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**Subject:** RE: Pictures of erosion at 838 Puketona Road

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Hi Graham

Thanks for the update. The adjacent land owners here (Mr Val and Mrs Chris Ager) are willing to do this riverbank protection work properly at no cost to the FNDC, adhering to all legal requirements and permissions, working with or alongside the NRC and FNDC or at the very least with their approval and permissions. However due to the likely effects of uncontrolled erosion in endangering their house and property, they are not prepared for nothing to be allowed to be done. Although it would be a last resort and not one he wishes to have to resort to, Mr Ager commented that he would talk to his lawyers.

NRC (Rivers Section) supports the undertaking of this river bank protection but appreciates there may be some level of precedent setting in this work. I would have said that it is a good precedent in that the benefiting adjoining land owner is funding the protection works that will be designed and undertaken to a high standard with the approval of the NRC and hopefully the FNDC.

If there were concerns re long term maintenance liabilities, the FNDC could make it clear when giving approval for the work to be undertaken, that they were accepting no liabilities for the structure and that the construction and maintenance of any such structure was the responsibility of the benefiting adjoining land owner/s

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