ROAD CLOSURE SUBCOMMITTEE
AGENDA

MONDAY 21 MAY 2012

AT 1PM

IN ROOM M2.03, SECOND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES, 53 HEREFORD STREET

Members: Clare Sullivan (Council Secretary)
          Steffan Thomas (Traffic Operations Team Leader)
          Edwina Cordwell (Community Board Adviser, Fendalton/Waimairi Community Board)

In Attendance: Simon Hodges (Traffic Management Coordinator)

1. PROPOSED TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES
   1.1 CHRISTCHURCH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT MARATHON 2012 - Sunday 3 June 2012
       (3am to 2.30pm)

       The Council has received an application from Integrated Traffic Solutions for the temporary
       closure of the following roads for this event:

       Harewood Road
       From Johns Road to Orchard Road North

       Orchard Road
       From Memorial Avenue to Wairakei Road

       Wairakei Road
       From Peter Leeming Drive to Orchard Road

       McLeans Island Road
       From Johns Road to Haul Road

       Pound Road
       From McLeans Island Road to West Coast Road

       Savilles Road
       From Pound Road to Conservators Road

       Guys Road
       From Conservators Road to School Road

       School Road
       From Guys Road to Pound Road

       Ryans Road
       From Pound Road to Russley Road

       Grays Road
       From Ryans Road to Russley Road

       Export Avenue

We’re on the Web!
Copies of the following documents are attached:

- **Staff report** on the application and proposed road closure and its attachments:
  - Attachment 1: Christchurch Marathon Preliminary TMP Diagrams
  - Attachment 2: Objection from Graham Norquay
  - Attachment 3: Objection from Alistair Price
  - Attachment 4: Objection from Greg Knight
  - Attachment 5: Objection from Murray Johsnon
  - Attachment 6: Objection from Kevin Whiteside
  - Attachment 7: Objection from L P Saunders
  - Attachment 8: Objection from Scott Eustace
  - Attachment 9: Objection from Andrew Gillanders
  - Attachment 10: Objection from Rod Latham
  - Attachment 11: Objection from Vicky Daldry
  - Attachment 12: Objection from Ross Campbell
  - Attachment 13: Objection from Leigh Craythorne
  - Attachment 14: Objection from Lynn Anderson
  - Attachment 15: Objection from Peter Bentley
  - Attachment 16: Objection from Karen Brenton

The Subcommittee will hear submissions from all parties including the authors of the staff report.

The Subcommittee will then retire to reach a decision. The Subcommittee has been delegated power by the Council to decide objections to proposed road closures.
PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. The purpose of this report is to provide information to the Road Closures Sub Committee on the proposed road closures associated with the Christchurch Marathon 2012.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2. Due to extensive earthquake damage to the greater Christchurch area, the Christchurch Marathon route that has been used in recent years is not available. An alternate route in Lincoln, Selwyn district, was used in 2011 but a desire to return the event to Christchurch has meant the organisers wish to run the event around the Christchurch Airport and the McLean’s Island area.

3. Fifteen objections to the proposed road closures were received, the submissions made by the objectors are listed in attachments 2-16. Objectors are listed below:

   - Mr Graham Norquay (referred to as Objection 1).
   - Mr Alistair Price (referred to as Objection 2).
   - Mr Greg Knight (referred to as Objection 3).
   - Mr Murray Johnson (referred to as Objection 4).
   - Mr Kevin Whiteside (referred to as Objection 5).
   - Mr L P Saunders (referred to as Objection 6).
   - Mr Scott Eustace (referred to as Objection 7).
   - Mr Andrew Gillanders (referred to as Objection 8).
   - Mr Rod Latham (referred to as Objection 9).
   - Mr Vicky Daldry (referred to as Objection 10).
   - Mr Ross Campbell (referred to as Objection 11).
   - Mrs Leigh Craythorne (referred to as Objection 12).
   - Mrs Lynn Anderson (referred to as Objection 13).
   - Mr Peter Bentley (referred to as Objection 14).
   - Mrs Karen Brenton (referred to as Objection 15).

OBJECTIONS

4. **Objection 1, Mr Graham Norquay.**

   Mr Norquay has outlined a number of reasons why he believes that the Marathon should not proceed as advertised. After consultation and advice that a one way system, allowing access for patrons to gain access to the McLean’s Island area between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, and that no marathon route would extend west of the Pound Road / Mcleans Island Road intersection at Corringa Golf Club he has withdrawn his objection. The withdrawal of the objection noted that if the future running of this event was proposed to be in the same location his view would likely be against that route.

5. **Objection 2, Mr Alistair Price.**

   Mr Price’s main concern was that he be given full vehicle access to his premises. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained Mr Price withdrew his objection.

6. **Objection 3, Mr Greg Knight.**

   Mr Knight’s main concern was that he needs access to his premises to operate his rental car business. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mcleans Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained Mr Knight has withdrawn his objection.
7. **Objection 4**, Mr Murray Johnson.

Mr Johnson is the manager of Parceline Express Ltd, which operates an express freight interchange on Wairakei road. He was concerned about access restriction to his business. After consultation and advice that access to Wairakei Road would be available when required operations are scheduled to take place, (after 11am on the day of the event), Mr Johnson has withdrawn his objection.

8. **Objection 5**, Mr Kevin Whiteside.

Mr Whiteside’s main concern was that he operates a campervan rental business in Export Avenue and is required to be open every day for pick up/ drop off’s and servicing of his clients. Mr Whiteside was also concerned of the closure of Mcleans Island Road as he is a member of the Harewood Golf Club. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mcleans Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained Mr Whiteside has withdrawn his objection. As yet an email confirmation has not been received although several phone calls have verbally confirmed his objection is withdrawn. Access to Mr Whiteside’s business will be maintained during normal business hours on the day of the event, as shown in attachment 1.


Mr Saunders’ objection was that many residents, businesses and clubs in the vicinity will be affected during the road closure. He also questioned the time span for the road closure to take place. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mcleans Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained in a westerly direction to allow access to Mcleans Island Mr Saunders has withdrawn his objection.

10. **Objection 7**, Mr Scott Eustace.

Mr Eustace’s objection was asking for clarification that access would be maintained to the Christchurch Pistol Club. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mclean’s Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained in a westerly direction to allow access to Mclean’s Island, Mr Whiteside has withdrawn his objection.

11. **Objection 8**, Mr Andrew Gillanders.

Mr Gillanders’ objection is that as a club they rely on public access our running days which have been published on the 1st Sunday of each month. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mcleans Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained in a westerly direction to allow access to Mcleans Island, Mr Gillanders has withdrawn his objection.

12. **Objection 9**, Mr Rod Latham.

Mr Latham outlined a number of reasons why he believes that the Marathon should not proceed as advertised. After consultation and advice that a one way system allowing access for patrons to gain access to the McLean’s Island area, between 7am and 2:30pm, and that no marathon route would extend west of the Pound Road / McLean’s Island Road intersection, Mr Latham has accepted the revised proposal to be a fair compromise in the circumstances. The withdrawal of the objection noted that if the future running of this event was proposed to be in the same location his view would likely be against that route.
13. **Objection 10**, Mrs Vicky Daldry

Mrs Daldry is the South Island manager of Kea Campers who operate a Tourism Business which is open seven days a week and operates between the hours of 7.30am and 5.00pm. They require access to Export Avenue on the 3 June 2012 as they have client bookings to collect and return their campervan/motor homes on that day. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mcleans Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained in a westerly direction to allow access to Mcleans Island, Mrs Daldry has withdrawn her objection.


Mr Campbell is the Property Parks and Forests Manager for the Ecan Mcleans Island area. Mr Campbell wishes to have the proposed arrangements be modified to ensure access is maintained. After consultation and advice that a one-way system allowing patrons to gain access to the McLean’s Island area, between 7am and 2:30pm; and that no marathon route would extend west of the Pound Road / McLean’s Island Road intersection, Mr Campbell has withdrawn his objection. It was also explained that should an event such as a fire occur emergency services would have access through the closures, and that should the event be of significant size, the emergency services also had the power to stop the event and deal with the emergency.

15. **Objection 12**, Mrs Leigh Craythorne.

Mrs Craythorne is the secretary for VCC Canterbury and states that denying easy right of entry to their club facilities at 661 McLeans Road on a weekend day (especially a longer holiday weekend) to those members who for whatever reason (employment etc) are unable to access them during the working week (which often includes a Saturday) is untenable. After consultation and advice that access to Export Avenue and Mcleans Island road, between the hours of 7am and 2:30pm, would be maintained in a westerly direction to allow access to Mcleans Island, Mrs Craythorne has withdrawn her objection. In her withdrawal Mrs Carythorne would like it noted that she supports the objectors who wish to continue with their objection.

16. **Objection 13**, Mrs Lynn Anderson

Mrs Anderson has outlined a number of reasons why she believes that the Marathon should not proceed as advertised. Orana Wildlife Park and many other leisure attractions in the McLeans Island area have been severely affected by the tourism downturn following the Christchurch earthquakes, along with two major snow events in the last 18 months. The proposed closure will inflict further loss of income during a holiday weekend on Orana Wildlife Park and other facilities, and this is simply not reasonable or sustainable in the current operating environment. Paying visitors to the Park during Queen’s Birthday weekend generally account for greater than 20 per cent of the Park’s income for the whole month June. The lack of access for visitors and resulting loss of income will have a severe detrimental financial impact on Orana Wildlife Park, which is an extremely important asset to Christchurch. Additionally, the Park’s caterer (Priestley’s limited) will also be detrimentally impacted. The Christchurch Marathon generally only has around 4,000 participants. The McLean’s Island area is an important recreation area for the whole of Christchurch. It has a significant number of leisure attractions (such as Orana Wildlife Park), along with golf courses, multiple clubs and mountain biking tracks. Far more than 4,000 Christchurch people will be denied access and therefore prevented from accessing their preferred leisure activities on a holiday weekend. This Marathon was successfully held last year utilising a temporary course in the Lincoln area without such severe and detrimental impacts on businesses and the community. There is no valid reason why this same course cannot be used again this year. Alternatively, the marathon could be run inside the Christchurch International Airport perimeter fence. This would provide for a similar course in the same area as that proposed without the need for road closures.
There is no logical or economic method of ensuring that all potential visitors to the affected businesses and leisure facilities can be made aware of the closure of the McLeans Island area. The use of an alternative route to the area is not feasible as it is poorly sign posted and will be an additional 20 or more kilometers for visitors to travel. Finally, there have been no arrangements put in place or offer of compensation to the affected organisations for the loss of income due to the proposed closure.

17. **Objection 13a, Mrs Lynn Anderson**

Information below is considered relevant and as an addendum to original objection. While we appreciate that the new proposal allows for limited access to the McLeans Island Recreation Area during the Marathon event, I remain gravely concerned that it does not alleviate or minimise the severe impacts on the multiple businesses, clubs and recreational parks. The following valid reasons support our view:

(i) The new proposal still provides for closure of both well known access points to McLeans Island, namely via Johns Road or Pound Road. Few Christchurch people know that the area can be accessed via Sawyers Arms Road and Logistics Drive. Although signage is proposed there remains a high probability that potential visitors on the day will become confused and simply go elsewhere.

(ii) Those that do see the signs and make the effort to get here via the limited one-way access way are likely to experience extreme delays. Many visitors leave home in time to arrive for a scheduled event at the Park (e.g. the 11:30 am Tiger Feed). The likely delays may mean that visitors miss the event they planned to see. We know from experience that if visitors arrive frustrated and unhappy then this will impact on their overall enjoyment of their visit.

(iii) Visitors that leave the Park prior to 2:30 pm will be subjected to up to a 40 kilometre detour to get back to Christchurch City. With the current high price of vehicle fuels this is an unreasonable imposition on the people of our community.

(iv) You noted during our telephone conversation today that both routes (the original and the new proposal) have been designed to limit the impacts on Christchurch Airport and the International Antarctic Centre. It is only reasonable that the route also aims to limit the impacts on the McLeans Island attractions, rather than singling out one tourist attraction for preferential treatment. As noted in our last objection, the visitors to Orana Wildlife Park during Queen's Birthday weekend traditionally account for over 20 per cent of all visitor income to the Park for the month of June. Like the International Antarctic Centre, Orana Wildlife Park cannot sustain the loss of visitors that will result due to the proposed Marathon route.

(v) McLean's Island is perhaps the most important recreation area in Christchurch post-earthquakes. It is largely undamaged and provides a huge range of recreational activities for the people of Christchurch. This is especially important at a time where many other recreational activities are still unavailable due to earthquake damage. We continue to assert that far more people than the likely 4,000 that will compete in the Marathon will be adversely impacted by lack of appropriate and reasonable access to their leisure activity of choice.
(vi) During our telephone conversation today, I proposed to you an alternative route that would be an excellent compromise for both the Marathon and the affected organisations in the McLeans Island Recreational area. You noted that you are only able to develop proposals to try and make the route that has been applied for by the Marathon organisers possible, rather than propose alternatives that would provide for less disruption to affected parties. I am concerned by this process and approach. Therefore, I would like to propose that the compromise I suggested be put to the Marathon organisers for consideration. In summary, this would see the Marathon start in the same place and then use connecting roads through to Avonhead Road. Once the runners hit Avonhead Road there are many opportunities to develop a route that does not include McLeans Island Road. We would be more than happy to compromise and accept the closure of Pound Road with appropriate signage so long as McLeans Island Road remains open. If this is not possible then the Marathon could start on either Avonhead or Pound Road to easily achieve a route close to and in view of the Airport without such detrimental impacts on the McLeans Island Recreation Area. Additionally, these alternatives would provide for less cost for the Marathon organisers by removing the need to fence a large section of McLeans Island Road.

Thank you for considering our grave concerns in relation to the proposed route. Orana Wildlife Park formally objects to the new proposed route as outlined. We look forward to working with you towards a reasonable compromise that will work for both the Marathon organisers and those that would be severely affected in the McLean’s Island Recreation Area by the proposed route. In closing, we are supportive of the Christchurch Marathon in general and we believe that it is imperative that a workable compromise is reached.

18. Staff believe that the Proposed Traffic management methodology will address the issue of access to McLeans Island Area by allowing visitors to reach their destinations via Logistics Drive and a one way system on McLeans Island Road. This route adds an additional 2.2km to the trip to McLeans Island. It is anticipated that the speed restriction in place on McLeans Island Road with the added distance required to be travelled will increase travel time by approximately five to eight minutes. Upon leaving Orana park the extra distance to return to the point of origin, at the intersection of Mcleans Island Road and Johns Road has been measured to be 11.6 kilometres. The additional distance required to return to State Highway 1, intersection of Russley road and Yaldhurst road is 6.1 kilometres. After analysis of traffic counts in the area it is estimated that the number of vehicles required to travel this distance will be to approximately 300 vehicles. Utilising average vehicle occupancy rates it is estimated that approximately 600 patrons of Orana Park and McLean’s Island Golf club may be affected by the proposed arrangement. Staff believe this is an acceptable solution.

19. As stated in paragraph two due to the marathon being the Christchurch marathon there is a desire from the event organisers to return the event to within the Christchurch City area post earthquake. An original proposal to utilise Memorial Avenue was the preferred route but is not able to be pursued due to issues regarding permission to cross State Highway 1 at Memorial Avenue. It is noted that objections have been received from Priestley’s catering and other recreation clubs in the area that Mrs Anderson has indicated she believes will also be affected. In regards to the objection about denial and prevention of access to preferred leisure activities on a holiday weekend, the road closure process will enable access to Orana Park to be maintained and the application to council did not prevent access to Orana Park being available via an alternate route.

20. The proposed alternative Route proposed by Mrs Anderson has been communicated to the event organisers but it should be noted that this route would close Memorial Avenue from Ron Guthrie Drive to Orchard Road and Orchard Road from Memorial Avenue to Wairakei Road. Staff believe that this route would not be a suitable route as it would deny all access to Christchurch International airports arrival and departure facilities. In regards to the design of the course, and supposed preferential treatment of The International Antarctic Centre, this is not within the Christchurch City Council’s jurisdiction nor was it Christchurch City Council’s design to minimise impact on the Airport and Antarctic Centre. The design of the course was carried out by the event organisers not the Christchurch City council. The Christchurch City Council has met the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974 and are not responsible for the consultation carried out by event organisers.
21. **Objection 14, Mr Peter Bentley.**

On behalf of the McLean’s Island Golf Club Mr Bentley’s main concerns are that the McLean’s Island Golf Club wishes to object most strongly to the proposed closure on the grounds that:

(i) It may cause financial loss to the Club.

(ii) It may create a safety issue in the event of a fire or flood within the McLean’s Island sector of the Waimakariri River Regional Park.

22. On average, the income received by the McLean’s Island Golf Club on a normal Sunday from public access to its course accounts for approximately 30 per cent of its weekly income. On long holiday weekends such as the Queen’s Birthday weekend when the above closure is proposed, this percentage may increase to 40 per cent. The closure of a part of the McLean’s Island Road access would result in our patrons having to take a 20 kilometre detour from the Johns Road / McLean’s Island Road intersection via Yaldhurst, the West Coast Road, the Old West Coast Road and Chattertons Road. This would be a 40 kilometre round trip which we believe would be a very strong deterrent for potential patrons. As one of a number of sport and recreational organisations and businesses along the McLean’s Island Road we believe that it is most unfair that our activities should have to be curtailed for a "one off" event not normally associated with this region.

23. We would also like to express our deep concern that there has been no previous communication with organisations in this region throughout the planning process for this event. As McLean’s Island Road is now a busy arterial route to the city surely some consideration should have been given to re routing the Marathon to keep this road open, or at the very least, consulting with the "residents" to see if it would have been possible to work with them instead of totally shutting them out.

24. In conjunction with Environment Canterbury, the McLean’s Island Lessees have been working to establish an evacuation plan for the McLean’s Island region in the event of Fire or Flood. We strongly believe that, particularly in the event of fire, two points of egress from the area are vital for the overall safety of the persons within the park area. Of particular note is the fact that most of the forested area is in the Haul Road to Chattertons Road area which would possibly prevent egress from that end of McLean’s Island Road, especially if there are a number of events taking place in the area, a most likely scenario on a long three day weekend.

25. Staff believe that the Proposed Traffic management methodology will address the issue of access to Mcleans Island Area by allowing visitors to reach their destinations via Logistics Drive and a one-way system on Mcleans Island Road. This route adds an additional 2.2 kilometres to the trip to Mcleans Island. It is anticipated that with the speed restriction in place on Mcleans Island Road and the added distance required on the route travel time will be increased by approximately five to eight minutes. Upon leaving Mclean’s Island Golf Club the extra distance to return to the point of origin, at the intersection of Mcleans Island Road and Johns Road has been measured to be 12.3 kilometres. The additional distance required to return to State Highway 1, Intersection of Russley Road and Yaldhurst Road is 6.8 kilometres. After analysis of traffic counts in the area it is estimated that the number of vehicles required to travel this distance will be to approximately 300 vehicles. Utilising average vehicle occupancy rates it is estimated that approximately 600 patrons of Orana Park and McLean’s Island Golf Club may be affected by the proposed arrangement. Staff believe this is an acceptable solution.

26. The Christchurch City Council has met the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974 and are not responsible for the consultation carried out by event organisers. In relation to an emergency occurring such as a fire or flood, emergency services would have access through the closures, and if there was an emergency of significant size, the Emergency services would also have the power to stop the event.
27. **Objection 15, Mrs Karen Brenton.**

   Mrs Brenton operates a café at Orana Park and the proposed closures would seriously affect her business which has already had to deal with many issues that nature has sent her. Mrs Brenton would like it known that she strongly objects to the chosen route and requests that McLean’s Island stay open on 3 June 2012.

28. **Staff believe that the Proposed Traffic management methodology will address the issue of access to Mcleans Island Area by allowing visitors to reach their destinations through Logistics Drive and a one-way system on Mcleans Island Road. This route adds an additional 2.2km to the trip to Mcleans Island. It is anticipated that the speed restriction in place on Mcleans Island Road with the added distance required to be travelled will increase travel time by approximately five to eight minutes. Upon leaving Mcleans Island Golf Club the extra distance to return to the point of origin, at the intersection of Mcleans Island Road and Johns Road has been measured to be 12.3 kilometres. The additional distance required to return to State Highway 1, Intersection of Russley road and Yaldhurst road is 6.8 kilometres. After analysis of traffic counts in the area it is estimated that the number of vehicles required to travel this distance will be to approximately 300 vehicles. Utilising average vehicle occupancy rates it is estimated that approximately 600 patrons of Orana Park and McLean’s Island Golf club may be affected by the proposed arrangement. Staff believe this is an acceptable solution.

29. The Christchurch City Council has met the requirements of the Local Government Act 1974 and are not responsible for the consultation carried out by event organisers.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORT**

30. There are bus services that run along Orchard road that can be accommodated by using an alternative route on Russley Road.

**EMERGENCY SERVICES**

31. Police, Fire and Ambulance Services support the route and have no concerns with the proposal.

32. NZTA is involved in the process due to the event utilising part of their network and are aware of the flow on effects. They have no objection to the events proposed route.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Road Closure Subcommittee approves the proposed road closures as detailed in Attachment 1.
Key
Non CCC Network use
Closed 7am -2:30pm
Closed 3am - 10am
Not closed
Closed 3am - 7am
One way system 7am - 2:30pm
Manual Traffic control 7am -2:30pm

- A one way system will be installed from Logistics Drive to Pound Road to allow access to the Mcleans Island recreation area.
- The installation of this one way system will require the road to be closed between 3 am and 7am to allow the installation of a fence to separate the Marathon course and motorists.
- Manual traffic control to operate between Logistics drive and Export avenue to allow entry and exit from Export avenue.
- Signs will be installed on Johns Road to direct motorists to Logistics drive and onto Mcleans Island Road. The signage will be positioned South of Johns Road on Sawyers arms road East of Sawyers Arms Road and South of Mcleans island road.
Marathon course will not extend West of Pound road.
A one way system will be installed from Logistics Drive to Pound Road to allow access to the Mcleans Island recreation area.
The installation of this one way system will require the road to be closed between 3 am and 7am to allow the installation of a fence to separate the Marathon course and motorists.

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Signs will be installed on Johns Road to direct motorists to Logistics drive and onto Mcleans Island Road. The signage will be positioned South of Johns Road on Sawyers arms road East of Sawyers Arms Road and South of Mcleans island road.
Pre Closure Warning Signs

CHCH MARATHON ROAD CLOSED
7am to 3pm
03 June 2012
Info:
021530790

CHCH MARATHON ROAD CLOSED
3am to 7am
03 June 2012
Info:
021530790

CHCH MARATHON ROAD CLOSED
7am to 10am
03 June 2012
Info:
021530790

* Sign Location for Pre-Warning

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Initial Closure - 0700 - 0945hrs

Marathon Route

Secondary Closure - 0945 - 1430hrs

Access for official vehicles only
Detours to be Signed via Mcleans Island Road via Old West Coast Road and Chattertons Road. Detour to Russley road to be signed via Yaldhurst Road.

Legend:
- Marathon Route
- Cone Alignment
- Safety Fencing

Event Supplementary under sign

Detour ahead follow Square

Mcleans Island Recreational Area City

Road Closed

Not to Scale

Drawing Name: Christchurch Marathon
Drawing Number: ITS12-097-045
Revision Number: 1
Road Level: 1 & 2
Posted Speed Limit: 70 & 80 kmh
Prepared By: Jon Altherton
Date Prepared: 11 May 2012
Manual Traffic Control station will be established to provide information regarding road closure and alternate routes.
Proposed Road Closure for Christchurch International Airport Marathon 2012

We agree with comment of our fellow business operators in McLeans Island Road

Therefore, we also implore the Christchurch City Council to deny the road closure request for the following valid reasons: (Our thanks to the other business operators for their input which we have taken the liberty of utilizing)

a) There has been no consultation whatsoever with any organizations/businesses that will be affected by the closure and this is entirely unacceptable until someone called yesterday (Thursday 2nd May) to leave a map of the proposed course.

b) Coringa Golf Club and many other leisure attractions in the McLeans Island area have been severely affected by the tourism downturn following the Christchurch earthquakes. The proposed closure will inflict further loss of income during a holiday weekend on Coringa and other facilities and this is simply not reasonable or sustainable in the current operating environment.

c) This is the last long weekend until Labour weekend and people take this as the last opportunity to enjoy their recreational activities before the onset of winter and snow/rain etc.

d) The Christchurch Marathon generally only has around 4,000 participants. The McLeans Island area is an important recreation area for the whole of Christchurch. It has a significant number of leisure attractions (such as Orana Wildlife Park), along with golf courses, multiple clubs and mountain biking tracks. Far more than 4,000 Christchurch people will be denied access and therefore prevented from accessing their preferred leisure activities on a holiday weekend.

e) This Marathon was successfully held last year utilizing a temporary course in the Lincoln area without such severe and detrimental impacts on businesses and the community. There is no valid reason why this same course cannot be used again this year. Alternatively, the marathon could be run inside the Christchurch International Airport perimeter fence. This would provide for a similar course in the same area as that proposed without the need for road closures.

f) There is no logical or economic method of ensuring that all potential visitors to the affected businesses and leisure facilities can be made aware of the closure of the McLeans Island area. The use of an alternative route to the area is
not feasible due to it being poorly sign-posted and an additional 40+ kilometres for visitors to travel and return.

\[g\] Finally, there have been no arrangements put in place or offer of compensation to the affected organizations for the loss of income due to the proposed closure.

\[h\] Loss of income from green fee players not being able to access the golf club on one of our busier days of the year.

\[i\] We have staff and their family on site. This will not allow them to access the property.

\[j\] Our Pro Shop and Caterer (which are contracted out) will also lose revenue. The proposed road closure is simply unacceptable due to the severe detrimental impacts on so many organizations and the people of Christchurch generally due to denying access to the leisure activities of their choice during an important holiday weekend.

We would like the opportunity to be heard in relation to our objection. In closing, we once again implore the Christchurch City Council to deny the request for the proposed road closures.

Regards

Graham Norquay
Vice President
Hi Simon,

Yes we are fine with the one way system for this time but as Harewood have stated we would have to re look at it next year if it is decided to be closed again.

Regards
Helen
Coringa Golf Club
Christchurch NZ
Ph: 033597174 x2
Good Afternoon.

We are a business located in Export Avenue and we note in The Press of 2 May 2012 that Integrated Traffic Solutions have applied for a vehicle closure of Export Avenue on the 3 June 2012.

We wish to object to the closure and request that we be given full vehicle access to our premises.

Our business has requirements at the beginning of each month to meet strict guidelines to complete reports for our clients.

Our office is also an important communication base for our clients and in the case of an electricity emergency at any of our clients premises we may need access to our premises.

We are disappointed to read of the closure of Export Avenue through the media as no attempt has been made with us or others in Export Avenue to communicate the proposal to close Export Avenue.

Yours faithfully

Alistair Price
Director

Please acknowledge receipt of this email.
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Yours faithfully

Alistair Price

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Thank you
-----Original Message-----
From: Alistair Price [mailto:alistair@energy.net.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2012 1:26 PM
To: Hodges, Simon
Subject: RE: New proposal for Christchurch Marathon 2012 Road Closures

Good Afternoon Simon

I have reviewed the amendments you have suggested and I believe it is fair to everyone.

I wish to withdraw my objection based on the information provided.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kind regards
From: Greg Knight [mailto:greg@omegarentals.com]
Sent: Wednesday, 2 May 2012 9:15 AM
To: Sullivan, Clare
Subject: road closure

Attn: Clare Sullivan
Please accept this email as a formal objection to the proposed road closure of Export Avenue Sunday 3 June 2012 from 3am to 2.30pm.
We are a 7 day per week Rental Car company with opening hours from 0730 hrs - 1700 hrs. Our operation is structured on picking up and returning our clients from Christchurch International Airport. This road closure would result in our business not being able to operate on the day resulting in major interruption to ourselves and our clients. It is worth noting that Omega Rental Cars has had no prior notification of this road closure prior to the publication of intent in todays Press newspaper.

Regards
Greg Knight
Omega Rental Cars

Kind Regards,
Greg Knight
Omega Rental Cars Limited

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Hi Simon

Under the terms of the proposal described Omega Rental Cars is withdrawing its objection forwith regarding the intended course of the 2012 Christchurch Marathon.

Regards
Greg Knight
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Omega Rental Cars
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Kind Regards,
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Parceline Express Ltd operates an express freight interchange at 846 Wairakei Road, Harewood, during the proposed closure of Wairakei Rd between Peter Leeming Drive and Orchard Rd.

Our usual Sunday schedule includes 4 to 5 heavy commercial vehicle arrival/departures between 11:30 and 14:30.

As drivers logbooks and ferry sailings dictate these vehicle activities, please confirm that we will experience no undue delays due to this event.

Many thanks,
Murray.
-----Original Message-----
From: MURRAY JOHNSON [mailto:murray.johnson@parceline.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2012 2:10 PM
To: Hodges, Simon
Subject: RE: New proposal for Christchurch Marathon 2012 Road Closures

Simon, Parceline Express withdraws its objection.

Regards,
Murray.

Murray Johnson | Parceline Express | 0274-350-248
Hi,

I wish to lodge a formal objection to the proposed closure of Export Avenue for the marathon on the 3rd June 2012.

I operate a campervan rental business out of 6 Export Avenue and we are required to be open every day for pick ups/ drop offs and servicing of our clients.

I have a number of campervans booked to go out that day and by closing Export Avenue you are stopping us from carrying out our business. We have 3 staff who work on Sundays who are involved in servicing our vehicles, dealing with pick ups and drop offs and also dealing with clients who turn up at the depot.

A person visited our office last week and dropped off some information and advised us that the road would only have some minor vehicle restrictions but would not be closed. The information supplies talks of road management, not closure.

If the council would agree to road management, allowing traffic on one side of the road, as has been carried out in previous marathons then we would have no objection as we would be able to carry out our normal business.

There are a number of other rental car and campervan businesses located in Export avenue and i am sure that they will have the same issues as we do.

I have also been in contact with the Manager of Harewood Golf Course who also has the same issues we have.

I would appreciate if the Council would reconsider the closing of the road and use management not closure to deal with the marathon.

Kind regards,

Kevin Whiteside
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Hi,

Further to my earlier email I understand that the Council is also going to close McLeans Island road on the 3rd June 2012 as well as Export Avenue.

Please treat my objection as an objection to the closing of McLeans Island Road as well.

Kind regards,

Kevin Whiteside

Kiwi Campers is a member of the Tourism Industry Association New Zealand and Carbon Neutral certified through GreenCarbon.
Dear Clare,

I wish to object to the proposed temporary road closures planned for the 3rd of June in the Harewood area. It seems to me that many residents, businesses and clubs in the vicinity will be effected during the road closure. It also seems a funny time span for the road closure to take place.

Yours faithfully,

L.P. Saunders.
-----Original Message-----
From: LPSAUNDERS [mailto:LPSAUNDERS@xtra.co.nz]
Sent: Wednesday, 9 May 2012 9:08 AM
To: Hodges, Simon
Subject: Re: New proposal for Christchurch Marathon 2012 Road Closures

Simon ,Thank you for your help in sorting the Traffic Management Plans for the Airport Marathon. I wish to now withdraw my objections. 
L P Saunders
Dear Clare,

I am writing on behalf of the Christchurch pistol club located on Mcleans Island road. Based on your list of road closures I believe that we will still have access to the club on the day of the marathon? Please can you confirm this?

I understand that the road will be closed from the Johns road entry until the stopbank close to the entry of our club. Please can you confirm that we access to the club site from the Old West Coast road side of Mcleans Island road.

Can you confirm our access as soon as possible to allow me time to inform our membership.

Regards

Scott Eustace

Sent from Scott Eustace's Samsung Mobile
-----Original Message-----
From: Scott Eustace [mailto:saeustace@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: Thursday, 10 May 2012 5:18 PM
To: Hodges, Simon
Subject: RE:

Dear Simon,

Apologies for the delay in my response, we had a committee meeting last night at the club, and I have waited until we have had a chance to discuss.

In reply, we have agreed to withdraw our objection, based on your revised marathon route with the one way access.
We appreciate the time and effort you have made in facilitating changes to the route, but feel that this process could have been made somewhat easier should all effected businesses and clubs had been contacted prior to the course being set.
That being said, I will supply you with feedback post event to inform you of how the marathon has affected our club on the day of the event.

Regards

Scott Eustace
Hi Clare

The Canterbury Steam Preservation Society Inc. would like to object to the closure of the McLeans Island Road from Johns Road to Haul Road intersection on Sunday 3rd June as advertised in the Press on 28th April.

As a club we rely on public access to our running days which have been published on the 1st Sunday of each month.

The Waimak River Regional Park has become increasingly popular with people from Christchurch city as many other attractions have been closed by the earthquake. I am sure that many other clubs in our area will also be concerned with the lack of consultation.

The Queens Birthday Weekend is one of our more successful running weekends and we will also be hosting the NZ Motorhome Association that weekend. They have advertised their event throughout New Zealand and directions on how to find us from Johns Road!

Andrew Gillanders
Secretary
CSPS
----- Original Message -----  
From: "Gillanders" <g.gillanders@xtra.co.nz>  
To: "Hodges, Simon" <Simon.Hodges@ccc.govt.nz>  
Sent: Wednesday, May 09, 2012 8:35 PM  
Subject: Re: New proposal for Christchurch Marathon 2012 Road Closures  

> Hi Simon  
>  
> This is a far better situation with the McLeans Island Road being made one  
> way for the duration of the Marathon.  
>  
> You should be congratulated in resolving this problem and we wish to  
> withdraw our objection.  
>  
> Andrew Gillanders  
> Canterbury Steam Preservation Society
Dear Clare,

I write to you as a concerned business about the proposed road closures for the Christchurch International Airport Marathon.

We strongly object to the proposed closures for the following reasons:

- Firstly, we have never been notified of these proposed road closures as well as a number of other businesses down McLeans Island Rd.
- Loss of income from green fee players not being able to access the golf club on one of our busier days of the year
- We have two functions scheduled for that day here at the golf club who also will not be able to access our venue
- We have tenants living in the accommodation block located at the front of our property who will not be able to come or go during this time.
- We have staff and their family living on site and whose wife is a nurse and on shift work. This will not allow them to access the property.
- Our Pro Shop (separate business contracted out) will also lose revenue.
- We have a driving range leased to Pacific Golf Academy who will not be able to function during this time
- Our caterers – Moveable Feasts are primarily an out catering business and have functions on over this period which would mean their staff will not have access to their work environment

I would like an answer immediately as to how these issues above are going to be resolved as clearly you can see there are some significant hurdles that need to be addressed. If the road closures are kept in place then who will be compensating our business and the other businesses on our property for loss of revenue? Who will be telling our tenants that they are not able to leave or return to their properties during this time? This is not an acceptable situation for our club and club members.

Clare, I look forward to hearing back from you immediately with your suggestions and recommendations to resolve these issues.

Yours faithfully

Rod Latham
General Manager
Harewood Golf Club

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Hi Simon,

Thank you for the revised plan below.

I think this is a better stance than what was previously mooted ie total road closure. I am still a little hesitant about the one way along McLeans Island Road and like some of the other businesses and recreation organisations I am unsure as to the exact impact this will have on our business overall. I guess the proof will be in the pudding.

I think that at least the effort has been made to accommodate us in some shape or form and that this is probably a fair compromise given the circumstances. I would however like to point out that I would expect that the course will be looked at from a location point of view for the following year and beyond as potentially this will be very disruptive to our businesses on a long term basis if the marathon continues to be located around the airport precinct. As has been mentioned before McLeans Island Road and Pound Road are main bypass roads used more often than ever before particularly since the earthquakes so I would be reluctant to accept this compromise should this continue again next year.

I am interested in the outcome of the objections and the meeting if one is held

Kind regards

Rod Latham
General Manager
Harewood Golf Club
Dear Clare,

I am writing to object to the proposed Road Closure on 03.06.12 from 3am to 2.30pm for Export Avenue. We operated a Tourism Business which is open 7 days a week and operates between the hours of 7.30am and 5.00pm. We need access to Export Avenue on the 03.06.12 as we have client bookings to collect and return their campervan/motorhomes on that day. These are clients that have already pre-arranged these bookings and confirmed their dates.

If Export Avenue was closed during these times we wouldn't be able to service these clients.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding this.

Kind Regards

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-----Original Message-----
From: Vicky Daldry [mailto:vickydaldry@keacampers.com]
Sent: Friday, 11 May 2012 12:00 PM
To: Hodges, Simon
Subject: Re: New proposal for Christchurch Marathon 2012 Road Closures

Hi Simon

Happy with proposal changes for the access to Export Avenue.

Regards

Vicky
Hi Clare,

Environment Canterbury’s submission to road closure.  Support the event just need to find a way of maintaining access through McLeans Island.  I am told event organisers are looking to see if one lane can be kept open.

Call me if I can assist – 027 438 4488.

Regards
Ross

Attached is Environment Canterbury’s submission to road closure.
7 May 2012

Ms. Clare Sullivan
Council Secretary
Christchurch City Council
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Dear Clare

**Christchurch Marathon Road Closure**

Environment Canterbury and its lessees at McLeans Island object to the planned road closure of McLeans Island Road for the Christchurch marathon. As an affected land owner we are disappointed at the lack of prior consultation and potential impacts to visitors and lessees. Access must be maintained to our lessees businesses, clubs and McLeans Island Forest mountain bike track.

The earthquake has impacted negatively on all organisations at McLeans Island. Trade remains slow and business challenging. Many are struggling. Queens birthday weekend is traditionally busy and an important event and revenue opportunity. We ask the proposed arrangements be modified to assure access is maintained.

I offer what support we may, towards achieving this.

Yours faithfully

Ross Campbell  
Property Parks and Forests Manager
Hi Simon,

As discussed on the phone Environment Canterbury acknowledges efforts made to address Environment Canterbury and Lessees concerns. We ask signage to alert drivers to the diversion through logistics drive are highly visible, two signs for each direction. We look forward to organisers applying learning's towards future events. Engaging with affected parties well ahead of making application.

Environment Canterbury withdraws its objection.

Regards
Ross
The Vintage Car Club of New Zealand (Inc.) Canterbury Branch wish to strongly object to the proposed temporary road closures as per the Public Notice, The Press, 28 April 2012.

One of the aims and objectives of our club is to foster interest and engage in the preservation and maintenance of motor vehicles in categories up to 30-years of age and to provide facilities for members to obtain and maintain these vehicles.

By denying easy right of entry to our club facilities at 661 McLeans Road during a day in the weekend (especially a longer holiday weekend) to those members who for whatever reason (employment etc) are unable to access them during the working week (which often includes a Saturday) is untenable.

Members from throughout New Zealand also anticipate our facilities open and available to them during this time.

As a lessee at McLeans Island, we are charged with keeping our grounds tidy and the vegetation cleared for the safety of all those who are in the area. Our maintenance committee work on Sundays and for them to make the much longer journey to our grounds would be a big ask.

Likewise, our spare parts department would also be difficult to get to for many who are working on their restorations at weekends.

At a recent Meeting for McLeans Island Lessee Groups called by Environment Canterbury, Fire Evacuation and Flood Awareness Plans were presented and accepted. The importance of evacuation procedures was stressed.

If the proposed road closures were approved, emergency access/egress for not only those in the area but also for emergency vehicles would be severely compromised.

In view of the limited access and significant safety issues, not only to our members but also to the individuals/clubs/groups using the area, we wish to record our strong objection to the proposed temporary road closure.

Leigh Craythorne
Branch Secretary
VCC Canterbury Branch

6 May 2012
Hello Simon

Thank you for keeping me in the loop regarding the proposed road closures - this is appreciated.

As a non profit club we are able to wear the inconvenience of your suggested amended proposal. However our sympathies are with our fellow neighbouring clubs who rely on their income for their survival and we feel we must support them in their objections.

Regards
Leigh Craythorne
Branch Secretary
VCC Canterbury
Dear Clare

Further to our telephone discussion, Orana Wildlife Park **strongly objects** to the proposed road closures for the Christchurch Marathon 2012 on Sunday, 3 June 2012.

We are horrified that the proposed route is being publicly advertised on printed flyers and the Christchurch Marathon website prior to approval being granted for the road closures by the Christchurch City Council.

The Marathon could proceed in a number of other locations near Christchurch that would not detrimentally impact on so many organisations and the people of Christchurch.

Therefore, we **implore** the Christchurch City Council to deny the road closure request for the following valid reasons:

- There has been no consultation whatsoever with any organisations/businesses that will be affected by the closure and this is entirely unacceptable.

- Orana Wildlife Park and many other leisure attractions in the McLeans Island area have been severely affected by the tourism downturn following the Christchurch earthquakes, along with two major snow events in the last 18 months. The proposed closure will inflict further loss of income during a holiday weekend on Orana Wildlife Park and other facilities and this is simply not reasonable or sustainable in the current operating environment.

- Paying visitors to the Park during Queen’s Birthday weekend generally account for greater than 20% of the Park’s income for the whole month June. The lack of access for visitors and resulting loss of income will have a severe detrimental financial impact on Orana Wildlife Park, which is an extremely important asset to Christchurch. Additionally, the Park’s caterer (Priestley’s Limited) will also be detrimentally impacted.

- The Christchurch Marathon generally only has around 4,000 participants. The McLeans Island area is an important recreation area for the whole of Christchurch. It has a significant number of leisure attractions (such as Orana Wildlife Park), along with golf courses, multiple clubs and mountain biking tracks. Far more than 4,000 Christchurch people will be denied access and therefore prevented from accessing their preferred leisure activities on a holiday weekend.

- This Marathon was successfully held last year utilising a temporary course in the Lincoln area without such severe and detrimental impacts on businesses and the community. There is no valid reason why this same course cannot be used again this year. Alternatively, the marathon could be run inside the Christchurch International Airport perimeter fence. This would provide for a similar course in the same area as that proposed without the need for road closures.

- There is no logical or economic method of ensuring that all potential visitors to the affected businesses and leisure facilities can be made aware of the closure of the McLeans Island area. The use of an alternative route to the area is not feasible due to it being poorly sign-posted and an additional 20+ kilometres for visitors to travel.

- Finally, there has been no arrangements put in place or offer of compensation to the affected organisations for the loss of income due to the proposed closure.

The proposed road closure is simply unacceptable due to the severe detrimental impacts on so many organisations and the people of Christchurch generally due to denying access to the leisure activities of their choice during an important holiday weekend.

We would like the opportunity to be heard in relation to our objection.
In closing, we once again implore the Christchurch City Council to deny the request for the proposed road closures.

Best regards
Lynn Anderson
Chief Executive

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Dear Clare

Further to my email of yesterday strongly objecting to the proposed road closures for the Christchurch Marathon, I had a long telephone conversation Sheree Stevens (the Marathon Event Manager).

Sheree informed me quite emphatically that the Christchurch City Council supports the road closures for the event and particularly wants it to be held on the proposed route. She stated that the Council will approve the road closures despite any valid objections that are received in relation to unreasonable impacts on businesses in the McLeans Island area on this important holiday weekend. Sheree was very firm in her view that approval will be granted and we are just going to have to live with it.

I am gravely concerned at her suggestion that the approval is a foregone conclusion, however I do have great faith that the Christchurch City Council will give fair consideration to the objections received.

It is also important to state on record that Orana Wildlife Trust is fully supportive of the Christchurch Marathon annual event. Our concerns relate only to the proposed route. We do hope an alternative route can be found that does not severely impact on so many organisations and the people of Christchurch by denying access to their chosen leisure activities.

Best regards

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Dear Simon

Thank you for sending through the updated proposal for the route of the Christchurch Marathon to be held on the Sunday of Queen's Birthday weekend (3 June 2012).

While we appreciate that the new proposal allows for limited access to the McLeans Island Recreation Area during the Marathon event, I remain gravely concerned that it does not alleviate or minimise the severe impacts on the multiple businesses, clubs and recreational parks.

The following valid reasons support our view:

1. The new proposal still provides for closure of both well known access points to McLeans Island, namely via Johns Road or Pound Road. Few Christchurch people know that the area can be accessed via Sawyers Arms Road and Logistics Drive. Although signage is proposed there remains a high probability that potential visitors on the day will become confused and simply go elsewhere.

2. Those that do see the signs and make the effort to get here via the limited one-way access way are likely to experience extreme delays. Many visitors leave home in time to arrive for a scheduled event at the Park (e.g. the 11:30 am Tiger Feed). The likely delays may mean that visitors miss the event they planned to see. We know from experience that if visitors arrive frustrated and unhappy then this will impact on their overall enjoyment of their visit.

3. Visitors that leave the Park prior to 2:30 pm will be subjected to up to a 40 km detour to get back to Christchurch City. With the current high price of vehicle fuels this is an unreasonable imposition on the people of our community.

4. You noted during our telephone conversation today that both routes (the original and the new proposal) have been designed to limit the impacts on Christchurch Airport and the International Antarctic Centre. It is only reasonable that the route also aims to limit the impacts on the McLeans Island attractions, rather than singling out one tourist attraction for preferential treatment. As noted in our last objection, the visitors to Orana Wildlife Park during Queen's Birthday weekend traditionally account for over 20% of all visitor income to the Park for the month of June. Like the International Antarctic Centre, Orana Wildlife Park cannot sustain the loss of visitors that will result due to the proposed Marathon route.

5. McLeans Island is perhaps the most important recreation area in Christchurch post-earthquakes. It is largely undamaged and provides a huge range of recreational activities for the people of Christchurch. This is especially important at a time where many other recreational activities are still unavailable due to earthquake damage. We continue to assert that far more people than the likely 4,000 that will compete in the Marathon will be adversely impacted by lack of appropriate and reasonable access to their leisure activity of choice.
6. During our telephone conversation today, I proposed to you an alternative route that would be an excellent compromise for both the Marathon and the affected organisations in the McLeans Island Recreational area. You noted that you are only able to develop proposals to try and make the route that has been applied for by the Marathon organisers possible, rather than propose alternatives that would provide for less disruption to affected parties. I am concerned by this process and approach. Therefore, I would like to propose that the compromise I suggested be put to the Marathon organisers for consideration. In summary, this would see the Marathon start in the same place and then use connecting roads through to Avonhead Road. Once the runners hit Avonhead Road there are many opportunities to develop a route that does not include McLeans Island Road. We would be more than happy to compromise and accept the closure of Pound Road with appropriate signage so long as McLeans Island Road remains open. If this is not possible then the Marathon could start on either Avonhead or Pound Road to easily achieve a route close to and in view of the Airport without such detrimental impacts on the McLeans Island Recreation Area. Additionally, these alternatives would provide for less cost for the Marathon organisers by removing the need to fence a large section of McLeans Island Road.

Thank you for considering our grave concerns in relation to the proposed route. Orana Wildlife Park formally objects to the new proposed route as outlined. We look forward to working with you towards a reasonable compromise that will work for both the Marathon organisers and those that would be severely affected in the McLeans Island Recreation Area by the proposed route. In closing, we are supportive of the Christchurch Marathon in general and we believe that it is imperative that a workable compromise is reached.

Best regards
Lynn Anderson
Chief Executive

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I am writing on behalf of the McLeans Island Golf Club Inc. in relation to the proposed temporary closure of McLeans Island Road on Sunday 3rd June, 2012, as advertised in the Public Notices of the PRESS on Saturday, 28th April, 2012.

The McLeans Island Golf Club wishes to object most strongly to the proposed closure on the grounds that:

1. It may cause financial loss to the Club.

2. It may create a safety issue in the event of a fire or flood within the McLeans Island sector of the Waimakariri River Regional Park.

On average, the income received by the McLeans Island Golf Club on a normal Sunday from the public access to its course accounts for approximately 30 percent of its weekly income. On long holiday weekends such as the Queens Birthday weekend when the above closure is proposed, this percentage may increase to 40 percent. The closure of a part of the McLeans Island Road access would result in our patrons having to take a 20 kilometer detour from the Johns Road / McLeans Island Road intersection via Yaldhurst, the West Coast Road, the Old West Coast Road and Chattertons Road. This would be a 40 kilometer round trip which we believe would be a very strong deterrent for potential patrons. As one of a number of sport and recreational organisations and businesses along the McLeans Island Road we believe that it is most unfair that our activities should have to be curtailed for a "one off" event not normally associated with this region.

We would also like to express our deep concern that there has been no previous communication with organisations in this region throughout the planning process for this event. As McLeans Island Road is now a busy arterial route to the city surely some consideration should have been given to re routing the Marathon to keep this road open, or at the very least, consulting with the "residents" to see if it would have been possible to work with them instead of totally shutting them out.

In conjunction with Environment Canterbury, the McLeans Island Lessees have been working to establish an evacuation plan for the McLeans Island region in the event of Fire or Flood. We strongly believe that, particularly in the event of fire, two points of egress from the area are vital for the overall safety of the persons within the park area. Of particular note is the fact that most of the forested area is in the Haul Road to Chattertons Road area which would possibly prevent egress from that end of McLeans Island Road, especially if there are a number of events taking place in the area, a most likely scenario on a long three day weekend.

We, the members of the McLeans Island Golf Club, trust your organisation will give due consideration to our concerns and we look forward to your early reply.

Peter Bentley
Secretary Manager
McLeans Island Golf Club Inc.
Good afternoon, Simon

Further to our telephone conversation earlier today, I wish to confirm that the McLeans Island Golf Club are intent on continuing with their objection to the proposed road closures for the Airport Marathon and would like to be heard at the hearing to consider same.

To further support our original objection we would like to advise that tee bookings for play at the McLeans Island Golf Club are at six minute intervals. Persons missing their booking time due to delays in getting here could face a wait of up to two hours before a new time slot becomes available, especially on holiday weekends. From the Club's point of view we do not wish to tarnish our very good reputation and association with many regular clients by having to deny them a game at their regular booking time.

Whilst we are appreciative of moves that have been made to try and find a compromise between the Marathon Organisers and the Permanent Residents of the McLeans Island Recreational area, we don't believe the situation should have arisen in the first place and that a major arterial road such as McLeans Island Road, with no viable alternative detour, should have ever been considered for closure.

We await your further advice re the hearing

Peter Bentley
Secretary Manager
McLeans Island Golf Club
Dear Clare
I hold the cafe and catering lease at Orana Wildlife Park. I was horrified to find out today of the proposed road closure of McLeans Island Road on Queens Birthday Sunday.
My main question is why has no one been consulted in this decision?
It will seriously affect my business which has already had to deal with so many issues that nature has sent us.
Now to find out that we may have no custom on the best trading day in June is another blow for us.
I wish to let it be known that I strongly object to the chosen route and request that McLean Island stay open on Sunday 3rd June 2012.
Regards
Karen Brenton

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