

9th December 2019

TO: FNDC Community Board

Tony Atkinson, the initiator of a petition being presented to you today, is continuing his effort to agitate Okiato residents unnecessarily. His motives seem less like a genuine advocate for the public good, and more like the green eyed monster.

His petition references only two properties and fails to mention the several other properties in Okiato that share boundaries with paper roads and esplanade reserves.

In a questionably toned letter written earlier this year by Mr Atkinson, received by a neighbour who had lodged a trespass order against him, he claims he was looking for access to the tapu point beach. In truth, 27 Deeming Road should not even be in the conversation as there are existing steps to the foreshore off public land both on the east side from Kakapo Road and on the west side from the end of Deeming Road – on reserve land, that once was owned by McIlvrde I might add.

Mrs McIlvrde, now 91, has had a home at Tapu Point for the past 50+ years, albeit not all in her current house. The land was subdivided in the 1990's to enable the building of her new house, at what is now 27 Deeming Road, which is also when the Tapu Point esplanade reserve was gifted. Prior to that, riparian rights were in place.

The residents at the end of Deeming Road have great difficulty even getting the council to provide metal from time to time for routine road maintenance, and usually end up doing it themselves. And now Mr Atkinson is asking that council pay for a survey that would be an utter waste of ratepayer money unless council intends to form a road from nowhere to nowhere, benefiting only a disgruntled resident who lives in a different subdivision.

I ask that I be contacted in matters relating to this topic.

Kind regards

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