

LOWER KAIWHARAWHARA STREAM, ESTUARY AND RECLAMATION STUDY

1. The Treliissick Park Group (TPG)- as a member of the Kaiwharawhara Reclamation Working Group - has been involved in this area since 1994 at the time of WCC's Draft District Plan proposing a zone change of the reclamation area to Open Space. TPG later became concerned that no specific group was involved in safeguarding the environmental and locality (N. Gateway) aspects with the increase of commercial interests operating in the area.

2. In 2009, following discussions with Cllr C Wade Brown (WCC) and Cllr Paul Bruce (GW), a WCC grant was obtained by TPG for a study to be undertaken by Boffa Miskell Ltd. based on a BM Scoping Paper of December 2009 (funded by GW). However the original concept was considerably reduced after discussions with CentrePort (which was to provide a further grant) and the report of October 2011 concentrated on "Ecological Values". This report was emailed to all members last year.

3. TPG then undertook to fill the gaps, and papers have now been prepared on Land Ownership & Titles; Public/Recreation Access; Maori Interests; and Regulations of Statutory Authorities. These are being circulated to members following some revisions from relevant people. It is probable that information - additional to that in Boffa Miskell's study - will be required on fish and fish habitat both around the estuary and upstream.

4. The aim has been:

- a) to collect relevant background material which could have a bearing on decision making by stakeholders in the area
- b) to ensure that biodiversity/ecological aspects are highlighted and taken into consideration in any plans
- c) to permit public access to designated areas
- d) to emphasise the very visible location of the area as Wellington's Northern Gateway
- e) to highlight statutory regulations and policies that apply.

5. At the meeting of Project Kaiwharawhara on 11 April, Craig Palmer of the Wellington Civic Trust stated that the Trust was to take over an important part of the study from TPG, ie the area between the motorway and the sea. This has formally been agreed between the two parties.

6. The Trust is now seeking support from members to the overall thrust of the study and to examine any comments/ideas that you may have on it and the background papers.

This will help in planning for future advancement.

Comments should be sent to the Trust at "alanesmith@extra.co.nz;
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