we do appear to be relegated to "Tail end Charlie".

After two and a half years Kenepuru Rd remains officially Closed, with access only to residents, emergency and essential service vehicles.

As it seems we can continue to expect further significant weather events, we are concerned that repairs will never be completed, and our current very fragile infrastructure will disappear altogether.

Accordingly, we would like to issue an invitation to you to come and see for yourself where things are at, and if there is any mechanism that can assist us and the Council to provide safe and secure access to the residents a little more speedily.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrew Caddie". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Andrew Caddie

President
Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association

CC Stuart Smith MP