

SH23: Hamilton to Raglan Safety Improvements

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Safer roads for safer journeys

Plans are underway to make State Highway 23, from Hamilton to Raglan, safer. This project is part of the national Safe Roads and Roadsides programme which aims to prevent 900 deaths and serious injuries on rural state highways over six years.

What are the issues on the road?

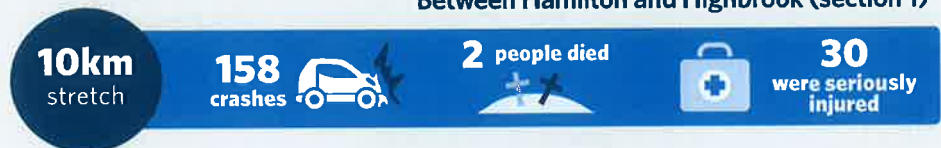
SH23 is classified as a high-risk rural road. The most common types of crashes are:

- » vehicles crossing the centreline
- » crashing head-on
- » losing control on bends
- » running off the road and hitting hazards such as trees, power poles and ditches

These kinds of crashes often result in serious injury or death. Driving too fast for conditions is a common factor in many crashes on SH23.

Deaths and serious injuries over the past decade

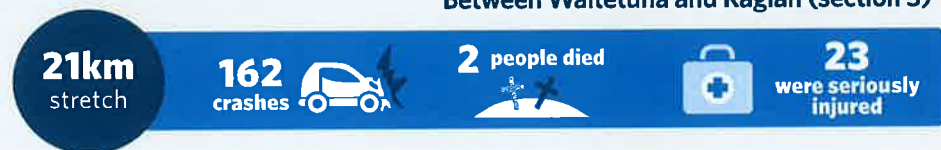
Between Hamilton and Highbrook (section 1)



Between Highbrook and Waitetuna (section 2)



Between Waitetuna and Raglan (section 3)



What we are proposing to make the road to Raglan safer

We want to improve the safety features on the road and roadside on SH23 between Hamilton and Raglan. We have divided the road into three sections to review and would like to hear what you think about our proposals.

Between Hamilton and Highbrook Way

- » install side safety barriers in high-risk areas to stop vehicles running off the road
- » widen the centrelines in areas to reduce head-on crashes
- » look for opportunities to make the road safer for motorcycles
- » review speed management
- » minor intersection improvements.

Between Highbrook Way and Waitetuna

- » we're analysing this section of the highway to see what safety improvements are appropriate
- » we're also reviewing speed management on the route.

Between Waitetuna and Raglan

- » shoulder widening at high-risk locations
- » improved signage
- » look for opportunities to make the road safer for motorcycles
- » install side safety barriers in high-risk areas to stop vehicles running off the road
- » minor intersection improvements.

OPEN DAYS

How can I find out more and share my ideas?



Te Uku Hall
3pm-7pm



Whatawhata Rugby Club
3pm-7pm

➔ There's more information on our website: nzta.govt.nz/SH23



How does this work fit into the government's road safety strategy?

Improving the safety of rural roads and roadsides is a key action of the government's road safety strategy, Safer Journeys, which is based on the Safe System approach. This approach acknowledges that people make mistakes and aims to create a more forgiving transport system where mistakes do not result in death or serious injury. The approach looks across the entire road system to improve safety – including the safety of roads and roadsides, vehicles, encouraging safer speeds and driver behaviour.

Who is delivering these improvements?

This work is being carried out as part of the government's Safer Roads and Roadsides programme. The NZ Transport Agency has established the Safe Roads Alliance to deliver this programme of work over the next six years. It will make safety improvements to high-risk rural state highways around the country, helping to reduce deaths and serious injuries.

Have these road safety improvements been successfully implemented elsewhere?

Improvements such as shoulder widening, side safety barriers and rumble strips have been systematically tried and tested on other rural state highways. They have been proven to significantly contribute to reducing deaths and serious injuries on rural roads.

Your feedback is important to us

Your views are important and will help us to design the most effective improvements for this road. After all, as regular users of the road you know its challenges and understand how any safety improvements could benefit our communities.

Will landowners be affected?

A small amount of land is required to widen the road in some areas. We've started to talk to affected landowners.

Will there be delays during the construction?

We'll work hard to keep any disruption to a minimum.

Will access to my property be affected if safety barriers are installed?

Gaps in the safety barriers will mean you can access your property easily.

Will speed management be reviewed?

We are having a look at how speed is managed along this route and we are keen to hear your thoughts.

What's happening, and when?



August

Public engagement and design



Spring/Summer 2016/17

Waitetuna - Raglan improvements finished



Late 2017

Work is expected to begin on other sections of the highway



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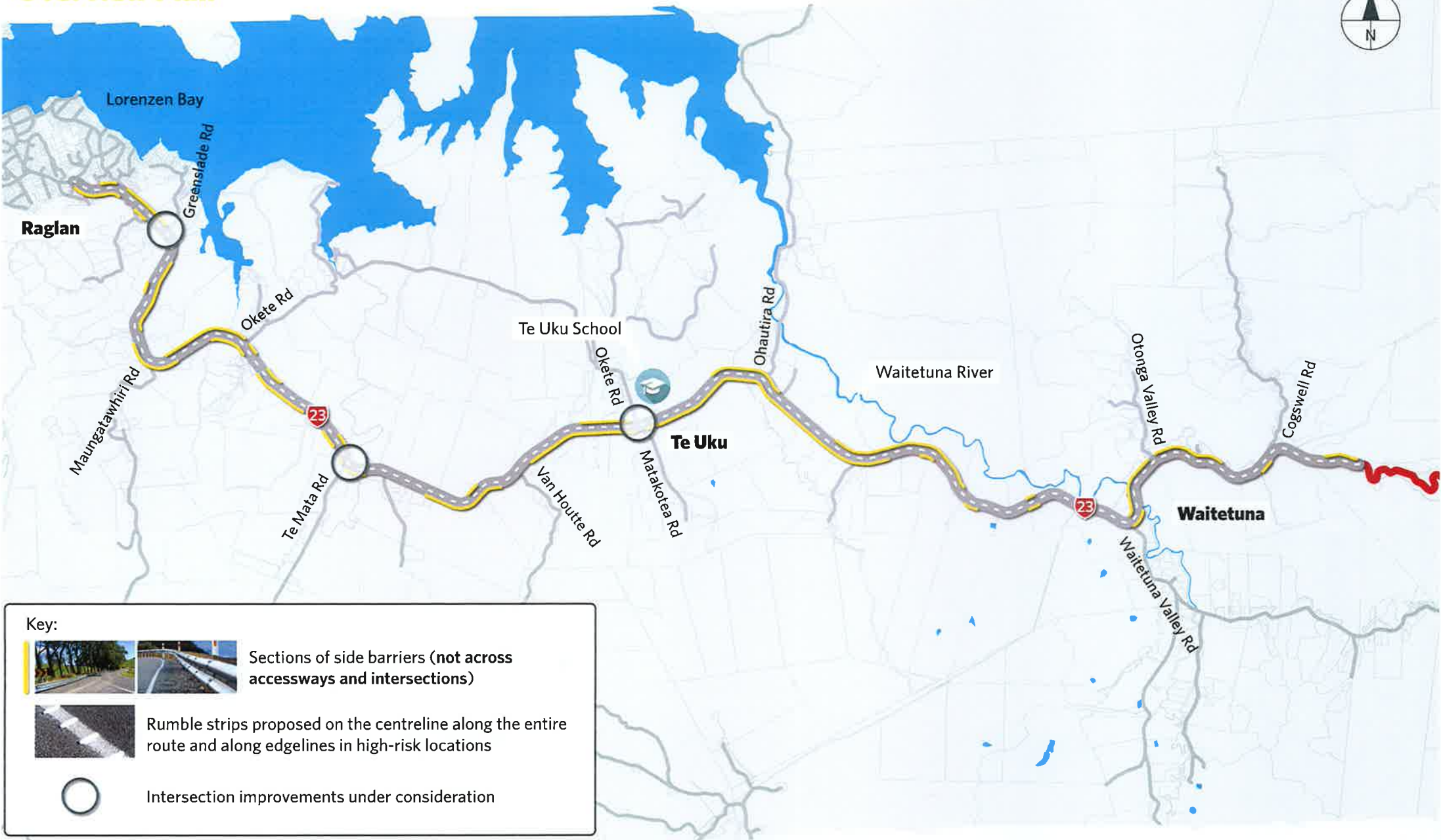
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SH23 - Waitetuna to Raglan

Overview Plan

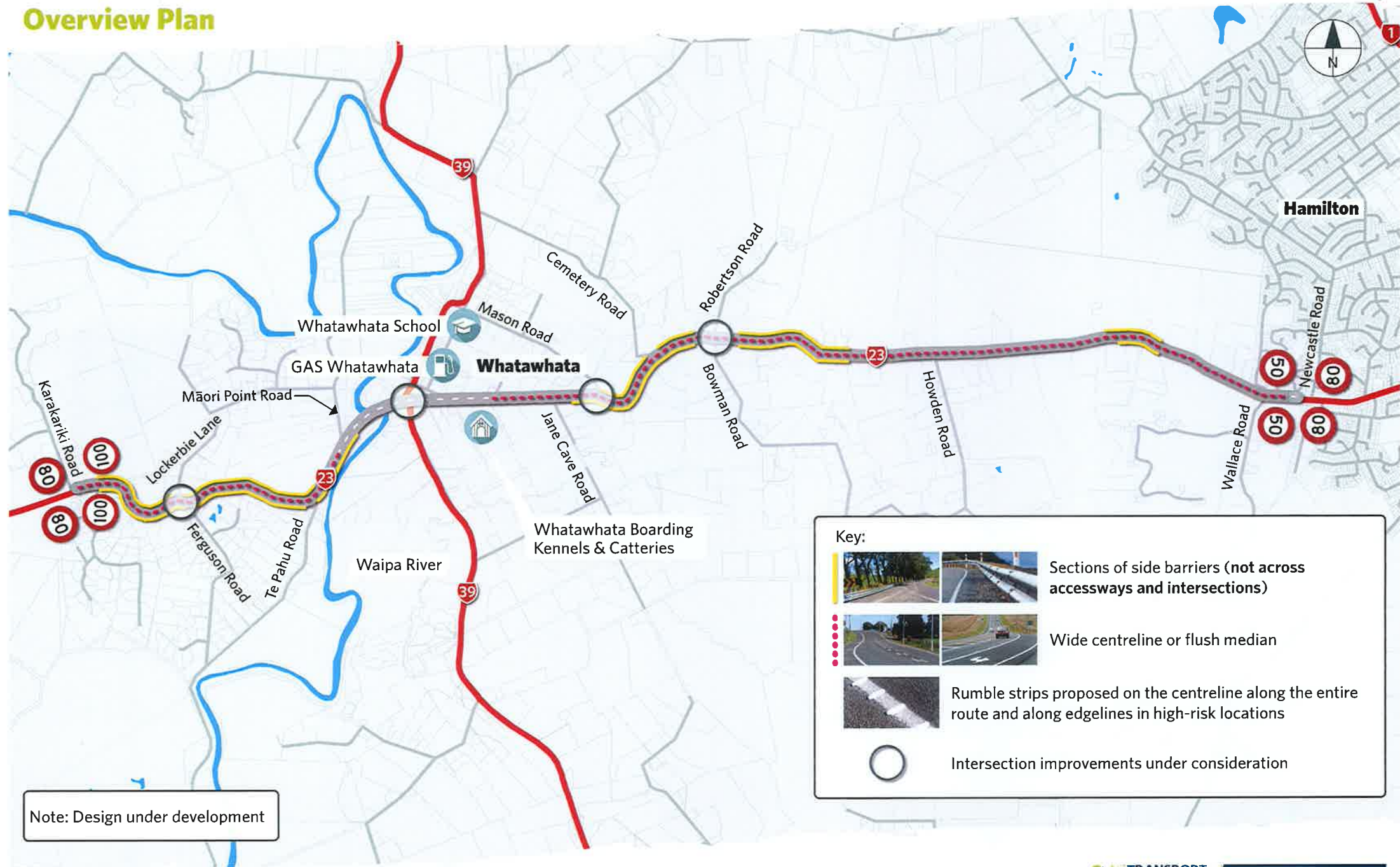


Key:

-  Sections of side barriers (not across accessways and intersections)
-  Rumble strips proposed on the centreline along the entire route and along edgelines in high-risk locations
-  Intersection improvements under consideration

SH23 - Hamilton to Whatawhata

Overview Plan



Note: Design under development

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The Raglan Chamber of Commerce would like to express and outline concerns that have been raised due to the recent sewage spills.

Each spill puts the health of our community at risk.

It is a human right to have access to clean, healthy water use at all times. By suggesting that '5 spills a year' is acceptable, the council is denying that right for the residents and ratepayers of Raglan, and anyone who comes to visit our town.

This is a completely unacceptable situation in 2016 and in a first world country that prides itself on a 'Clean Green' image.

The two spills prior to July's incident both occurred over 'long weekends', which not only posed health problems, but significantly damaged Raglan's environmentally conscious reputation due to national media coverage. As an ever-growing tourist destination, these spills have a financial impact on many Raglan businesses who rely heavily on the ocean and visiting holiday crowds to generate an income to carry them through the winter months.

The Council needs to adopt and maintain a zero spill policy. We expect Council to do whatever is necessary to achieve this.

It is our intent and the intent of the Community Board to quantify the cost of implementing a new regime with up-to-date telemetry and alarm systems that can be properly maintained, tested and monitored by a company trained to understand the technology that has been put into place.

We would also like to understand the cost of any necessary infrastructure upgrades such as pipes, pumps, storage units etc., to ensure and sustain the system's integrity going forward.

The Chamber has met with MP Barbara Kuriger to discuss possible solutions and potential government funding options that could be made available to the community for this upgrade.

We would like to request an estimate on her behalf, for the costings of updating the current system in order for us to successfully establish a zero spill policy.

Sincerely,

Dave Currie, Chair
Raglan Chamber of Commerce



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The Raglan Chamber of Commerce would like to request an urgent report from the Council concerning their plans to mitigate the impact the last two sewage spills have had on the business community.

The Chamber has worked on behalf of our members to promote Raglan as an environmentally conscious town to live in and visit. The last two spills have done significant damage to that work. We are becoming just as well known for our sewage spills as we are our surf.

Businesses in Raglan depend on the long weekends to help get them through the winter. The Chamber would like to request that all Chamber members be added to the Council's Stakeholder email list. The lack of communication of the spills to the businesses has been completely unacceptable.

The Chamber has addressed these issues with our MP Barbara Kuriger and will be meeting with her to explore possible solutions.

A plan needs to be actioned immediately.

The Raglan Chamber of Commerce



Barbara Kuriger

Member of Parliament for Taranaki-King Country

Friday 5th August 2016

I recently met with the board members of the Raglan Chamber of Commerce to discuss sewage spills and the negative impact this has on tourism and local business.

I hear their concerns and share their disappointment over council's claim that a target of zero sewage spills is impossible.

Firstly I would like to understand the reasons that this is impossible and what would need to be done to more confidently set a target of zero sewage spills for Raglan.

Would it be possible for you to advise what it would take to move toward this and please provide me with an outline of the potential barriers to achieving a zero sewage spill target.

As it is in the best interest of the whole community to get this matter resolved quickly I look forward to your response.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'B Kuriger'.

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