

QUESTIONS FOR COMMISSIONERS

1. Kelly Ormsby:

-It has been reported in the media at various times regarding certain decisions the Commissioner and TCC have consulted with the “community “?

Can I ask who that “community” is please as it is my understanding the “community” is selected groups

such as;

-property developers

-selected businesses

-business leaders

-chamber of commerce

-TCC CEO & selected TCC department Team Leaders

-Priority One (who is essentially a Council/Government funded entity)

Amongst others... not the general ratepayers who reside in the areas affected by the decisions?

Please enlighten us.

2. Ron Melville

How will the Commissioners be able to have the Council employees view things (including all the proposed changes) through the eyes of the Community?

3. Barry Scott

Do the commissioners favour the establishment of community boards in Tauranga?

4. Barry Bean

What is the timeframe for completing the upgrade of Domain Road?

5. Jeremy Ball

Can you please explain why ratepayers have been forced to accept having 4 bins outside their house for rubbish collection from July and why there is NO pay as you throw with opt out of the bins system?

This discriminates against many ratepayers in the Tauranga area.

6. Noel Hall

Planting in Palm Beach Reserve (a small part of Wairakei Stream Reserve). Why is TCC proposing to survey all of Tauranga re this planting plan? This affects the local residents and property owners and they should be the people consulted.

Should it be a pure "numbers game" from an upcoming survey by TCC over the whole of Tauranga City that will be used in deciding whether extensive boundary planting, as proposed in the Wairakei Landscape Plan, should proceed around the Palm Beach Reserve Ponds,

Or should the outcome be guided by those residents/owners who have properties adjacent or close to these ponds?

7. Grant Pegler

Planting in the Palm Beach Reserve and Harrison's Cut:

Why has a small group of TCC staff consistently ignored the wishes of nearly all the residents in the Palm Beach Reserve vicinity?

Why have they had **18 meetings** with non-residents of the area, without properly consulting with any local residents as is required by the Local Government Act? Half the Palm Beach Reserve has already been planted with bland, unkempt tussock grass, and similar planting in the other half of the Reserve is merely delayed until July.

This planting is their "own interpretation" of the Resource Consent from BOPRC. They have offered no scientific proof that any benefit will be derived from planting the ponds in the Reserve. Now the staff want to get an opinion by surveying the entire area of greater Tauranga - which I believe is nothing but a deceptive way to override local ratepayers' wishes, to get the survey result that they want. Will the commissioners ensure that the view of the overwhelming majority of local ratepayers is adhered to?

That is, **no planting, reinstate the planted area, and permanently preserve the Palm Beach Reserve and Harrison's Cut.**

8. Ian Bibby

Papamoa East is one of the fastest growing areas in NZ but sadly lacking a community centre where people with problems can get help or communicate with someone to get help. The infrastructure for a planned Te Tumu Town Centre along with a long awaited Wairakei Community Support Centre is not yet there. There are many voluntary service and support groups that would use such a facility but can not afford to build one. An interim solution could be a set of container offices.

Q TCC funded Support Centres for Papamoa are in Papamoa West eg Library and Hartford Ave. Your thoughts please on the use of the above mentioned containers and funding for Papamoa East?

CYCLING There's a newly opened cycle / walkway link at the end of Te Okoroa Drive, cyclists cycling from

as far away as Rotorua need a toilet block. Q Can the container offices as above incorporate a toilet block?

Q When will there be a cycleway on Papamoa Beach Road?

Q Your thoughts on a park and ride from somewhere near Ashley Place ?

Q Can you please fast track signage and or a safer cycleway from Girven Road and Te Okoroa to our Te O Wairakei Cycleways

LASTLY.

(A) Your thoughts on the personality traits needed for the next mayor and councillors.

(B) Who are the ideal types of people we need to encourage to “ step up “ for the job and when is this likely to happen ?

9. Ian Brown

Given the wide area of the city, the rapid growth in new housing and the calls for much needed infrastructure, how does the Commission propose to:

- Prioritise its funding allocations AND
- Obtain a balance in its treatment of each of the suburbs?

