

Submission 13: Optimistic pathway to a solution

Introduction:

Personal perspective

Long Term association with Westshore: General Timeline

1. Late 60's to mid 70's as a 5- 12yr old:
Playing on a safe sandy beach, steam train rides, ice-cream shop, picnics, fishing and pipi collecting.
2. Late 70's to early 80's as a 15-18yr old:
Surf Club member and started windsurfing
3. Early 80's to early 90's as a 18-25yr old:
Flatting at Westshore, 69 The Esplanade, remember severe storm event. Volleyball setup on beach side of road, half the court space lost in the storm, 2m drop-off, backflips. Also, positive changes to Amenity value of Perfume Point and Hardinges Road, removal of Tank Farm and creation of Reserve, better wind for windsurfing at Reef in NE-E winds.
4. Early 90's to present day as a 25-50+yr old:
Windsurfed then kite-surfed and paddled boarded up-to present times, witnessed rapid erosion of beach at southern end of Westshore and commencement of shingle dumping. Also, beach fishing: rod and kontiki, Bayview and Whirinaki beaches.

Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Strategy (Stage 3)

Northern Cell: Panel Member for Recreational Representative

Exposed to history of coastal area relating to:

1. History of coastline from Port of Napier to Tangoio
2. Westshore & Erosion: became aware of 30-year period of "engagement" by stakeholders, Rate Payers - Westshore Residents, Councils and Port of Napier
3. Focus on Westshore as high priority area by Coastal Strategy regarding Climate Change and Sea Level Rise.
4. Presentation of "Optimistic Pathway to a Solution". Key point to the submission: to support the chosen pathway for Westshore which provided the best outcomes for all stakeholders:
Westshore Residents: To have a beach typical of the 1970's sorted by Council at an acceptable cost to the ratepayer
Local Government: Councils: To have a tangible solution to negating the impacts of Coastal Erosion and Inundation due to Sea Level Rise for the next 100 years at minimal cost.
Port of Napier: To have the Wharf Development completed with minimal hinderance.

Best Outcome for each stakeholder as deemed by each stakeholder

Westshore Residents

Council develops and implements a DAPP (Dynamic Adaptive Policy Pathway) for Westshore at the least cost to, the general ratepayers of the Councils and/or ratepayers of Westshore

Council

Develop and implement a DAPP for Westshore which has the least cost impact on the ratepayer. From the preferred pathway for Westshore, sea-bed re-nourishment is a key component for the 100-year plan and the supply and placement of an appropriate “resource” is critical and potentially cost inhibitive. To obtain a consent for southern end of Westshore, commence monitoring of Westshore nearshore and beach areas and secure an appropriate “resource” for sea-bed re-nourishment.

Port of Napier

To be able to complete the development of the new berth to best suit their operational needs in the required time frame and within proposed budget. For this to occur a critical requirement is for new consents to be obtained for the “safe” uplifting and disposal of sea bed material.

Key Points

Port Of Napier:

1. Have an existing consent to dispose of material: Disposal area ExtR for material which has been uplifted from a “defined area”. i.e. Any material that is uplifted from within the “defined area” can be disposed of in ExtR. (Note: there is no definition of material composition, particle size, silt/mud/sand)
2. There have been no issues with regards to the use of this consent for the past X years
3. The consent has been utilised for past and present Maintenance Dredging campaigns.
4. During the last Maintenance Dredging campaign, the Port of Napier utilised this consent to dispose of as much material as possible into the southern limit of and as close to the nearshore limit at Westshore. This was achieved via the operation of the new suction dredge.

Not sure how or by whom this campaign was initiated and or approved by. It was certainly welcomed by me as it confirmed the ability to bring material to Westshore that could be achieved via existing consents, delivered safely and accurately and at no additional cost to the ratepayer. It also highlighted/reinforced under this consent there was no issue regarding the suitability/appropriateness of the material during this campaign and or raised concerns by Council and or Residents.

Council

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Westshore Residents

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To reiterate and explain further my Submission on Resource Consent Application:

My interpretation of the:

Details of the Proposed Activities

To undertake Stage 1 capital dredging.... *My understanding is no "resource of appropriate material for the purpose of nearshore seabed re-nourishment at Westshore" is available from this stage/area of the project as any appropriate material is uplifted from outside the area as defined by the existing consent that applies to disposal of material for Area ExtR*

To undertake Stages 2 to 5 capital dredging within the inner port area, swing basin, in and near the existing three channels and to form a new channel... *My understanding is no "resource of appropriate material for the purpose of nearshore seabed re-nourishment at Westshore" is available from these stages/areas of the project unless the appropriate material is uplifted from the area as defined by the existing consent that applies to disposal of material for Area ExtR.*

To undertake maintenance dredging within the areas for which capital dredging permits are sought (stages 1 to 5) *My understanding is no "resource of appropriate material for the purpose of nearshore seabed re-nourishment at Westshore" is available from these stages/areas of the project unless the appropriate material is uplifted from the area as defined by the existing consent that applies to disposal of material for Area ExtR.*

The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:

Consent number CD180012W Disposal of dredge material, however I support the principle of the overall project for the PONL to build a new wharf.

1. In opposition to the disposal of material without the opportunity for the “resource” to be utilised for the purposes by all parties/stakeholders

“opportunity to recycle before dumping”

I seek the following decision from the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council:

I request a condition be placed on the consent that appropriate “sandy” materials dredged during capital and maintenance campaigns are made available for nearshore beach re-nourishment.

I wish to clarify this request to be specifically:

For any “resource of appropriate material for the purpose of nearshore seabed re-nourishment at Westshore” (that is uplifted from the area as defined by the existing consent that applies to disposal of material for Area ExtR) is disposed of in Area ExtR or in the area as defined by the Councils new/future consent for the southern end of Westshore. (I do appreciate there is a maximum volume of material that can be disposed of in a 12mth period in Area ExtR.) The priority would be utilising the existing ExtR disposal area with its existing consent and conditions and the Councils new disposal area to the maximum volumes and then to utilise the Port of Napier’s offshore consented disposal area.

I believe such a condition will allow the:

Port of Napier: To obtain new consents to complete the development of the new berth with minimal hinderance. (Can provide any “resource of appropriate material for the purpose of nearshore seabed re-nourishment at Westshore” via their existing Maintenance dredging campaign consents and commitments i.e. as per the maintenance dredging campaign of October 2017)

Local Government/Councils: Have an opportunity, commitment and security of supply for a “resource of appropriate material for the purpose of nearshore seabed re-nourishment at Westshore” at minimal cost

Westshore Residents: To have confidence of maintenance and or improvement of the amenity value of the “beach” environment as recommended by the panel’s chosen pathway from the Clifton to Tangoio Coastal Strategy 2120 which involves nearshore seabed re-nourishment.

This submission as described above optimistically attempts to present a tangible solution for best outcomes for all Stakeholders based on what is currently available.

“Once in a 50-year opportunity”