

Future Access for Kenepuru Road –Key Issues

For further detail and background to key messages please refer

<https://kcsra.org.nz/download?folder=stormRecovery&file=230124+KCSRA+-+Stakeholder+Workshop+-+Memo+to+Stantec+and+Council+-+Issues+and+Solutions.pdf>

Issue: Future Access Study Objective/Outcome Statement

Current by MDC

- “Provide affordable* access for the wellbeing of Marlborough Sounds Communities through a safe and resilient transport system”

* KCSRA believe ‘affordable’ should be removed because New Zealand works on a cross subsidy model. Many roads would be closed if the cost was the only consideration

Proposed by KCSRA

- “a practicably viable, safe and resilient transport system that maintains or enhances transport efficacy for Marlborough Sounds stakeholders”.

Issue: Level of Service

Options include:

- Full public access as pre the July 2021 (practically viable, maintains transport efficacy)
- Full public access with some vehicle restrictions (practically viable, enhances transport efficacy)
- Full public access with light vehicle restrictions (practically viable, moderate transport efficacy)
- Least preferred - Combination of road & water access (two lane road still required to access boat ramps and barges) (not viable, no transport efficacy)

Issue: Water Access

- Only an alternative (extreme weather events, oversize vehicles)
- This option is not a replacement for the road
- Problems with Water Access:
 - Roading infrastructure still required to access public boat ramps
 - Weather and tidal dependent
 - Significant capital and running costs
 - High emissions
 - Load restrictions/limitations

Issue: Why throw the baby out with the bath water?

- Large % of the road is still functioning (i.e. two lanes with no infrastructural impact)
- Significant length of road requiring only upgrade of stormwater system (i.e. bigger drains, larger stormwater pipes) to be functioning
- Several more complex sites should not determine the outcome of what has been and still is a lifeline to the Sounds Community since 1960

Issue: Poor Historical Maintenance

- This is a significant part of the problem
- MDC need to undertake an independent review of the efficacy of the existing Council and Marlborough Roads structure and contractual arrangements
- A transparent and detailed review and reconciliation of all actual costs incurred on Kenepuru Roothing network maintenance and recovery over the last 10 years to enable any decisions on the future of the Road to be based on accurate data

Issue: Existing Stormwater Infrastructure

- Damage to the Roothing Network happens when stormwater can't drain away fast enough.
- To support the Roothing Networks ability to cope in extreme weather events there needs to be fit for purpose stormwater systems (i.e. bigger drains, larger stormwater pipes)

Future Management

- Development of a road management plan that anticipates significant weather events:
 - List of spoil disposal sites
 - Templated contractual terms for regular water carriage maintenance and non-complex event recovery work
 - Efficient use of competent local contractors
 - An under slip management policy