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Janet Stephenson

27 November 1991

Simpson Shaw & Company 134 Bank Street WHANGAREI

ATTENTION : Ken Simpson

Dear Sir

RE : D.B CUNNEEN

Further to our telephone conversation on 26.11.91:

If a subdivision was re-proposed with State Highway 12 as the access place for both lots, it would be a controlled activity under the Resource Management Act.

It appears that Council is not required to gain the approval Transit New Zealand prior to approving a subdivision which complies with the District Scheme standards and is on a non-LAR. However, your client will clearly need to liaise with Transit regarding the crossing point. I suggest you discuss this with Trevor Polglase at Transit's Auckland office, who has indicated a willingness to reconsider the matter.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson AREA PLANNER

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27 November 1991

Webb Ross Johnson PO Box 945 WHANGAREI

ATTENTION : L.P.G Johnson

Dear Sir

RE : CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION - OPONONI

I refer to your letter of 20 November.

I am puzzled that you view the decision of the Hokianga Community Board as a subdivisional approval, as it clearly states that the Board "... consents to the creation of a 366 metre Right of Way over Lot 63 DP 61763 ...". It does not refer to Section 279 of the Local Government Act, and nor does it refer to approval of a scheme plan of subdivision.

Clearly, Mr Cunneen is not happy with the Board's requirements for his use of the accessway, and I can appreciate his concern. We have a situation which is difficult for all parties, and I feel it would be useful to take a fresh approach.

Now that the Resource Management Act is in place the role of Transit New Zealand has altered. State Highway 12 is not a Limited Access Road through Opononi, and it appears that Transit New Zealand's consent is not required prior to the approval of a subdivision under section 105 of the Resource Management Act. However your client will need to liaise with Transit New Zealand regarding a crossing point. Mr Polglase of Transit New Zealand has indicated his willingness to re-consider the matter.

I have (today) discussed the implications of this with Ken Simpson of Simpson Shaw and Company, and he will be discussing the matter with Mr Cunneen. I assume that he will keep you informed.

Yours faithfully

Janet Štephenson AREA PLANNER

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27 May 1993

Mr R.W. Pearce Legalisation Officer Kawakawa Service Centre Far North District Council PO Box 11 KAWAKAWA

Dear Sir

CUNNEEN AND TAUMATAWIWI STREET - RAWENE - YOUR REF: RP:H363

Your letter of 20 May 1993 is acknowledged.

I know of no legal provision that would enable a local authority to grant vehicular access over an access way set out in your letter.

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Yours faithfully

(E.P. O'Connor) DISTRICT LAND REGISTRAR



FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Our reference r

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If calling, please ask for W Pearce

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20 May 1993

District Land Registrar Private Bag AUCKLAND

Dear Madam,

RE : CUNNEEN AND TAUMATAWIWI STREET - RAWENE

A situation exists whereby Mr Cunneen who owns Lot 1 DP 55463 cannot get vehicular access to his property without using an "Access way" which by definition (Local Government Act 1974 Section 315) is pedestrian.

The legal access is off State Highway 12 but due to the topography of the land and the possible future widening of the highway in the vicinity Transit NZ will not give consent to forming an access to any of the properties having frontage along that stretch of road.

This is a long outstanding problem which I have inherited to attempt to bring to a satisfactory conclusion.

Ir Cunneen has for years been frustrated in his attempts to subdivide this property because of this question of vehicular access and I enclose some corespondence covering that aspect of the problem.

However, Mr Cunneen has now decided to sell the property intact and has a prospective purchaser who will purchase if vehicular access is obtainable.

I enclose copy of plan of new proposal showing Right of way over part of the pedestrian access way.

my question, in light of the Hokianga Community Boards reluctance or relinquish this as an access way and acceptance, albeit 20 months ago, to the granting of a right of way over part of it is this:-

Is it allowable in law to grant vehicular access over part of a pedestrian only access as marked on new proposal and

if so what steps can Council take to achieve this?

purs faithfully,

R W Pearce IGALISATION OFFICER EWAKAWA SERVICE CENTRE

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Janet Stephenson

23 October 1992

Simpson Shaw & Co P. O. Box 149 KAIKOHE

ATTN : NIGEL ROSS

Dear Nigel

RE : SP 87 AND SC 98 - DB CUNNEEN

Here is a recap on the present situation with Mr Cunneen's proposed subdivision:

On 2 September 1991, Council, in its capacity as landowner of the pedestrian accessway, granted its consent to the use of the accessway as a right of way, subject to various conditions. The first condition was legally feasible to create a Right of Way easement over an accessway. Other conditions related to the standard of works required.

If Mr Cunneen wishes to pursue this option we will require the legal confirmation that it is possible, plus a new scheme plan with the easement panel amended as requested to also provide for Lot 2 DP 55463 as dominant tenement. It is up to your client to negotiate with this landowner regarding costs.

Once the new scheme plan is submitted, we will be in a position to process it.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson RESOURCE PLANNER

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28 September 1992

Resource Planner Far North District Council P.O. Box 3 RAWENE

Dear Janet

Re : SP 87 - D.B. CUNNEEN, OPONONI

Mr Cunneen and our Whangarei office have been enquiring about progress in obtaining consent to this subdivision. We are aware that you have been working with council's Legalisation Officer in an attempt to find a solution to this problem.

Mr Cunneen requires vehicular access onto his property, whether he subdivides or not, and Council, the subdivider, has a moral obligation to provide this access.

Apart from an informal discussion in the Kawakawa Service Centre some ten weeks ago, we have heard nothing since your letter of 9 August last year. Have you any good news for us yet?

Yours faithfully SIMPSON SHAW & CO

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cc D.B. Cunneen

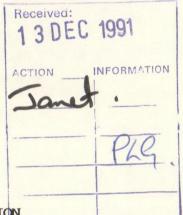




11 December 1991

Simpson Shaw & Co. P O Box \$31 WHANGAREI Attention : Mr Simpson





Dear Sir

SH12 : D.B. CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION

As indicated to Janet Stephenson, I am prepared to reconsider Transit New Zealand's attitude towards access for the above subdivision, and I visited the site Tuesday on 10 December 1991. I have also reviewed previous reports and correspondence. Two clear options are available.

(1) ACCESS FROM STATE HIGHWAY 12

There is a high steep batter above the State Highway carriageway. The carriageway is located towards the seaward side of the road reserve, so that any future widening, either for permanent or for temporary purposes, would be carried out by cutting into this batter. An entrance to this subdivision would inhibit such work. If we allowed the entrance to be constructed there, it would be necessary to virtually reconstruct the entrance (at Transit New Zealand's expense) if and when widening of the carriageway was required. The location of the entrance is also very close to the junction of SH12 and Fairlie Crescent, which is undesirable from a traffic safety point of view.

(2) ACCESS FROM THE PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY

The strip of land 6 metres wide is almost at the same level as the sealed Taumatawiwi Street at the south end, and drops steeply to Fairlie Crescent (also sealed) at the north end. It would be very easy and inexpensive to form a right of way from Taumatawiwi Street, and this would be a safe entrance with virtually no effect on the State highway.

> Auckland Office Custom House 9th Floor Quay Street CPO Box 1459 Central Auckland Phone: (09) 777-092 Fax: (09) 307-6843

There has been local opposition to this, but the reason for or basis of the opposition has not been stated. Obviously the pedestrian accessway should not be reduced in width to such an extent that it could not cope with the anticipated volume of pedestrians. However a quick calculation with conservative assumptions shows that if pedestrians are one metre apart across the 6 metre wide accessway (i.e. 6 pedestrians side by side) and are spaced no closer than 2 metres apart along the accessway and walk at a reasonably slow pace of 4 kilometres per hour, the existing accessway could cope with 12000 pedestrians per hour! A reduced width is therefore unlikely to be overloaded.

In summary, my inspection of the site confirms and reinforces the opinion previously expressed. Transit New Zealand will not allow an entrance to be constructed directly to the State highway.

A copy of this letter will be sent to the Far North District Council, Rawene.

Yours faithfully

A.J. Polglese

A.T. Polglase for REGIONAL MANAGER

c.c. The Area Manager Far North District Council P O Box 3 RAWENE

Attention : Janet Stephenson



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 LEGAL HOUSE, 9 HUNT STREET, WHANGAREI

20 November 1991

Please refer to Mr Johnson

The General Manager Far North District Council P.O. Box 246 KAIKOHE

Attention Miss J. Stephenson

Dear Sir

e: Cunneen Subdivision - Opononi

We are consulted by Mr Cunneen and his surveyors, Simpson Shaw & Co.

We have now been able to peruse the correspondence between you over a long period and to date.

In particular, in our view, your letter of 10th September 1991 to Simpson Shaw & Co is an approval of the latest subdivisional scheme plan subject to conditions.

As clearly stated in Mr Simpson's letter to you of the 8th October 1991 the conditions are not only unacceptable but in some cases are impractical.

In the absence of any constructive reply from you to Mr Simpson's last letter we now require on behalf of Mr Cunneen that he be given a formal hearing on the matter under Section 299 of the Local Government Act 974.

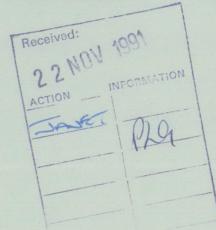
May we please have your urgent confirmation that this will now be arranged forthwith.

Yours faithfully WEBB ROSS JOHNSON

L.P.G. JOHNSON

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c.c. Mr K. Simpson Mr D. Cunneen



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Janet Stephenson

14 November 1991

Office of the Ombudsman 17 Albert Street <u>AUCKLAND</u>

ATTENTION : Richard Fisher

Dear Sir

RE : COMPLAINT FROM P KENNEDY

I enclose copies of reports, plans and correspondence regarding the above issue. The information is, I feel, self explanatory.

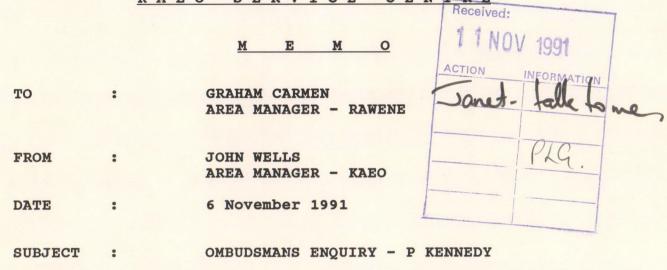
It should be noted that Council has <u>not</u> approved the creation of a right of way pursuant to Section 348 of the Local Government Act or Section 105 of the Resource Management Act. The resolution by the Hokianga Community Board of 2 September 1991 was merely the conditions under which Council <u>as landowner</u> would accept Mr Cuneen's use of their land for access.

If Mr Cuneen accepts these conditions, and the legal opinion proves favourable, he may then proceed to apply for approval from Council for the subdivision and right of way.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson AREA PLANNER

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I enclose a request from the Ombudsman and would appreciate it if you could give me a report on this plus the information requested in the letter A.S.A.P.

Regards John

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Office of the Ombudsman

Te Kaitiaki Mana Tangata 5th Floor, National Mutual Finance House 17 Albert Street Auckland

Ref: A/3418

Our contact: Anne Wade

The Acting Chief Executive Far North District Council Private Bag <u>KAIKOHE</u> 29 October 1991

Dear Mr Bennett

I am writing on behalf of the Ombudsman, Mrs Nadja Tollemache.

A complaint has been received from P Kennedy of P O Box 42, Opononi, in which he or she complains that the Far North District Council, through its Hokianga Community Board, has acted unreasonably in it decision to grant an accessway. As I understand it, the background to P Kennedy's complaint is as follows.

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An application was made by Mr Cunneen to create a driveway over part of the pedestrian accessway at Opononi. His earlier application was considered by Council in August 1990 and refused because:

'... it is not considered good policy to grant a right of way over an accessway, and the Board suggests that the applicant submit an alternative scheme plan.'

During this time the complainant was accorded an opportunity to comment on the proposal which was taken up. P Kennedy was not in favour because it:

'still does not solve the problem of access for landowners at the other end of the walkway ... the same privilege would have to be granted if this proposal goes ahead leaving <u>no</u> room for a public walkway as originally intended ... all landowners adjacent to S.H. 12 to combine their efforts and approach Transit New Zealand for access, ... access problem has not grown over night it was there when the owner first acquired the section ...' A second scheme plan was then submitted with surveyor's comments, then a third which showed the accessway remaining in Council ownership:

'with a right of way in favour of lots 1 and 2 over part of the accessway and no revocation. The plan also shows the right of way at a complying length.'

The surveyor suggested that:

'The area of accessway along the vehicular formed right of way can be formed and upgraded as pedestrian way or footpath to a reasonable standard adjoining the length of the right of way.'

According to the documentation the Hokianga Community Board considered this proposal reasonable and subsequently recommended that permission be granted for the accessway under certain conditions. The Council advised P Kennedy of its decision in a letter dated 10 September 1991.

I should be grateful if you could provide Mrs Tollemache with a report on the complaint, enclosing copies of all relevant correspondence, documentation, ordinances, reports and memoranda.

Yours sincerely

Richard Fisher` SENIOR INVESTIGATING OFFICER

c.c. P Kennedy C/- P D C Opononi Hokianga 1. . .

Janet Stephenson

21 October 1991

Simpson Shaw & Co P.O.Box 631 WHANGAREI

ATTENTION : KL Simpson

Dear sir,

RE : CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION - OPONONI

I think you have misunderstood my most recent letter. It was <u>not</u> an approval pursuant to Section 279 of the Local Government Act - it was merely the conditions under which the Hokianga Community Board (for the landowner, the Far North District Council) would be satisfied to allow Mr Cunneen to use Council land, for access to his property.

If Mr Cunneen does not wish to meet these conditions, he may choose to negotiate an alternative access with another landowner.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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8 October 1991

General Manager Far North District Council PO Box 246 <u>KAIKOHE</u>

Attention Miss J. Stephenson

Dear Sir

RE: CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION - OPONONI

I wish to put forward an objection under Section 299 of the Local Government Act to the Councils conditions of approval to Mr Cunneen's subdivision.

I have discussed the Councils conditions with Mr Cunneen and with his Solicitors, Webb Ross Johnson.

Under no condition would we agree to Condition 1 whereby Council request us to pay the legal costs of an opinion over whether a right of way can be created over an accessway and whether that right of way will provide legal and physical access.

I enclose a copy of your first letter to me on this matter several months ago where you state yourselves, that you have taken advice and that such a course of action is legal.

In view of this it seems remarkable that you now require a further legal opinion and under no circumstances would my client be prepared or even required to pay the cost of such an opinion.

We also wish to object to Condition 3(ii). It is quite obvious we would have to look at some control of stormwater from the portion of the accessway to be used for access to Mr Cunneens property, but the main control of stormwater for the whole length of the accessway is obviously that of the Councils. So in no way would we be prepared to provide this control or contribute to this control other than as our driveway affects



Condion 3(iii). We wish to object to this because it is quite ridiculous. As our driveway will be completely flat and level there can not possibly be any question of a slope or a necessity for retaining such. It may be necessary if Council pursues a walkway on the rest of the accessway that the lower area, there may be some problems requiring some sort of retaining. However, it should be borne in mind that the necessity for this will have arisen through the actions of the owner of the adjoining lot, I understand a man by the name of Austin. I have been told by my Client, Mr Cunneen, that Mr Austin was responsible for the bulldozing work which has been done on this accessway with the express purpose of trying to stop anybody using it. It can thus be seen that the condition I refer to is ridiculous and has no bearing on the subdivision.

I also wish to object to Condition 3(vi). The requirement by Council for my Client to construct a 1.2m concrete path running the whole length of the accessway from street to street is absolutely preposterous. This accessway has obviously been created in error as no accessway should be wider than 8ft. It would therefore have been created to the width of 20ft in error unless of course Council expected to use it for vehicle traffic in addition to foot access. As an accessway which has been in existance for such a tremendous long stretch of time it has been Councils responsibility over this period of time to construct and concrete or tarseal a footpath from road to road. It is obvious that this is highly desireable from the publics point of view. However, to expect my Client, in view of the circumstances, to construct such a footpath is obsurd, besides being completely illegal and unreasonable, and beyond Councils power.

In view of the history of this matter over the past 5 years Councils approach and Councils decisions to date don't bear public scrutiny.

I am informed by my Client that some 5 years ago shortly after the first subdivisional plan was put into Council he was requested to pay \$2400-00 as a sewer connection. He naturally concluded on this basis that the Council was going to readily approve his two lot subdivision. He informs me that he did discuss the matter with Mr Carter who at that time was County Clerk and he was assured that there would be no problem with the subdivision and it would duly be approved. We do realise that part of the problem has been the attitude of the National Roads Board and later Transit New Zealand. It us unfortunate that my Client did not agree to access from the rear when it was first suggested to him by your staff some 2 years ago. However, after taking professional advice, consequent upon a visit by myself and Mr Cunneen to the site, he changed his views and realised it was highly desireable that access be from the rear in terms of Councils original proposals as approved by the existance of the original scheme plan which showed access to be by right of way from the rear.

I have been in practice for many many years and I have never, ever, struck an attitude by a Council such as Council has shown in this matter. As I said above, <u>if</u> we are forced to take this matter further the Councils actions will not bear public scrutiny.

Yours faithfully SIMPSON, SHAW & CO.

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cc. Webb Ross Johnson, Attn. Mr Johnson Mr Cunneen

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SC 98/H Janet Stephenson

13 September 1991

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R.S Bell Northland Dairy Company Private Bag WHANGAREI

Dear Sir/Madam

RE : PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY, OPONONI

Thank you for your letter regarding Mr Cunneen's proposal for a right of way over part of the above accessway. At its 2 September meeting the Hokianga Community Board considered your input and resolved :

"<u>THAT</u> THE HOKIANGA COMMUNITY BOARD CONSENTS TO THE CREATION OF A 3.66 METRE RIGHT OF WAY OVER LOT 63, DP 61763 (PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY, TAUMATAWIWI STREET, OPONONI) AS SHOWN ON PLAN 3255 DRAWN BY SIMPSON SHAW AND COMPANY AND DATED MAY 1991, CONDITIONAL UPON :

- 1. D B CUNNEEN MEETING THE COST OF A LEGAL OPINION FROM COUNCIL'S LEGAL ADVISERS THAT THIS COURSE OF ACTION IS LEGALLY FEASIBLE.
 - 2. THE RIGHT OF WAY OVER LOT 65 DP 61763 HAVING LOTS 1 AND 2 DP 55463 AS DOMINANT TENEMENTS.
 - 3. AN ENGINEERS DESIGN OF WORKS ON THE ACCESS-WAY BEING SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL BY THE DISTRICT ENGINEER SHOWING :
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- iii) PROVISION FOR RETAINING THE SLOPE ABOVE THE ACCESS-WAY,
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- v) WATER CONNECTIONS BEING PROVIDED TO LOT 2, DP 55403 AND LOTS 1 AND 2 BEING A SUBDIVISION OF LOT 1 DP 55463, PRIOR TO THE FORMATION OF THE RIGHT OF WAY.
- vi) A 1.2 METRE WIDE CONCRETE FOOTPATH RUNNING THE LENGTH OF THE ACCESS-WAY FROM TAUMATAWIWI STREET TO FAIRLIE CRESCENT.
- 4. COMPLETION OF THE APPROVED WORKS TO THE SATISFACTION OF THE DISTRICT ENGINEER."

Mr Cunneen is being notified of this decision.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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SC 98/H

Janet Stephenson

10 September 1991

Grace Ngahana-Hartley 12 Mapplebeck Street Titahi Bay <u>WELLINGTON</u>

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Yours faithfully

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Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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Janet Stephenson

10 September 1991

Simpson Shaw and Company PO Box 631 WHANGAREI

Dear Sir

RE : CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION - STATE HIGHWAY 12 - OPONONI

Further to my letter of 9 August, the Hokianga Community Board has now reconsidered your clients request, and has resolved as follows :

"<u>THAT</u> THE HOKIANGA COMMUNITY BOARD CONSENTS TO THE CREATION OF A 3.66 METRE RIGHT OF WAY OVER LOT 63, DP 61763 (PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY, TAUMATAWIWI STREET, OPONONI) AS SHOWN ON PLAN 3255 DRAWN BY SIMPSON SHAW AND COMPANY AND DATED MAY 1991, CONDITIONAL UPON :

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I trust we will hear from you as to whether your client wishes to pursue this option. If he does the first step will be to obtain the legal opinion, which I will arrange through Council's legal advisers.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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NORTHLAND COOPERATIVE DAIRY COMPANY LTD

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21 August 1991.

Janet Stephenson, Area Planner, <u>RAWENE.</u>

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Dear Janet,

Firstly, thank you for the opportunity to submit my thoughts in the proposal of the suggested right of way over Taumatawiwi to Fairlie Crescent Pedestrian Access Way.

I have no objections to the ammended proposal you have forwarded with your letter other than recommending there be a divider wall or fence of some description to eliminate any child, pedestrian or vehicle accidents from occurring.

When this Pedestrian Access Way is in place, the children from Taumatawiwi Street will be using it full time as it definitely will be easier access and therefore increasing the need for a barrier to separate the pedestrians from the vehicles.

Thank you again for this opportunity.

Yours faithfully,

R.S.BALL.

12 Mapplebeck Street, TITAHI BAY

18 August 1991

Area Manager Far North District Council P O Box 3, RAWENE

Attention: Janet Stephenson Area Planner

Dear Sir/Madam,

USE OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY TAUMATAIWIWI, FAIRLIE CRESCENT

Thank you for your letter of 9 August 1991.

I have examined the plan of proposed subdivision of Lot 1. DP.55463 as attached to your letter and I wish to comment as follows.

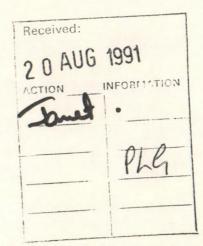
I have no objection to the third plan, but if I am required to contribute to the cost of the proposed development I require an opportunity to negotiate my proportion of the cost before the matter is settled.

I shall be visiting the Hokianga area during the August school holidays. I am prepared to meet with a representative from your council to discuss this matter at your office in Rawene on Thursday 29 August 1991. Please advise me if this is acceptable.

Yours faithfully,

GMgahana Har Tey

Grace Ngahana-Hartley



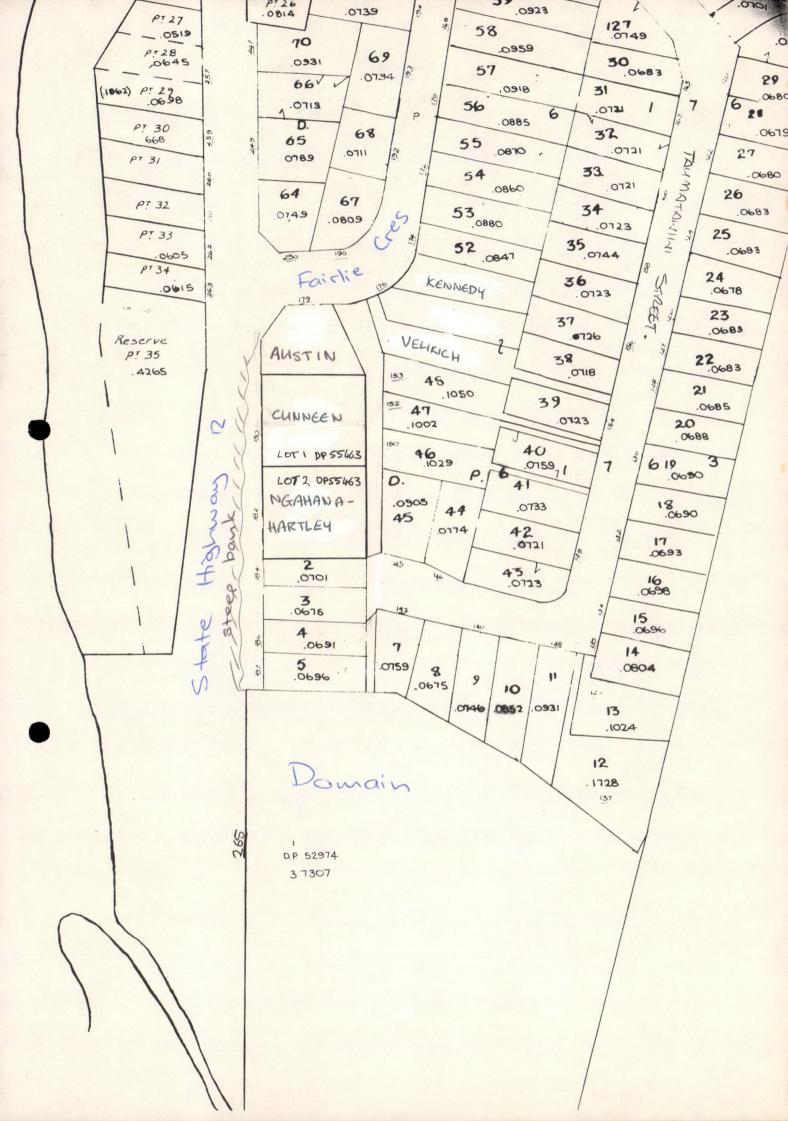
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18 August 1991

Area Manager Far North District Council P O Box 3, RAWENE

Attention: Janet Stephenson Area Planner

Dear Sir/Madam,

USE OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY TAUMATAIWIWI, FAIRLIE CRESCENT

Thank you for your letter of 9 August 1991.

I have examined the plan of proposed subdivision of Lot 1. DP.55463 as attached to your letter and I wish to comment as follows.

I have no objection to the third plan, but if I am required to contribute to the cost of the proposed development I require an opportunity to negotiate my proportion of the cost before the matter is settled.

I shall be visiting the Hokianga area during the August school holidays. I am prepared to meet with a representative from your council to discuss this matter at your office in Rawene on Thursday 29 August 1991. Please advise me if this is acceptable.

Yours faithfully,

GMgahana Han Tey

Grace Ngahana-Hartley



FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Rawene Service Centre

: <u>REPORT</u> :

SUBJECT :	D B CUNNEEN - USE OF PEDESTRIAN ACCESSWAY, OPONONI	
DATE :	22 August 1991	
FROM :	Janet Stephenson - Area Planner, Rawene	
то :	Hokianga Community Board	

At its last meeting the board considered a request from D B Cunneen to use an accessway for a right of way to a proposed subdivision of his land at Opononi.

The Board asked for the proposal to be notified locally so that local feedback could be gained. They also asked for a report on the possible precedent that might be set.

The accessway in question was vested in Council in 1969 as part of a subdivision which created the Taumatawiwi Street sections. An accessway is defined in the Local Government Act as follows :

"Access way" means any passage way, laid out or constructed by the authority of the Council or the Minister of Works and Development {or, on or after the 1st day of April 1988, the Minister of Lands} for the purposes of providing the public with a convenient route for pedestrians from any road, service lane, or reserve to another, or to any public place or to any railway station, or from one public place to another public place, or from one part of any road, service lane, or reserve to another part of that same road, service lane, or reserve :

In July 1990 I asked the Chief Surveyor if it was feasible to create a right of way easement over part of an accessway, or to alter the accessway to a service land. His reply was :

a) It is feasible to create a right of way over part of an accessway. Either a new survey plan would need to be prepared or exemption from survey under Section 167 LT Act 1953 sought from the District land Registrar. The easement would be created by way of registration of Memorandum of Transfer. b) The accessway could be altered to become a service land and I believe this could be achieved by Council passing a resolution. Presumably, there would need to be public notification, then ultimately, registration of the Resolution with the District Land Registrar of Land and Deeds, to update the title held by Council.

This information should be confirmed by your legal advisors.

PRECEDENT ISSUES

A) Existing Problems

There are four existing sections in the vicinity of Cunneen's land which have nominal frontage on the State Highway N^o 12 and for which physical access from the highway would be difficult to achieve. The highway along this stretch is well below the level of the sections, and direct (90°) access would not be possible. The only option for access from the highway would be a joint driveway coming in near the Fairlie Crescent junction and running up along the edge of the road reserve.

None of these sections are developed or built on at present.

As can be seen on the attached plan, all four sections have at their rear the accessway which effectively runs from Fairlie Crescent, across the bottom of Taumatawiwi Street and down to the Domain. The accessway does not have a formed footpath but is used by pedestrians to get to the road and beach.

Sections 4 and 5, DP 61763 are actually in a worse position for access than Lots 1 and 2, DP 55463. Mr Cunneen's "problem" has only arisen because he wishes to subdivide, and Transit NZ will not permit him to have access for the new lots from State Highway 12.

B) Other Possible Subdivisions

The smallest minimum lot size in the residential 1 zone is 600 m^2 for a front section and 700 m² for a rear section. The only sections in the vicinity which could be further subdivided are Lots 1 & 2, DP 55463 (Cunneen and Ngahana-Hartley). If they both had access from a right of way over the accessway, a maximum of 2 lots could be created from each, i.e. a total of 4 sections. This is because they would be classified as rear lots.

PUBLIC INPUT

Letters have been received from Grace Ngahana-Hartley, Neil Austin, Michael and Mancy Velikich and Peter Kennedy. Their properties are shown on the attached plan.

Their comments are summarised below :

- Ngahana-Hartley no objection - if required to contribute to the cost she would like to negotiate her proportion of costs before the matter is settled.
- Austin no objection
 - concerns about stormwater regardless of vehicle access issue.
- Velikich no objection provided there is satisfactory drainage for the stormwater.
- Kennedy does not solve access problems for owners at Bowling Club end of the walkway. In all fairness they should be offered the same opportunity, but this would leave no room for a walkway as it is narrower.
 - Owners should combine and form an access from state highway 12.
 - access problem was there when the owner first acquired the land.
 - Cunneen's land was not part of the Hokianga County Council subdivision so the problem should not be Council's concern.

CONCLUSION

A number of issues are raised by the situation :

- 1. Four sections which back on to various parts of the walkway have an existing problem with access from state highway 12. To solve it they will either have to come together to create a joint access along the top of the bank beside state highway 12, or be given access along the walkway.
- 2. The southern part of the walkway is quite narrow for both a right of way and a footpath beside, being 4.11 metres.
- 3. There is still some uncertainty whether Council can create a right of way over an accessway without first changing the status of the accessway. Any necessary legal opinion should be funded by the applicant.

4. The access issue was raised as a result of Mr Cunneen wishing to subdivide his property. However when he bought the land he presumably had a full-understanding that the access was from the state highway, as the subdivision which created the accessway occurred after the subdivision which created his site. Mr Cunneen was the Hokianga County Clerk in the early 1960's and presumably had a preasonable Telephone: (09) 405-7829, Fax: (09) 405-7898

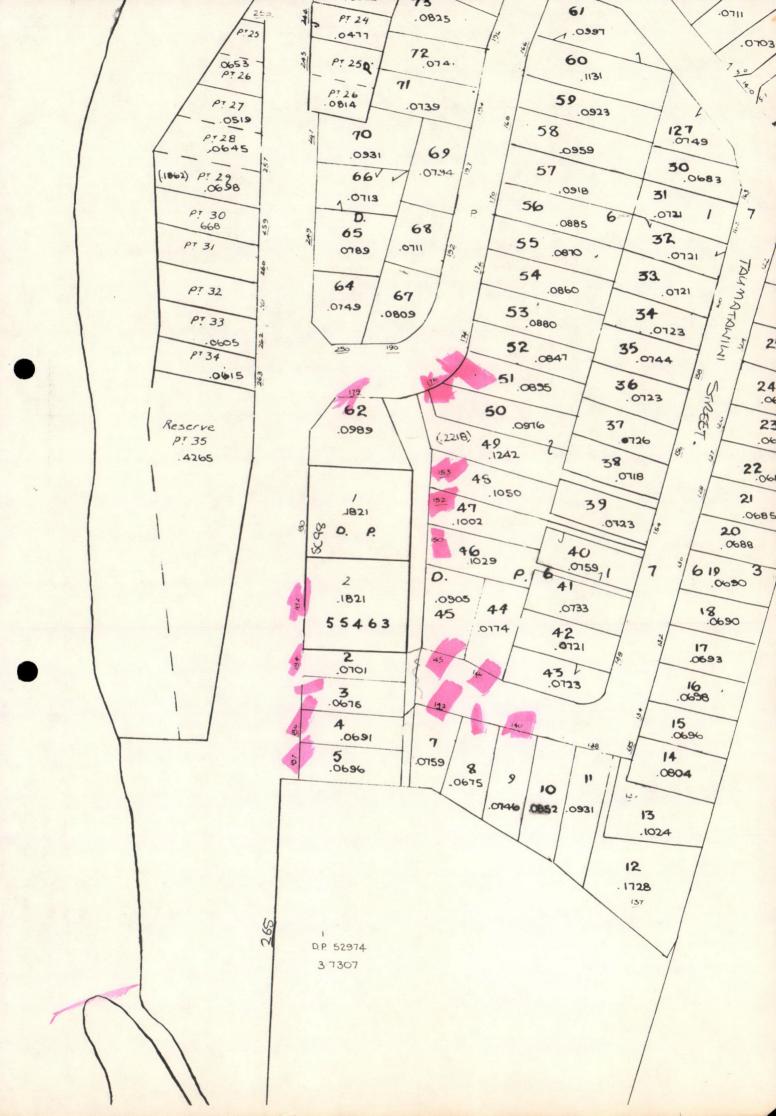
5. Both Cunneen and Ngahana-Hartly could subdivide to create 2 lots each. If a right of way were created it would potentially serve 4 lots.

I consider that the Board has 3 options :

- 1. Decline consent to the right of way, and leave it to the owners of Lots 1 and 2, DP 55463 and Lots 4 and 5, DP 61763 to form their own joint access from state highway 12.
- 2. Initiate a procedure to turn both parts of the accessway into a service lane. This would be carried out by Council's Road Legalisation Officer.
- 3. Approve Mr Cunneen's proposal as per the recommendation last month, with the proviso that he first gets a legal opinion as to whether it is possible to create a right of way over an accessway. This could then set a precedent for a future request from the owners of Lots 4 and 5, DP 61763.

Janet Stephenson AREA PLANNER

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Janet Stephenson

9 August 1991

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The Hokianga Community Board considered these comments and considered at that stage that it was not good policy to grant a right of way over an accessway.

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My report and recommendation to the Hokianga Community Board (attached) was considered at its August meeting. The Board felt that they would like to get feedback from the neighbours before considering the matter further.

You are therefore invited to submit your written comments on this proposal on or before Wednesday 21 August 1991.

Yours faithfully

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Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for AREA MANAGER

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FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Rawene Service Centre

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DATE :	25 July 1991	
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TO :	Hokianga Community Board	

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Janet Stephenson AREA PLANNER

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SC 98/H Janet Stephenson

9 August 1991

Simpson Shaw & Company PO Box 631 WHANGAREI

Dear Sir

RE : SC 98/H - CUNEEN SUBDIVISION - OPONONI

Further to my letter of 4 July, the Hokianga Community Board considered your clients proposal at its meeting on 5 August. A copy of my report to that meeting is attached.

The Hokianga Community Board resolved :

"That the application by D.B Cuneen be deferred to the next meeting of the Hokianga Community Board to enable the Area Planner to notify neighbours of the proposal and further that the planner report back to the next meeting on the possible setting of a precedence for adjacent sections also being subdivided".

I trust I will have further news for you next month.

Yours faithfully

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Hokianga Community Board - 5 August 1991

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Ms Stephenson explained that the Housing Corporation of New Zealand had withdrawn this application.

They would only be building one house on this property which does not require planning consent.

The Board asked if costs incurred would be recoverable and Ms Stephenson said that she had invoiced the Housing Corporation for all costs.

.4 <u>SC 98H - D B Cunneen</u> - Application to subdivide and the creation of a 3.66 metre right of way over lot 63, DP 61763.

Ms Stephenson presented her report and reminded the Board of the previous application by Mr Cunneen to subdivide.

After discussion the Board decided on the following resolution.

RESOLVED

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This appears to be a reasonable offer, which will solve the access problem for two existing lots, and as well provide a properly formed footpath for over half the length of the pedestrian accessway.

RECOMMENDATION

<u>THAT</u> the Hokianga Community Board consents tot he creation of a 3.66 metre right of way over lot 63, DP 61763 (pedestrian accessway, Taumatawiwi Street, Opononi) as shown on Plan 3255 drawn by Simpson Shaw and Company and dated May 1991, conditional upon :

- 2. The right of way being provided with a sealed or concrete surface to the satisfaction of the District Engineer.
- 3. The applicant creating, at his own expense, a concrete/footpath along lot 63 DP 61763 adjacent to the right of way and running its full length, and with the following specifications : 1.2/metres wide, 100 mm deep, 7.5 MPA with steel reinforcing, to the satisfaction of the District Engineer.
- 4. As an alternative to conditions 2 and 3, a 3 metre wide sealed or concreted access could be formed so that it can be used jointly by vehicles and pedestrians, to a standard satisfactory to the District Engineer.
- 5. Prior to any engineering works, water connections being laid to lot 2, DP 55403 and lots 1 and 2 being a subdivision of lot 1 DP 55463.

Janet Stephenson AREA PLANNER

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10 July 1991

General Manager Far North District Council PO Box 3 RAWENE

Attention Janet Stephenson

Dear Madam

RE: CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION

As discussed please find enclosed an amended plan.

It is anticipated the proposed right of way will be formed to your Councils right of way standards. The area of accessway alongside the vehicular formed right of way can be formed and upgraded as pedestrian way of footpath to a reasonable standard adjoining the length of the right of way.

Beyond the right of way adjoining the rear of Lot 62 someone has had some bulldozing done to prevent the access being used as a pedestrian access.

It will be up to Council to remedy this situation and restore the accessway so pedestrian access is possible.

Any costs over creating and forming to Councils requirements of the proposed right of way area should be shared by Mr Cunneen and the owner of Lot 2 DP.55463. Without this access this piece of land is completely locked up, as vehicular access from State Highway 12 is very difficult.

Would you please advise me the name of the owner of Lot 2 DP.55463. I hope that the problems involved with this land can now be overcome and the subdivision approved.

Yours faithfully SIMPSON, SHAW & CO.

K.L. SIMPSON

cc. Mr Cunneen



COMMENTS FROM MAURICE PLOWRIGHT

REFERENCE : D. CUNEEN ACCESS

- (1) The first decision is whether you want vehicles using the accessway if no then end of story if yes then question is do you want to separate vehicular from pedestrian traffic; may depend on relative volumes of each.
- (2) Several methods available as mentioned in Surveyor's letter, ie. if part accessway revoked and sold, owner would have to fence. If right of way granted would depend on terms of agreement.
- (3) First query can right of way be permitted over a Pedestrian accessway I believe yes, but not 100% sure see note (6).
- (4) Is it reasonable to ask for contribution or work. Yes two issues involved. Firstly granting a right of way is creating an interest in land and is a compensatable act. eg. two private land owners may enter an agreement for one to grant a right of way for the other and that has a saleable value. Secondly, any approval under the Local Government Act, if Section 348, gives power to impose conditions etc. Reservation is that Section 348 relates to a right of way over a private way. Not sure how that relates to an accessway, but am sure any consent power enables reasonable conditions. However, the agreement as between neighbours could cover that point to be on the safe side.
- (5) Section 321 of the Local Government Act provides that adequate access must be provided for every lot in a subdivision (with certain exception) and this is physical access as well as legal access.

Section 129 B of the Property Law Act enables a Court to grant a right of way over adjacent land to give access to any land locked land except over reserves under either the Reserves Act or National Parks Act, Railway Land ..., (see McVeaghs).

- (6) My suggestion is to follow a process of :
 - a) Do you want to permit vehicles over it.
 - b) What basis do you want them, ie. is a mix ok or whatever.
 - c) Advise the subdivider that Council would agree to ... (whatever) subject the subdivider meeting the cost of, or provide, an acceptable legal opinion that such a course of action met all legal requirements; and that compensation as assessed by a competent valuer would be payable, together with any work being done that was necessary for the safety and adequacy of users of the right of way. after all, it is the adjacent owner who is deriving benefit from the use of public land therefore any burden of justification should be on them.

- Hope this helps.

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26 July 1991

The Area Manager Far North District Council P O Box 3 RAWENE Received: 29 JUL 1991 ACTION INFORMATION PLG.

Attention : Janet Stephenson

Dear Sir

STATE HIGHWAY 12

SCHEME PLAN SC 98/H OF PROPOSED SUBDIVISION FOR D.B. Cunneen

- 1. I refer to your letter of 27 June 1991. Thank you for furnishing the papers.
- 2. The section of state highway adjacent to the applicant property is not a limited access road.
- 3. I expect that you will be giving the planning implications of this proposal full consideration.
- 4. This proposal does not involve direct access to the State Highway, and conforms with our suggestions.
 - I have no objection to the proposal.

Yours faithfully

A.J. Polglase

A.T. Polglase for REGIONAL MANAGER

Auckland Office Custom House 9th Floor Quay Street CPO Box 1459 Central Auckland Phone: (09) 777-092 Fax: (09) 307-6843

FAR NORTH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Rawene Service Centre

: REPORT :

то :	Hokianga Community Board	
FROM :	Janet Stephenson - Area Planner, Rawene	
DATE :	25 July 1991	
SUBJECT :	SUBDIVISION FOR D CUNNEEN - OPONONI	

In August 1990, the Hokianga Community Board considered a request from the surveyors for Mr D B Cunneen, to provide access to his property over an existing pedestrian accessway, so that he could subdivide.

A copy of my report explaining the background to the matter is attached. The Board resolved:

"That it is not considered good policy to grant a right of way over an accessway, and the Board suggests that the applicant submit an alternative scheme plan."

Subsequently, the applicant was formally advised to submit a new scheme plan pursuant to Section 279(1)(c) of the Local Government Act 1974.

A new scheme plan was then submitted, showing a right of way 3.66 metres wide, with the remainder of the accessway retaining its original status.

The surveyor's accompanying letter states :

"As council appear unwilling to have this strip of land used for other than pedestrian access, the present proposal provides for a pedestrian accessway of 2.44 metres, and a 3.6 metre or 12 foot strip of the accessway to be revoked and transferred to Mr Cunneen, and made into a right of way to serve Mr Cunneen's land and the adjoining Lot 2 DP55463."

Following discussion with the surveyor, a third plan was submitted showing the accessway remaining in Council ownership, with a right of way in favour of lots 1 and 2 over part of the accessway, and no revocation. The plan also shows the right of way at a complying length.



Our Reference

If calling, please ask for

Janet Stephenson

Rawene Service Centre Parnell St, P.O. Box 3, Rawene Telephone: (09) 405-7829, Fax: (09) 405-7898

4 July 1991 Simpson Shaw & Company PO Box 631 WHANGAREI

ATTENTION :

K.L Simpson

Dear Sir

RE : CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION

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If Council ownership and pedestrian status maintained, it is more likely to be on attractive proposition to the Community Board as members of the public could use the driveway as a walking track.

To clarify the matter, I suggest you amend the scheme plan to show <u>either</u> a revocation <u>or</u> retention of Council ownership.

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Once you have clarified these points I will place the proposal before the Hokianga Community Board.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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25 June 1991

The Area Manager Far North District Council PO Box 3 RAWENE

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ATTENTION : JAN REEVE

Dear Madam

RE: SC 98/H - PROPOSED SUBDIVISION - CUNNEEN - OPONONI

I am writing further to your letter SC 98/H of 18 June 1991.

The Bay of Islands Electric Power Board has no requirements.

Electricity supply is available from the existing supply on the pedestrian accessway. The cost for supply would be advised to a prospective electricity customer.

Yours faithfully

K D McLeod SENIOR ENGINEER

Janet Stephenson

27 June 1991

Regional Manager Transit NZ CPO Box 1459 <u>CENTRAL AUCKLAND</u>

ATTENTION : <u>A.T Polglase</u>

Dear Sir

RE : STATE HIGHWAY 12 : SC 98/H : CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION

Thank you for your letter of 21 June.

I enclose copies of my most recent correspondence with Simpson Shaw.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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Telephone0-89-430 8743Fax0-89-430 8649

June 25, 1991

TWR 8/9/2/1 Our Ref: 363/B

Received: 6 JUN 1991 INFORMATION

Dear Sir/Madam

PO Box 3 RAWENE

Far North District Council Rawene Service Centre

YOUR REF: SC 98/H, PROPOSED SUBDIVISION, CUNNEEN - OPONONI

Telecom requirements for this proposal are nil. When telephone service is required, it will be the responsibility of each individual lot owner to provide a trench for underground service leads.

Yours sincerely

JULIE GUTRY Clerical Support, Design



21 June 1991

The Area Manager Far North District Council P O Box 3 HOKIANGA

Attention : Janet Stephenson

Received: **25 JUN 1991** ACTION INFORMATION PAG.

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SH12 : SC 98/6 : CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION

You will have in your records my comments on S.P.87 which would seem to be the predecessor to this current scheme plan. A copy is enclosed.

The surveyors were unhappy about your reaction to the scheme plan. Would it be possible to obtain a copy of your letter to the surveyors?

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A.T. Polglase for REGIONAL MANAGER

Auckland Office Custom House 9th Floor Quay Street CPO Box 1459 Central Auckland Phone: (09) 777-092 Fax: (09) 307-6843



23 March 1990

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The Area Manager Far North District Council PO Box 3 HOKIANGA

ATTENTION : Janet Stephenson

SH 12 : S.P. 87; D B CUNNEEN, OPONONI

The providing of access to SH 12 from the proposed subdivision has been reconsidered on site. Due to the difference in level between the State Highway and the property it is not practical to have the access directly from SH 12. There is a limited area of land available between the property boundary and the top of the cut batter at the state highway formation. The state highway is narrow and is likely to be widened in the forseeable future. If the access road were to be installed in this area it would not be possible to widen on that side of the road.

Alternativesavailable are :

Use the pedestrian access way (presently unformed) or Acquire right of way over Lot 62, DP 61763 or Acquire right of way over Lot 2, DP 55463.

Yours faithfully

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A T Polglase for ACTING REGIONAL MANAGER



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12 June 1991

Simpson Shaw and Company P O Box 631 WHANGAREI

ATTENTION : K.L. Simpson

Dear Sir

RE : CUNEEN SUBDIVISION - STATE HIGHWAY 12 - OPONONI

Thank you for your letter of 30 May.

I am interested to see your innovative approach to solving the access problem for Lots 1 and 2 DP 55463.

I will proceed with the scheme plan application in the normal way.

Yours faithfully

Janet Stephenson {Area Planner} for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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SC 98/H

Jan Reeve

18 June 1991

Simpson Shaw & Company Registered Surveyors PO Box 631 <u>WHANGAREI</u>

ATTENTION : Mr K.L Simpson

Dear Mr Simpson

RE : SC 98/H - CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION - OPONONI

We acknowledge receipt of the above proposed subdivision. Please refer to $\{SC \ 98/H\}$ in all future correspondence.

Yours faithfully

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Jan Reeve (Planning/Engineering Clerk) for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

18 June 1991

Regional Manager Transit NZ CPO Box 1459 <u>AUCKLAND</u>

Dear Sir

RE: SC 98/H - PROPOSED SUBDIVISION - FAIRLIE CRESCENT, OPONONI

Please find enclosed a copy of a Scheme plan of Subdivision for land on State Highway 12.

Your comments are invited.

Yours faithfully

Jan Reeve (Planning/Engineering Clerk) for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

CC: Works Consultancy - Whangarei

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18 June 1991

Moir McNally PO Box 254 KERIKERI

ATTENTION : Greg Moir

Dear Sir

RE: SC 98/H - PROPOSED SUBDIVISION - FAIRLIE CRESCENT, OPONONI

Please find enclosed a scheme plan of subdivision for land at Fairlie Crescent, Opononi. Could you provide me with a valuation for reserve contribution purposes for a 2000 m^2 residential lot on Lot 1.

Yours faithfully

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Jan Reeve (Planning/Engineering Clerk) for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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18 June 1991

Telecom Field Division P O Box 442 <u>WHANGAREI</u>

Dear Sir/Madam

RE : SC 98/H - PROPOSED SUBDIVISION - CUNNEEN - OPONONI

Please find enclosed a copy of a proposed subdivision at Fairlie Crescent, Opononi.

Your comments are invited.

Yours faithfully

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Jan Reeve (Planning/Engineering Clerk) for <u>AREA MANAGER</u>

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18 June 1991

Bay of Islands Electric Power Board P O Box 243 KAIKOHE

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Received:

Fax (089) 488-680 Our Ref. 3255

30 May 1991

General Manager Far North District Council PO Box 246 KAIKOHE

Attention Ms J. Stephenson

Dear Ms Stephenson

RE: CUNNEEN SUBDIVISION - STATE HIGHWAY 12 OPONONI

I refer you to previous discussions and correspondence over this matter over the past 4 to 5 years.

Your reply to my last letter when on behalf of Mr Cunneen I agreed to providing access from the rear as on the original scheme plan and your earlier written suggestion I find your reply completely unsatisfactory.

The accessway of 6 metres in width was as intimated in my previous letter obviously created in error. A normal accessway for pedestrian access only is by statute 2.44m or 8 feet, or 2 metres or 6'8".

As Council appear unwilling to have this strip of land used for other than pedestrian access the present proposal provides for a pedestrian accessway of 2.44m, and a 3.66 or 12 foot strip of the accessway to be revoked and transferred to Mr Cunneen, and made into a right of way to serve Mr Cunneen's land and the adjoining Lot 2 DP.55463.

Lot 2 DP.55463 is in a worst position for practical access than Mr Cunneen's property.

I would like to point out that to date Council have not approved or refused to approve Mr Cunneen's proposal. If in the near future Council still refuse to make a definite decision, either that of approving or refusing to approve the proposal my Client will be forced to take drastic action. This will take the form of appealing to the Ombudsman, and putting the matter in the hands of the Fair Go programme of Television N.Z.

Yours faithfully SIMPSON, SPIAW & CO.

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K.L. SIMPSON cc. Webb Ross Johnson, Barristers & Solicitors Mr Cunneen Television N.Z.

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