



To: Paekakariki Community Board

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Grow Paekakariki – Recreation, Amenity, Open Space, Biodiversity

A public meeting on 31 January 2013, chaired by Don Hunn and attended by people representing a wide range of community interests, resolved unanimously to endorse the concept for the future of the Perkins family farm presented in the *Grow Paekakariki* paper prepared by Paul Hughes.

The Working Group empowered by that meeting presents the attached revised paper, incorporating feedback from the groups and individuals who attended the public meeting, and requests the Community Board's support in advancing the proposed concept.

The Transmission Gully project will have major impacts on the community and the district. Appropriate development of the Perkins family farm would provide unique opportunities to achieve substantial benefits not only for the Paekakariki community but, beyond that, for the Kapiti Coast District, the region and the country as a whole. These opportunities include:

- , Protection of the outstanding natural landscape of the scarp as a scenic reserve
- , Regenerating native forest
- , Protection from soil erosion and flooding for the village, the Main Trunk railway and Centennial Highway
- , Community gardens
- , A neighbourhood park
- , Riparian protection and public access in the Wainui catchment
- , An ecological corridor that connects Queen Elizabeth Park with the forested hills
- , Extension of Queen Elizabeth Park to include streams and wetlands
- , Extensive walking and cycling tracks along the hills
- , A regional paragliding site
- , Protect historic features – radar station, pa site, historic buildings etc.

These opportunities match aims and objectives of a number of public agencies including Department of Conservation, the Greater Wellington Regional Council, KiwiRail, NZTA, the Walking Access Commission and Sport New Zealand, as well as some foundations and private organizations. Support for implementing the concept may be garnered from many of these, but all will look to the local community and the District Council to take the lead.

Accordingly, the Working Group requests the Community Board to express its endorsement of the revised concept paper and forward it to the Kapiti Coast District Council with the recommendation that the Council take the lead in seeking widespread support for its implementation.