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EKMT 00018	54/19/27 - Rangitahi Access Group - Causeway Bridge - Opotoru River Junction (1969-1984)	15 47 01	11011



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MINISTRY of TRANSPORT

AURORA HOUSE
62 THE TERRACE
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NEW ZEALAND

PRIVATE BAG, WELLINGTON
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TELEX No.: NZ 31524

WHEN REPLYING
PLEASE QUOTE

54/34/1

29 January 1985

Regional Secretary
AUCKLAND

HARBOURS AND FORESHORES SECTION - ADVICE OF APPROVALS

I refer to your memorandum of 18 December 1984 concerning the following applications:

1. N/R 54/4/437 H/O 43/1/6
Plan M.D. (N) 597
Ak. Hbr. Bd - (178(b) only)
Gabador Place, Tamaki River
Plan cannot be located on our file

Will research and advise.

2. N/R 54/4/444 H/O 43/1/6/76
Plan M.D. (N) 778
Manukau City Council
Reclamation - Mahunga Drive Ext.

Plan returned. Approval given on M.D. 16115
Same as your plan.

3. N/R 54/13/7 H/O 54/30/1
Plan M.D. (N) 333
Whangarei County Council
Groynes etc.. Matapouri Estuary

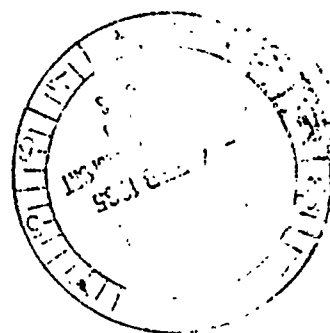
Plan returned. Not approved. Did not include amendments put forward in July 1978 - Associated with M.D. (N) 538.

4. N/R 54/19/165 H/O 54/1/165
Plan M.D. (N) 596
M.W.D.
Widening of Bascombes Bridge

Being researched will advise shortly.

5. N/R 54/27/153 H/O 54/24/7
Plan M.D. (N) 428
Thames Valley Electric Power Board
Powerline - Piako River

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Three Head Office files dealt with crossings of this river by powerlines. Two have been destroyed and the other (reference 54/24/7/12) sent to your region.

6. N/R 54/27/168 H/O 54/24/1/33
Plan M.D. (N) 588
Bay of Islands Electric Power Board
Powerline - Uruti Bay, Bay of Islands

Our old file held by your office.

7. N/R 54/1/228 H/O 43/1/9/16
Plan M.D. (N) 223
Ak. Harbour Board
Dredging - Fergusson Wharf

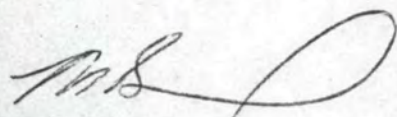
Will research and advise shortly.

8. N/R 54/11/40 H/O 54/4/76
Plan M.D. (N) 643
Raglan County Council
Outfall - Raglan River

H/O file transferred to your region.

9. N/R 54/19/27 H/O 54/1/51
Plan M.D. (N) 297
Causeway and Bridge - Opotoru Channel

No development since 1982 when the Valuation Department queried whether any authority had been granted.



M.P. Boland
for Secretary for Transport

Encl

S.E.O. (Hhrs)

Regional Office, AUCKLAND

HEAD OFFICE

18 December 1984

ADVICE OF APPROVALS

This office has been auditing the files in this region.

Below is a list of applications which were forwarded to your office for action and to which we have received no advice. Could you therefore please check and advise if they have been approved and when. If they have been approved could you please forward a copy of the approved plan.

1. N/R 54/4/437

AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD (McMullen and Wing Ltd) -
Reclamation (178(b) only) -
Gabador Place, Ta aki River.

Forwarded to your office 28.11.78 -
Plan M.D.(N) 597.

2. N/R 54/4/444 H/O 43/1/6/76

MANUKAU CITY COUNCIL -
Reclamation -
Mahunga Drive Extension, Tarata Creek.

Forwarded to your office 30.9.80 -
Plan M.D.(N) 778.

3. N/R 54/13/7 H/O 54/30/1

WHANGAREI COUNTY COUNCIL -
Groynes, Channel Alignment & Erosion Prevention Works -
Matapouri Estuary

Forwarded to your office 26.1.77
Plan M.D.(N) 333

4. N/R 54/19/165 H/O 63/324
72/12/1/10

M.W.D. -
Widening of Bascombes Bridge -
S.H. 12., Naumai Creek

Forwarded to your office 23.11.71
Plan M.D.(N) 596

Contd/.....2.

5. N/R 54/27/153
THAMES VALLEY ELECTRIC POWER BOARD -
Aerial Powerline Crossing, Amendment -
Piako River

Forwarded to your office 26.10.77
Plan M.D.(N) 428

6. N/R 54/27/168
BAY OF ISLANDS ELECTRIC POWER BOARD -
Aerial Power Line Crossing
Uruti Bay, Bay of Islands

Forwarded to your office 8.11.78.
Plan M.D.(N.) 588

7. N/R 54/1/228 H.O. 43/1/9/1G
AUCKLAND HARBOUR BOARD -
Dredging for fill for Fergusson Wharf
Tamaki Straits

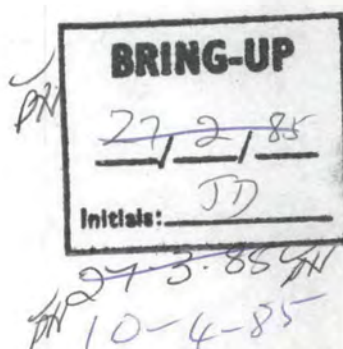
Forwarded to your office 2.4.76.
Plan M.D.(N) 223.

30.6.76 received letter from your office advising approval for M.D.(N) 37
and M.D.(N) 207 but no advice of M.D.(N) 223.

Also could you please advise if the plans of the Raglan County Council proposed
outfall on the Raglan River, M.D.(N) 643, (N/R 54/11/140, H.O. 54/4/76) have
been approved yet.

Could you also advise the current status of the approval for the existing bridge
and causeway across the Oputonu Channel, M.D.(N) 297 (N/R 54/19/27, H.O.
54/1/51).

J. M. Dean
for Regional Secretary





REF: 14232
YOUR REF: 41/1/51

Office of the Ombudsman

4th Floor, Chase NAA House
163-165 The Terrace
Wellington

Telephone 739 533
P.O. Box 10152
The Terrace, Wellington

26 August 1980

The Secretary for Transport,
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Mr Edwards,

I am writing in connection with the complaint of Mr D.T. Harrison, of 1135 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton, the correspondence about which rests with my letter to you of 20 September 1979.

As stated in that letter, the petition of the Rangitahi Access Group was referred to me by the Petitions Committee and I presented my report to the Committee in January of this year. The petition was reported back to the House with no recommendation shortly after the current session resumed.

I wrote to Mr Harrison informing him of these developments and saying that because his complaint was so closely bound up with that of the Rangitahi Access Group I was doubtful whether any useful purpose would be served by my resuming the investigation. I told Mr Harrison that the resolution of his problem and that of the Access Group would seem to depend on other developments outside the scope of my jurisdiction. I told Mr Harrison that should he believe otherwise he should let me know and provide me with his reasons.

I have now received a reply to my letter and in the light of it I have decided formally to discontinue my investigation on the ground that, at least for the present, further investigation by me is unnecessary.

... I am returning your two files.

Yours sincerely,

Chief Ombudsman

54/1/51

16 November 1978

~~The County Clerk
Raglan County Council
P.O. Box 1
NGARUAWAHIA~~

Dear Sir

RANGITAKI ACCESS GROUP - BRIDGE - OPUTONU CHANNEL

I refer to your letter of 24 August, reference ML/2, in which you referred to likely developments related to resiting the Golf Course and consequential rethink of access proposals.

You indicated that arising out of consideration of the proposal you may be able to advise on future access.

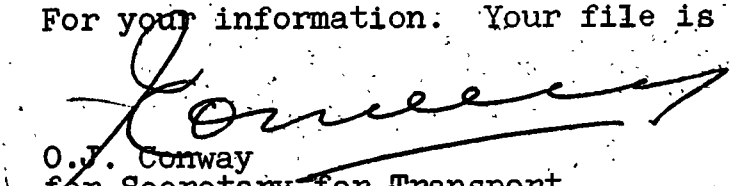
Therefore I would be grateful to hear from you because this office must determine, at some stage soon, the issues between the users of the water and the owners of the bridge for which there are no approved plans or licence to occupy Crown foreshore and seabed.

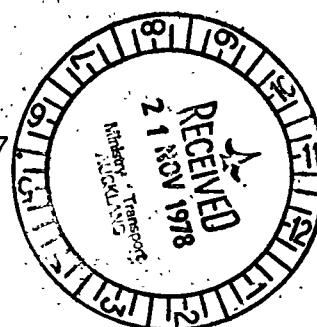
Yours faithfully

O.J. Conway
for Secretary for Transport

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AUCKLAND

For your information. Your file is 54/19.27


O.J. Conway
for Secretary for Transport



PJMcK:MS

54/1/51

18 July 1977

Mr D.T. Harrison
1135 Heaphy Terrace
HAMILTON

Dear Sir

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP, BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTORU RIVER

Our Auckland Office has referred your letter of 30 June 1977 to us for attention.

This matter is currently the subject of investigation. It is, unfortunately, somewhat complex so that an early decision is unlikely.

In the meantime, it would be of great assistance to us if you could give us some idea of the extent to which the bridge is a hindrance to navigation. By this we mean not the theoretical issue of whether it would at any time of the tide block a vessel which wished to use the channel across which it is constructed but what actual usage of the channel is likely if access were not inhibited.

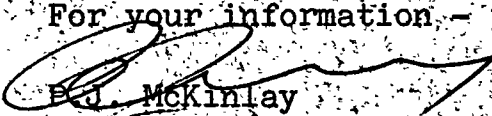
Yours faithfully

P.J. McKinlay
for Secretary for Transport

Regional Secretary
AUCKLAND

Attention : Mr Greig

For your information - your reference 54/19/27.


P.J. McKinlay
for Secretary for Transport



Rms
2/6/77
30/6/77

File No. 524 / 19 / 27

Plan No. : MD(W) 297

2 sets of 6 sheets.

Applicant: Rangitshi Ocean Group
 Type of Structure or Work: Bridge & approach
 Location: Opotamu River - Rongai Harbour
 Application for: Licence / Plan Approval / Permit.
 Environmental Assessment: Existing structures

Initial: _____ Date: 1 / 1Work is: Major / Minor.Initial: ES Date: 22/11/76

Referred to	On Date	Reply Dated	Remarks
Ministry of Works	<u>23/11/76</u>	<u>15/12/76</u>	
Head Office	<u>22/11/76</u>		

Nautical Report: _____

Plans required for charting? Yes ☐ No ☐ Signature: _____ Date: 1 / 1

REGIONAL OFFICE ACTION

Plans Approved.
 Issue of Permit / Licence Approved.
 Permit No. _____ Assigned / Amended /
 Renewed to: _____
 Signed: _____ Date: 1 / 1

HEAD OFFICE ACTION

Plans approved, major work
 Date: 1 / 1
 Licence: Gazette dated 1 / 1
 Page: _____

	Initial	Date		Initial	Date
Approved plan sent.			Plans to Head Office for charting.		
Permit / Licence sent.			Plans destroyed / filed.		
Alphabetical index noted.			Number plate despatched.		
Plan Register completed.			Bring up to check completion date:		
Plans sent for microfilming.			Bring up to confirm number plate attached:		
Number plate ordered.					
Aperture cards checked.					
Aperture cards filed / sent for filing.					
ACCOUNTS ACTION	Initial	Date	Details of Debit Note:		
Rental card prepared.			Initial premium		
Debit Note No. _____ prepared.			Rental		
			Number plate		

TOTAL \$ _____

DG/IB

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54/19/27

5 July 1977

Mr D.T. Harrison
1135 Heaphy Terrace
HAMILTON

Dear Sir

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP, BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY,
OPOTORU RIVER

Your letter of 30.6.77 is acknowledged and your request will be relayed to the Secretary for Transport.

Yours faithfully

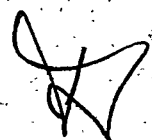
D. Greig
for Regional Secretary for Transport

HEAD OFFICE
Attention: S.E.O. (Hhrs)

Your file 54/1/51 refers.

Enclosed for your information and action is a photocopy of a letter (unsigned) from Mr D.T. Harrison. No doubt this bridge existed prior to Mr Harrison's buying his land, also the area is only tidal for a short period of the tidal cycle and would allow very limited access.

D. Greig
for Regional Secretary



1135 Heaphy Terrace,
Milton.

30 June 1977.



Regional Secretary for Transport,
Ministry of Transport,
AUCKLAND.

Ref 54/19/27 - RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY.

As it appears that no visible action is being taken to raise this bridge, would you please arrange forthwith to have a section of the said bridge removed to give access to the inner basin.

Yours faithfully,
D.T.Harrison.

54/1/51

22 June 1977

Mr C.F. Baker
Secretary
Rangitahi Access Group
Seaford Lodge
Opoturu Road Extension
RAGLAN



Dear Sir

BRIDGE WALKWAY AND CAUSEWAY

I acknowledge your letter of 30 May and apologise for the delay in replying to your letter.

It is noted that you mention in your letter that this Ministry has been aware of this problem for many years. This is only partially correct. Our office first became aware of the problem when the Department of Education purchased the land in about 1968. Consideration was given to a Ministry of Works proposal for a new causeway and bridge by this office in 1969. However the scheme was later dropped along with the plans to construct a Child Welfare Training Centre. The problem did not come to our notice again until 1975 when this office was informed that the land was being used by a number of people who in turn were, with their invitees, using the old structures known as Yeemans Access.

In reply to your question regarding the rental fees and their calculation. Our Minister on 24 June 1976, authorised the most recent scale of fees from which the proposed annual rental for these structures was calculated. For private structures for which no income is derived, the rental is calculated on the basis of area of Crown Land occupied. The maximum rental charge is \$150 and is made for all licences of private structures occupying an area of Crown Land in excess of 84m² (over 900 sq.ft). In this case the area occupied would be in excess of 84m².

Secondly, the reason an annual inspection and report by a qualified person is required, is that our Technical Advisers considered that the safety of the users is of considerable importance and the light timbered deck, make it suitable only for small loads. Similarly we are concerned that the same condition applies to the causeway, as any deterioration in this structure could also be a hazard to users. Without the qualifications and experience of an engineer it would be extremely doubtful if the members of your group would appreciate any structural deficiencies and therefore would not be able to assess, or carry out the required repairs in a professional manner.

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Our basis for this requirement is that it becomes a "condition" of your licence to occupy Crown Land and one that this office and its advisers consider necessary.

I hope that these facts answer your questions satisfactorily and will await further advice of your intentions in this matter, presumably after the meeting you mention in your letter has been held.

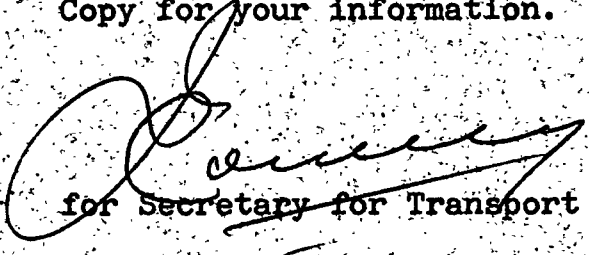
Yours faithfully

O.J. Conway
for Secretary for Transport

Regional Secretary
AUCKLAND

Attention: Regional Marine Officer

Copy for your information. Your ref. 54/19/27.



for Secretary for Transport

OJC:MWG



27 April 1977

The County Clerk
Raglan County Council
Box 1
NGARUWAHIA

Dear Sir,

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP: OPOTORU CHANNEL

We have been asked to consider plans for approval (Harbours Act 1950) in respect of a road causeway, bridge and walkway access at the above location. (Mr C.F. Baker and 6 others.)

While we are prepared to favourably consider the proposal, which is in effect an existing situation without approval of plans or a licence to occupy Crown land we will be seeking acceptance of certain conditions from the applicants.

However we are concerned about future land development either in the area where the applicants reside or further up into the estuary.

We are concerned that development could be such as to place high usage on the existing structures and or developments up the estuary where property owners would be looking for water access out through the Opoturu river. Therefore I would be obliged to receive the following information:

1. The clearances between the sill of the bridge (Wainui Road) and footbridge by the Kopua camping ground and high water ordinary spring tides. I would also be grateful to have the M.D. plan number given for these two bridges as I cannot locate them in my file records of approved structures.
2. Advice as to whether your District Scheme provides for any subdivision in or around the area we are interested in.

Yours faithfully,

(O.J. Conway)
for Secretary for Transport

R.M.O.
AUCKLAND

For your information. Your file is 54/19/57.

(Signature)

(Signature)
(O.J. Conway)
for Secretary for Transport

- (c) That if the bridge is determined as likely to restrict future navigational needs which might arise in future it will either be removed or raised to an appropriate height.
 - (d) You provide a statement from a practising engineer as to the present load bearing capacity of the bridge; that notice boards advising of the load restrictions be placed at both ends of the bridge and be kept clean and readable and that an annual inspection and report as to the satisfactory condition of all structures for their individual purposes be given by a practising engineer by the Rangitahi Access Group.
3. An understanding that: in terms of the licence, and in accordance with the Foreshore Licence Regulations 1960, the licensees must adequately maintain the bridge, walkway and causeway. (Copy of the regulations is enclosed.)

I would be grateful if you could consider these matters, which are of concern to this office, in order that we can come to some decision.

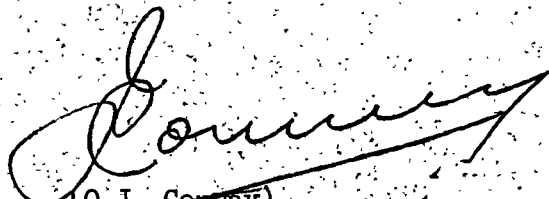
Yours faithfully,

(O.J. Conway)
for Secretary for Transport

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R.M.O.
AUCKLAND

For your information. Your 54/19/57²⁷ refers.


(O.J. Conway)
for Secretary



OJC:MJO

27 April 1977

Mr C.F. Baker
Secretary
Rangitahi Access Group
Seaford Lodge
Opoturu Road Extension
RAGLAN

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE, WALKWAY AND CAUSEWAY

Our Auckland office has now referred the comments of our technical advisers relating to the above works.

While we appreciate the access problems which you and six other property owners have we are also concerned about approving the present works which we must regard as "new work".

Therefore we must consider whether these structures will materially affect navigation or not be in the interest of the public.

Your plans do not show the clearance between the bottom of the bridge soffit and the high water, ordinary spring tides and it is difficult to consider therefore how greatly navigation is affected.

We are also concerned about the structural capacity of the bridge proper. This links up with both the access footbridge and the solid fill causeway, the latter obviously being used at lower tides for vehicles to cross the bridge.

It has therefore been decided that to further consider these facilities for approval we will need the following from you and the other property owners:

1. The measurement between the bottom of the bridge soffit and high water ordinary spring tides.
2. (a) Agreement that: the licence will initially only be for a period of two years and at an annual rental (reviewable as is usual with our licences) of \$150 a year (i.e. about \$21 for each of seven property owners)
- (b) That no additional property owners will be added to any licence and any changes to present ownership would need to be closely examined to ensure the usage factors of the bridge etc are not unduly altered.

54/19/27

54/1/51

Head Office Wellington

Regional Office Auckland

Attn: S.E.O(Hbrs)

3 March 1977

Rangitahi Access Group - Bridge & Causeway - Opoturu River

Your memorandum of 19.1.77 refers.

The persons whose names are to appear on the licence
are:

Mrs Thelma Lewis GILES
Mr Leslie GILES

} River Road
Huntly

Mrs Anne Robertson SMALL
Mr Herbert Edward Garth SMALL

} 45 Araura Terrace
Hamilton

Mrs Agnes Janet STODDART
Mr Ian Gordon STODDART

Mrs Beverley Ann WARNFORD

} All
Opoturu Road Extn
Raglan

Mr Dennis SQUIBB
Mr Carl Fredrick BAKER

Mrs Miriam STRAWBRIDGE
Mr Alfred Hoult STRAWBRIDGE

Mrs Esme Joan CARROLL

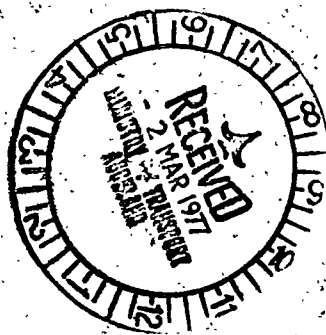
} 39 Te Anau Place
Hamilton

D. Greig
for Regional Secretary

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SEAFORD LODGE
OPOTURU ROAD EXT
RAELAN.

26/8/77
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MARINE DIVISION
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY - RAE LAN HARBOUR.
RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP.

REF. 54/19/27

Referring to your letter of 26/1/77 I
now forward the full names and addresses
as required.

MRS. THELMA LEWIS GILES } RIVER ROAD
MR. LESLIE GILES. } HUNTLY

MRS. ANNE ROBERTSON SMALL } 45 ARAURA TERR
MR. HERBERT EDWARD GARTH SMALL } HAMILTON.

MRS. AGNES JANET STODDART
MR. IAN GORDON STODDART

ALL
OPOTURU ROAD
EXT
RAELAN.

MRS. BEVERLEY ANNE WAINFORD

MR. DENNIS SQUIBB

MR. CARL FREDRICK BAKER.

MRS. MIRIAM STRAWBRIDGE

MR. ALFRED HOULT STRAWBRIDGE

MRS. ESMÉ TOAN CARROLL

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HAMILTON

Yours faithfully
John F. Fitch

Secretary, Rangitahi Access Group.

Telephone: 73-400

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1.

26 January 1977

Mr C.F. Baker,
The Secretary,
Rangitahi Access Group,
Seaford Lodge,
Opoturu Road Ext.,
RAGLAN.

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY : RAGLAN HARBOUR

Further to my acknowledgement of 23 November 1976 to the plans and papers received for consideration to the above structure, I have received advice from the Secretary for Transport that as the Rangitahi Access Group is not an incorporated society, and it is therefore proposed that any licence issued would carry the name of all persons comprising the group and that all would be equally responsible for the structures.

Therefore would you please in due course supply to this office the list giving the full names and addresses of all members of the Rangitahi Access Group.

Yours faithfully,

(D.J. Greig)
for Regional Secretary
for Transport

BRING-UP

21/3/77 ✓

Initials: DJG

MINUTE SHEET

Department: Harbours & Freshwaters

Subject:

Rangitahi access group
Bridge & causeway

File No. 54/1/51

Date: 19-1-77

To—

Regional Secretary
Auckland.



For attention Regional Marine Officer

your memorandum 54/19/27 of 5/1/77 refers

As the Rangitahi access group is not an incorporated society it is proposed to name all those comprising the group in the licence so that all are equally responsible for the structure.

Would you please ascertain the full names of those persons making up the group to be named in the licence which is proposed for a 5 year term subject to the conditions recommended in the Works Report.

Your file 54/19/27 is returned herewith.

F. Whyborn
for Secretary for Transport

RECORDS - PLEASE SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL.

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MINUTE SHEET

Subject: *Kangaroo Island Great
Bridge & Quarry
Opalium River*

Department: *MOT - MSD*

File No. *54/19/27*

Date: *5/1/77*

To—

4/0 etc. DBO (N6m)

*Please refer to my minutes memorandum
of 23/11/76 referring to your file
54/1/57*

*I would refer you to folios 33, 34, 37
at that time Mr Harrison expressed
some anxiety that the structure could
block his access to the property, however
this structure has apparently been in
position for some considerable time
likely prior to Mr Harrison's purchase
of his property. The use of the roadway
is also somewhat limited due to local
action & current.*

*I will enclose for your consideration a
note of the same.*

J. G. G. G.

Regional Secretary for Transport



Ministry of Works
and Development

P.O. Box: 1215, Hamilton

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Telephone: 84 359

Our Ref: 13/108

Date: 15 December 1976

Inquiries to: P F Butler

~~The District Commissioner of Works
HAMILTON~~



Your Ref: Marine Department reference 54/19/27

BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY : OPOTURU RIVER, RAGLAN HARBOUR

The Marine Department has received a request from the secretary of the Rangitahi Access Group for approval of an existing bridge and causeway across a tidal estuary at Raglan.

There is correspondence on my file on the subject dating back to 1952 when the then owner of the land on the peninsula, Mr F Chibnall, approached the department for assistance to obtain access to his farm. A scheme to provide legal access was not proceeded with owing to the difficulty and expense of constructing an access to above high tide level.

Some time between 1953 and 1961 the present access was built privately, apparently without the approval of the local authority. It consists of the half tide causeway, bridge and footwalk shown on the drawing now submitted with the application. The causeway is still in good order but the bridge over the Opoturu Stream does not appear to be founded on solid rock as shown on the drawing but on concrete cylinders constructed on previously placed rock spalls. In many cases the steel fastenings have almost completely corroded away. In the late 1960s the land on the peninsula was owned for a time by the Child Welfare Department and the Ministry of Works was asked to look into the provision of a more permanent access. At that time the footwalk consisted of a very flimsy structure on timber stakes but this has now been replaced by something more substantial using tanalised poles, timber and some second-hand steel trusses of light construction. The walkway is fairly sound at the moment but the steel trusses and other components are subject to corrosion.

Some of the land on the peninsula was subdivided in 1954 with further subdivision in 1958 and there are now a total of eight sections on the peninsula shown as residential on the district scheme. The structures provide the only access other than by boat to these sections and to the remainder of the peninsula which is again being used for farming. The first subdivision took place before the causeway and bridge was constructed.

The structures obstruct navigation and it is not recommended that unqualified Marine Department approval be given. The estuary could be used by small

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craft and although there appears to be no demand for this at the moment this could change in the future. It is suggested that a temporary permit be issued on a year-to-year basis and that the permit require that the structures be modified if a need for navigation becomes apparent. The safety of the users should also be taken into consideration: the corrosion of the bridge fastenings and the light timbered deck make it suitable only for small loads, the permit should require that the bridge and footwalk be inspected annually by a qualified person engaged by the applicants, that repairs are carried out and that a suitable weight restriction notice be erected.

... The applicants' drawings NDN.297 in six sheets are returned.

D J Fendall
Resident Engineer

Per

P F Butler

(P F Butler)

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Regional Secretary	
Marine Div. Ministry of Transport, Private Bag, Auckland	
Your file.	54/19/27
Referred for your action.	
Information.	
D.O. file.	R. E. HERMANS
13/108	D.C. of Works
23/12/1976	per <i>A K Hildes</i>

Approval for 5yr term has been recommended and annual inspection by competent person

A K A

Reference: 54/19/27
Your ref:

Ministry of Transport,
Marine Division,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND.

Date: 2/11/76

Dear Sir,

Receipt of your for your proposed
..... is acknowledged.

Technical reports are now being obtained on the proposal, these may take some little time to prepare, but as soon as a decision has been reached, you will be advised by my Head Office, Wellington.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Greig)

for Regional Secretary for Transport

District Commissioner of Works,
Ministry of Works and Development,
.....
.....

Copy for your information and action.

Would you please make a report on the proposed in terms of the Harbours Act 1950, to the Commissioner of Works, Wellington.

The following papers are enclosed:-

1. Structural Plan (5 sheets)
2. Section Plan (1 sheet)
3. Plans, 36" scale, subject to survey
4. 17/10/76 at 4.22pm

These structures have been in position for some length of time & plans to maintain

(D. Greig)

for Regional Secretary for Transport

HEAD OFFICE

Attention: S.E.O. (harbours)

Copy for your information and action. Enclosed are:-

1. Structural Plan (5 sheets)
2. Section Plan (1 sheet)
3. Plans & Survey, etc.
4. Information from not

When the new report is received the file will be referred to your office for review & comment

(D. Greig)

for Regional Secretary for Transport

The plans may not be sufficient for your purposes but are similar to the suggested plans submitted to the Harbour Board. Comment is on file.

BRING-UP

10/2/77

Initials: JF

MARINE DIVISION
AUCKLAND.



SEAFORD LODGE
OPOTURU ROAD EXT
RAGLAN.

19. 11. 76

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Dear Sir,

ATTENTION MR. D. MASON

BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY: RAGLAN HARBOUR.

REF. 54/19/27

Thank you for your letter of 9/10/76 which came as a bit of a surprise. A letter had been sent giving date - tide & time and although I regret it was not dated it was posted on the 18/10/76. My name and address was on the back of the envelope and as it has not been returned presumed it had found its way into your hands.

An enclosing one copy and after photostating would appreciate if you would return it.

The plans as requested are now enclosed and trust they are satisfactory.

Again many thanks for your assistance

Yours faithfully
b. H. H.

SECRETARY RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP.

Ref: 54/19/27
DM:HP

(47)

Northern Regional Office
Private Bag, AUCKLAND 1
Telephone: 73400

9 November 1976

Mr C.F. Baker
Seaford Lodge
Opotoru Road Extension
RAGLAN

Dear Sir,

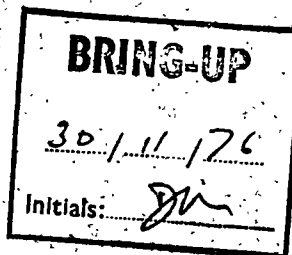
BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY : RAGLAN HARBOUR

Further to my visit on 6 October 1976 regarding the plans for the above structure, these have not been received to date. Should you wish it the drawings could be forwarded with the soffit height (giving date and time of reading) being submitted on a separate sheet and I could endorse the plan after calculating the adjustment.

We would appreciate your early attention being given to this matter.

Yours faithfully,

JM
pp(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary for Transport.



DG:HP

54/19/27

54/1/51

H.O.

REGIONAL OFFICE, AUCKLAND

ATTN: S.E.O. (HRS)

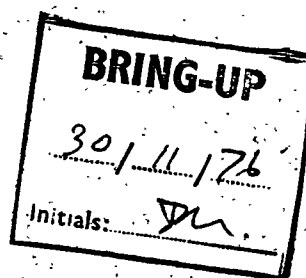
27 October 1976

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP : BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY - RAGLAN HARBOUR

Your memorandum of 21.10.76 refers.

The plans presented some time ago were not suitable and a further visit to Mr Baker, who acts for the group, was made on 6.10.76. Prior to the visit specimen plans showing the details required were prepared as a guide in drawing up final plans. A diary is held for 8.11.76 by which time it could be plans will be available.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary



MINUTE SHEET

Department: Harbours + ⁴⁸Coastal Shores

Subject:

Pangitahi Access Group
Bridge + Causeway

File No. 54/1/51

Date: 21-10-76

To—

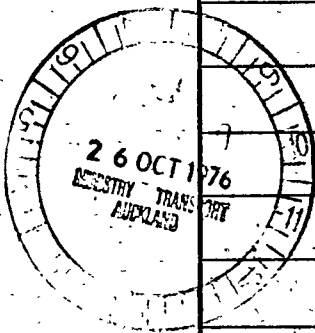
Regional Secretary
Auckland.

For attention Regional Marine Officer

Your minuted memorandum 54/19/27 of 27 July 1976

Would you please advise what progress is being made concerning plans and a works report in respect of the above structures.

J. Whymorn
for Secretary for Transport



26 OCT 1976

So (2/2)

SEAFORD LODGE
OPOTORU ROAD EXT
RAELAH. (file)

MARINE DIVISION.
AUCKLAND.



Dear Sir,

RAKIGITAHU ACCESS GROUP.
BRIDGE & CANSEWAY - RAKELAH HARBOUR.
REF. 54/19/27 ?

Our sincere appreciation
of the help given by Mr. Mason on
his visit.

The information requested at
this stage is:

WATER LEVEL 36" BELOW SOFFIT
ON SUNDAY 17th OCTOBER
TIME 4.20 pm.

MHWS clearance
= 9 inches

Yours faithfully
G. Baker

DM
✓

SECRETARY, RAKIGITAHU ACCESS GROUP.

(143)

7/10/76

Visited Access Group @ Mr. Baker's House
on 6.10.76. Discussed details of drawings
required & arranged for soffit height to be read
& referred to this office with time and date so
that adjustment can be calculated for M.H.W.S.

J. Mason

B/4

8/11/76. ✓

SEAFORD LIDGE
OPOTORI ROAD EXT
RAELAN
6.9.76

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MARINE DIVISION
MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT.

RAEGITAH ACCESS GROUP.

ATTENTION MR. D.T. GREIG.

Dear Sir,
Many thanks for your
letter 30/8/76 and would advise
the phone number here is
RAELAN. 8329.

Yours faithfully,
K. Greig.



Bill Junday
21/9/76
95930

DJG:EX

54/19/27

(41)

Telephone:
31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1.

30 August 1976

Hon. Secretary,
Rangitahi Access Group,
Mr C.F. Baker,
Seaford Lodge,
Opotoru Road Extension,
RAGLAN.

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY : RAGLAN HARBOUR

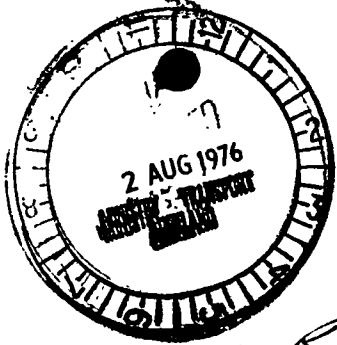
Thank you for your letter of 30 July 1976 and it is likely that I will be able to call on you towards the end of September and it would be of assistance in contacting you before hand if this office could be advised of your telephone number which would allow my advising a firm date some few days before my arrival.

Yours faithfully,

(D.J. Greig)
for Regional Secretary
for Transport

Book needed to run

B/u. 8/11/76. ✓



STAFFORD LODGE.
OPOTORU ROAD EXT
RANGITAHU.
30. 7. 76.

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→ RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP. BRIDGE
& CAUSEWAY.
524/19/

ATTENTION MR. D. J. GREIG.

Dear Sir,
I regret. Amended plans
have not been forwarded to you and
that I have not acknowledged your
earlier letter.

I do apologise, and assure
you it certainly is not from lack of
concern but rather an influx of visitors
(including overseas) and bad climatic
conditions.

We would like to take
advantage of your offer ^{for you} to call and
discuss the situation before the next
plans are handed in and will
leave this for you to consider.

In the meantime we will
endeavour to complete as fully as
that information required in readiness
for your reply.

What is
series list
of units
and to RUP

Yours sincerely
D. J. Greig

SECRETARY RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP.

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Telephone: 31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

27 July 1976

Mr D.T. Harrison,
1135 Heaphy Terrace,
HAMILTON.

Dear Sir,

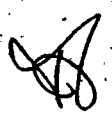
BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY : RAOLAN HARBOUR

In reply to your letter of 19 July 1976, I will advise that plans were received by this Ministry but were returned to the applicants as being unsatisfactory and lacking in detail to allow full consideration to be given. While there is no time laid down for the receiving of plans for structures built without authority, this Ministry endeavours to obtain these plans at the earliest possible date but in this case some latitude is necessary as it does not appear that the present residents were responsible for the construction of the bridge and causeway, as on purchasing their land, the structures were apparently in existence, the land previous to sub division having a rather complicated history being at one time in Crown Ownership.

With regard to the ownership of the structures, it is likely that subject to satisfactory consideration the bridge and causeway will be licensed in the names of the Rangitahi Access Group.

Yours faithfully,

(D.J. Greig)
for Regional Secretary
for Transport



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Telephone:
31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

27 July 1976

Mr C.F. Baker,
Rangitahi Access Group,
Seaford Lodge,
Opopuna Road Extension,
RAGLAN.

Dear Sir,

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP BRIDGE AND
CAUSEWAY : RAGLAN HARBOUR

Further to previous correspondence regarding the supply of suitable plans for the above structures, as it now some time since my first request and to avoid the need for any action pursuant to the Harbour's Act 1950, would you please give early attention to the supply of amended plans to allow this matter be given consideration by the Minister of Transport.

Yours faithfully,

(D.J. Greig)
for Regional Secretary
for Transport

HEAD OFFICE

Attention: S.E.O. Harbours

Copy for your information. Your memorandum 54/1/51 of 9 July 1976 refers. As you are aware, the plans received from the applicants were not considered by this office to be full enough to allow our advisers to report and to date amended plans have still not been received. It may be that as a Mr Harrison who resides above the bridge and causeway is worried about construction to this access, although the river is only suitable for dinghy access, this office feels that some urgency is required in giving consideration.

BRING-UP

17, 8, 76

(D.J. Greig)
for Regional Secretary

[Handwritten signature]

54/19/27

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55 Heaphy Terrace,
HAMILTON.

19 July 1976.

54/19/27

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Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1.

Dear Sir,

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY.

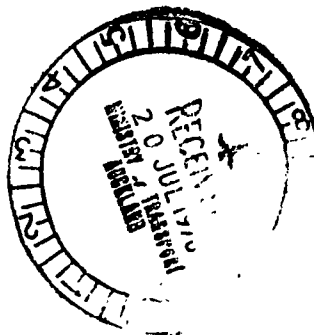
Thank you for your letter dated 9 July 1976, however as you say no firm plans have been received, I am led to believe that perhaps the request is being ignored by the owners of the bridge in question.

Could you tell me what time limit you usually set for the completion of such requests. Could you also advise me who would be considered the owners of such a structure as this. If you could advise me on these two points, I would be grateful.

Yours faithfully,

D. T. Harrison

D. T. Harrison.



MINUTE SHEET

Department: Harbour (36)
 File No. 54/1/51
 Date: 9/7/76



Subject: Bridge & Causeway
opatom River

To—

attention Regional Marine Officer

The
 Regional
 Secy
 M.O.T.

Joint Memo of 31 May 54/19/27
 refers.

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 Auch Comd

Would you please obtain
 the usual plans and a
 Ministry of Works report on the
 above project.

M. Toogood

for Director, Marine Division

Receives Re supply file

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Telephone:
31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

9 July 1976

Mr D. Harrison,
1135 Heaphy Terrace,
HAMILTON.

Dear Sir,

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY

Thank you for your letter of 28 June 1976 and would advise to date, this office is not aware of any proposal to raise the causeway or existing bridge. Correspondence with the property owners and the Raglan County Council has been undertaken but to date no firm plans for consideration have been received. When suitable plans are received, these will be referred to our technical advisers and to the Raglan Harbour Board, the latter having the responsibility of the preservation of safe navigation within the harbour and who will no doubt give reference to the access needs of residents in the area who use this water-way.

Yours faithfully,

(D.J. Greig)
for Regional Secretary



1135 Heaphy Terrace,
HAMILTON.

28 June 1976.

Regional Secretary for Transport,
Ministry of Transport,
AUCKLAND.

Attention Mr. Greig:

ACCESS TO WATERWAY SERVING No. 14 KARIOI ST., RAGLAN.

Further to my letter of 4 August 1975 could you please inform me of the position in respect of raising the walkway. You will appreciate that I should like to use this part of the Harbour this coming summer and as there are not many months to this season, I am getting anxious.

Yours faithfully,

D. Harrison
D. Harrison.

*Slits away from
no road of river
bridge
Harrison A/O*



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HEAD OFFICE

REGIONAL OFFICE, AUCKLAND

ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

31 May 1976

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP, BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTORU RIVER, RAGLAN HARBOUR

... Please find enclosed a photo copy of the reply by the Raglan County Council to your letter of 14.5.76. You will note that Council has reiterated it is unable to see its way clear to accept control of the bridge and causeway and has no funds available for the maintenance of such structures.

Also received, dated 27.5.76, is a copy of a plan of the bridge and causeway. This plan does not appear structurally sufficient and shows very little detail of the causeway and further more detailed plans will be requested.

Encl.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary



RAGLAN COUNTY COUNCIL

54/19/27

COUNTY CLERK

N. R. TYLER, B.COM., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

COUNTY ENGINEER

R. B. MURRAY, B.E., M.I.C.E., M.N.Z.I.E.



COUNTY OFFICE - PHONE 8693
COUNTY CLERK (RES.) 8081
ENGINEER (RES.) 8716

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P.O. BOX 1
NGARUAWAHIA

M 1/2

REF.....

25 May 1976

The Regional Secretary,
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND.

Dear Sir,

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP - BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY

In reply to your 54/14/28 of 14 May 1976 regarding the bridge and causeway across the Oporuru Channel, I have to advise that my Council has not been responsible for the erection of this structure and is not prepared to assume control of same as it has no funds for the maintenance of such a bridge and causeway.

Being in the inner harbour, the control of this waterway is vested in the Raglan Harbour Board, the members of the Raglan County Council being also the members of the Harbour Board. The Council, as the Harbour Board, has never given permission for this work to be carried out and cannot be held responsible for same. The old footbridge across the channel has been there probably for the past 50 years and it is not known how long it is since the causeway and bridge was constructed. The whole proposal was apparently carried out by a small group of section owners on the southern side of the estuary who have no other access to Raglan Township except by crossing these mudflats.

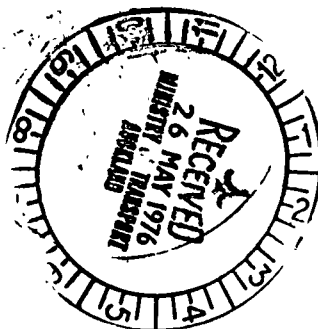
At one time there was legal access to these sections from the south although it was completely impracticable and no road had ever been formed but when the Crown took over the peninsular for a welfare farm for boys, it closed the roads which lead to the south so that in actual fact, there is no legal access from these sections to the south. As you are aware, the Government abandoned the welfare farm scheme and disposed of the farm to an adjoining owner.

I wish to reiterate that Council is unable to see its way clear to accept control of the bridge and causeway as it has no funds available to maintain such structures.

Yours faithfully,

N.R. Tyler
N.R. Tyler,
County Clerk.

NRT:MP



54/19/27

DG/KS

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Telephone: 31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

31 May 1976

Secretary,
Mr C. F. Baker,
Rangitake Access Group,
Seaford Lodge,
Opoturu Road Extension,
RAGLAN

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Receipt of your letter of 27.5.76 and enclosed plans are acknowledged. However from a preliminary examination it would appear that the details given are hardly sufficient to allow our technical advisers to make a satisfactory appreciation.

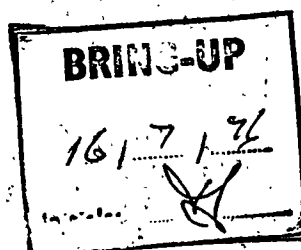
... The plan supplied is returned and it is felt that before submitting it to the Director of Marine, Wellington, that further details should be added. These are the pier spacings, fuller details of the bridge construction showing clearance of the soffit above mean high water mark. This mark should also be indicated in relation to the bridge piles and causeway. In the latter case mean low water mark should also be shown. Detail of the hand rails on the bridge, braces etc. and method of fixing should be shown.

It would appear best if the bridge drawing could be shown separately giving all the above details with a separate drawing showing the detail of the causeway with its length, width and placing of the culverts with their diameter and detail of their construction. On the plans of the causeway a cross section should be shown which would detail the mode of construction.

It may be, if you consider it necessary, that I should call at your home and explain more fully our requirements. It should be noted that all plans supplied for consideration should be in duplicate to allow, when a satisfactory decision is reached, a copy to be referred to your Group for your records purposes.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary for Transport



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SEAFORD LODGE
OPOTOKU ROAD EXT
RAGLAN
27.5.76

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KAREITANI ACCESS GROUP

ATTENTION MR. D. GRIEG.

Dear Sir,

I enclose information & plans
as requested & apologise for the delay.

The letter of comment is not
enclosed as the Raglan County Council
advise this was forwarded direct to
your Head Office — although I did request
it was forwarded to me. However I do
have a copy if it should be required.

Many thanks for your
help and in this matter.

[Signature]

Secretary for KAREITANI ACCESS GROUP.

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Telephone: 31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

20 May 1976

The Secretary,
Mr C. F. Baker,
Rangitahi Access Group,
Seaford Lodge,
Opoturu Road Extension,
RAGLAN

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Further to my request of 15.3.76 for plans and papers to allow consideration to the above structures, would you please advise this office when these may be available to allow consideration.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary for Transport

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28/ 6 / 76
In reply: <i>[Handwritten signature]</i>

DG/K

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HEAD OFFICE

REGIONAL OFFICE, AUCKLAND

ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

20 May 1976

RANGITAHU ACCESS ROUTE, BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Your minuted memorandum of 14.5.76 to the County Clerk, Raglan County Council refers. The bridge and causeway at one end are opposite the end of Opoturu Road and join the land at the other side opposite what is probably a private access road which serves residents of the area. There is apparently no foreshore reserve and how a subdivision of this land was allowed which has no public access was a matter which was raised at the meeting with the residents on 16.12.75. No doubt the best solution to this matter will be that of the Local Authority assuming responsibility for both structures although this has been declined by the Raglan County Council.

To date I have not received any reply to my letter of 15.3.76, a copy of which was minuted to your office with your file reference 54/1/51 and the matter has been held on diary for the 21st of this month. The Council's letter of 28.4.76 could be a result of my request for a letter of comment from the Raglan County Council to accompany the plans when supplied.

A further request will now be made to the Group regarding plans of the structures.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary



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Would you please address any future correspondence concerning this matter to the Regional Secretary, Ministry of Transport, Private Bag, Auckland to whom a copy of this letter is being forwarded.

Yours faithfully,



FW
(F. Whyborn)
for Director

The Regional Secretary,
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND.

ATTENTION: Regional Marine Officer,

Your minuted memorandum 54/19/27 of 15 March 1976 refers.

Copy for your information together with a copy of the letter under reply.

Would you please advise whether the terminals of the structures abut reserves or private land.

James Lee
Robert Ross

F. Whyborn
(F. Whyborn)
for Director

14 May 1976

The County Clerk,
Raglan County Council,
P.O. Box 1,
NGARUAWAHIA.

Dear Sir,

**RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP:
BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY - YOUR REF M1/2**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 April 1976.

Section 176 of the Harbours Act 1950 specifies that no structure may be erected on, in, over, through or across tidal lands or tidal waters without first obtaining the sanction of the Minister of Transport.

The existing bridge and causeway (Woman's Access) has not been sanctioned and my Regional Marine Officer at Auckland, to whom a copy of your letter is being sent, has asked the Rangitahi Access Group to submit plans of these illegal structures for approval pursuant to section 178 (b) of the Harbours Act 1950. Provided the structures meet the requirements of my technical advisers and the plans are approved, the structures will have to be licensed and the Raglan County Council would seem to be the appropriate authority to exercise control of the bridge and causeway. The favourable comments of the Council would be sought before any licence was issued by this Ministry in respect of structures sited on tidal land within the Raglan County.

I am not sure of the exact location of these structures part of which may be sited within the area of the Council's grant of control, and subject to its Bylaw No. 3.

The provision of access roads for residents of the area does not concern the Marine Division of this Ministry. Should the existing access way not meet the requirements of my technical advisers it will have to be either up-graded and licensed, or removed from the foreshore and bed of the channel, and the site restored to its natural state.

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RAGLAN COUNTY COUNCIL

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CLERK

N. R. TYLER, B.COM., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

COUNTY ENGINEER

R. B. MURRAY, B.E., M.I.C.E., M.N.Z.E.

REF.

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COUNTY OFFICE - PHONE 8633
COUNTY CLERK (RES.) 8051
ENGINEER (RES.) 8716

P.O. BOX 1
NGARUAWAHIA



28 April 1976

The Director,
Marine Division,
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

RANGITAHU ACCESS GROUP (YEOMAN'S ACCESS)

A letter has been received from Mr. C.F. Baker, Secretary of the Rangitahi Access Group seeking my Council's comments on a proposal by your Ministry to give consideration to the issue of a licence for a bridge and causeway across the Oporu Channel at Raglan.

I have been directed to advise that the Council cannot support and never has been able to support this proposal on account of the financial responsibility involved.

There is a small subdivision on the Karioi Riding side of the Oporu channel and the original access to that area was by way of a legal but unformed road from the south. The owners of the land purchased their sections with the full knowledge that it had no access to Raglan town. This small group, however, have over the years, built a causeway and constructed a bridge which gives them access except at flood tide.

On several occasions an approach was made to the Council to provide a proper road and bridge which would give access to the area at all states of the tide but this was rejected by the Council as financially impractical. On one occasion, the Council did make a grant of \$250 to the group to assist them and it was made clear that this was to be a final contribution.

Some years ago the area adjacent to this subdivision was purchased by the Crown for the establishment of a youth training school and at that time plans were actually drawn by the Ministry of Works for an access bridge. The project, however, was abandoned and the farm land sold to adjoining owners. While the Crown was the owner of that land it closed all internal roads on the property which denies legal access to these section owners to the south. Apparently they did not object to the closing of the road but in any event as the road was never formed and was over difficult country, it could not have been classed as practical access.

In view of the above, Council cannot see its way clear to support the proposal nor is it prepared to assume liability for the causeway and bridge.

Yours faithfully,

N.R. Tyler
N.R. Tyler,
County Clerk.

NRT:MP

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DG/KS

Telephone: 31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

15 March 1976

The Secretary,
Mr C. F. Baker,
Rangitahi Access Group,
Seaford Lodge,
Opotoru Road Ext,
RAGLAN

Dear Sir,

BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY, OPOTORU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

In reply to your letter of 8.3.76 and enclosed application form, please be advised that this Ministry cannot give a decision in this matter until the plans and papers listed on the form are supplied for consideration. These are;

1. Plans in duplicate of the bridge and causeway.
2. Duplicate location sketches.
3. One Lands & Survey Map of the N.Z.M.S. 177A series with the site indicated thereon.
4. Letter of comment on the proposal by this Ministry to give consideration to the issue of a licence from the Raglan County Council.

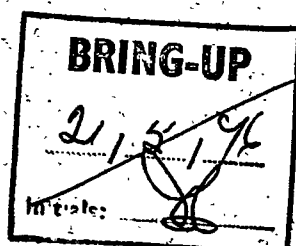
The above are the minimum requirements to gain consideration and the type of plan required was advised at the time of the visit by the Regional Marine Officer and myself.

The matter of access by dry land is not within the responsibilities of this Ministry and no doubt the property owners were aware of the difficulties with regard to access when giving consideration to purchase.

As consideration can take some little time it would be in your interest to facilitate the supply of the plans and papers at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary for Transport



HEAD OFFICE
ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

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Copy for your information. Your memorandum 54/1/51 CEO(M) of 13.1.76 refers.
Also my report to your office of 19.12.75.

... Enclosed is a copy of a submission received with a structural application form
M 1209, no plans accompanied this correspondence.

Failing some response on the part of the residents it might be that some
approach be made to the Raglan County Council to assume responsibility for the
footbridge and causeway which is a facility for ratepayers of the County, who
must have been aware that land was being subdivided and sold which had no legal
access which I think is a requirement in a Council approving land subdivisions.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary

Encl.



54/19/27

(2)

'SEAFORD LODGE'
Opotoru Road Ext,
RAGLAN.

8 MARCH 1976.

Marine Division,
Ministry of Transport,
Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1.

ATTENTION MR D GREIG

BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTORU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Dear Sir,

I enclose an application for a permit in respect of the existing Bridge and Causeway as discussed previously on behalf of the group known as Rangitahi Access Group.

As further points probably need clarification we make the following submission.

1. As is understood there has been a Causeway in existence for approximately 100 years originally this was created with fascines and led to the farm property then known as 'Rangitahi'. Part of these fascines can still be seen.
2. The Parties who own and occupy properties on the Point are shown in three groups.
 - a. Owner and Occupier of Farmland.

Mr and Mrs Strawbridge.

The farmland now operated by Mr and Mrs Strawbridge originally was part of three separate farms. The last farm purchased and added to their existing holdings was sold to the Strawbridges by the Crown as the land had previously been designated for a Detention Centre which did not come into existence. At the time of purchase the section owners had an access across the farm by way of a Paper Road but the Crown (in it's wisdom or not) closed the Paper Road and incorporated it (at a price) in the farm area. The sale of the particular Block made stress that there was a way out for the farm through another farm but this if it exists is almost an impossibility.

The farm is therefore reliant on the Causeway and more so now as Mr Strawbridge has sold one of the original properties, and is negotiating selling the second of such as his sons have now ceased to assist him and the total Farm property is beyond his single handed capabilities.

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Without the Causeway access the farming area of approximately 350 acres would not be a viable productive unit unless unlimited finance was available to form an Entry/Exit Road to the farm. It is appreciated this is deductible as a Tax Concession as Developmental Expenditure but the two way concern would be loss of profits for Tax purposes and loss of income for the Farmer.

b. Permanent Residents.

Mr and Mrs I Stoddart and family.

Mrs B Warnford and family.

Mr C Baker.

Mr D Squibb.

Each of the permanent residents purchased their properties in good faith understanding that the Causeway was an approved access way, this was more than considered correct in that negotiations in the past by prior Residents with the Raglan County Council (acting as Harbour Board) had ended when a 1 for 1 subsidy to upgrade the Causeway being offered had not been accepted and the Raglan County Council had then made a final offer of \$250.00 of fill only to upgrade the Oporu Road End.

In that the Raglan County Council (as the Harbour Board) had entered into - considered - and supplied fill to every intent and purpose confirmed the acceptability of the access.

I would stress at this point that although the Paper Road through the farm had been talked about over the years it was not until after the visit of yourselves that we were really made aware that this no longer existed.

Obviously the Crown had closed and sold the only legal access to the Residents.

Without the Causeway the Residents would have no other access as it can not be construed in any way that access could be by water, as your own Photographs held clearly show that the estuary empties completely except for two small channels created by stream water coming from the upper reaches.

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c. TEMPORARY RESIDENTS

Mr and Mrs E Small.

Mr and Mrs L Giles.

Mrs Carroll.

These Residents are on the same basis as b. above and while Mrs Carroll has only recently purchased a section and intends to build her plans are now in doubt. In the present circumstances should approval not be granted and sales were forced considerable financial loss could be expected to all parties.

Finally we would like to submit that should the claim be disallowed:

- i. We would be left with no access, as the approval of the subdivision by the Lands and Survey Department and incorporated in the Raglan County Council area with Paper Road access would become an isolated block of land through the closing of the Paper Road after the subdivision approval.
- ii. The four school children would not be able to attend the Raglan District School could have to enter into Correspondence classes, (providing some way of getting to Letter Box could be used). If sent to Boarding School severe financial hardship would be experienced.
- iii. Access for Fire and Medical reasons would be non-existent.
- iv. Employment possibilities would also be non-existent.

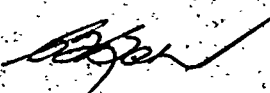
Trusting favourable approval be given in this seemingly desperate situation.

Yours faithfully


RANGITAHİ ACCESS GROUP.

Secretary: CF BAKER

Chairman: IG STODDART.


I.G. Stoddart

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Telephone: 31-656

Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

22 January 1976

Mrs E. J. Carroll,
97A Poaka Avenue,
HAMILTON

Dear Madam,

BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY, OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

A copy of your letter to the Secretary, Marine Department, Ministry of Transport, Wellington, regarding the footbridge and causeway at the Opoturu Inlet has been referred to this office.

A visit to this area was made on 16.12.75 and investigations to construction and ownership of the structures was made. It is understood that the owners of the properties for which the above structures serve as access are Messrs Strawbridge, Squibb, Baker, Snell, Giles, Wainford and Stoddard, of which residents Mr Baker who resides at Seaford Lodge acts as Secretary for the residents.

Previous investigations into the construction of both the footbridge and ramp shows that no consideration or approval was given by the then Marine Department to construction and that the Raglan County Council have no interest in the structures and the matter of legalization devolves on the present owners of the adjacent land.

Resulting from the meeting it was understood that the residents would in the near future supply this Ministry with "as built" plans of the structures or plans showing an upgraded causeway and bridge. At this point the matter rests and if plans are not received by the end of March of this year further correspondence will be taken up through Mr Baker making enquiry regarding their decision whether the present structures are to be referred for consideration or upgraded.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary for Transport

HEAD OFFICE
ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

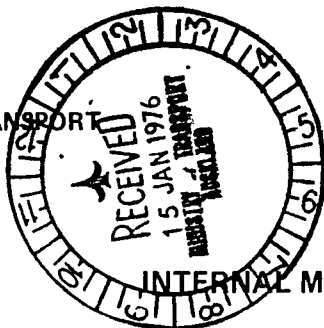
Your memorandum 54/1/51 CEO(M). Copy for your information. During our meeting with some of the residents on the site we were not aware of the interest of Mrs Carroll in this matter and it might be that although she is not a resident of the areas served by the bridge and causeway, she may own property adjacent the River above the existing structures.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary





MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT



MOT 5

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Our Ref.:54/1/51..CEQ..(M).....

Your Ref.:

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

To.....Regional Secretary..... From..... HEAD OFFICE
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag..... Date:..... 13 January 1976
AUCKLAND
Subject: Attention: Regional Marine Officer

Reference your memorandum of 19 September 54/19/27 and our request of 10 November. Mrs Carroll has written in and I enclose a copy of her letter. We can find no record of approval for this structure and by all accounts if approval for the footbridge was sought now it would be declined on the grounds that it was not sufficiently strong.

(G.S. Milne)
for Director, Marine Division

*Write Mr Carroll re meeting with him
& that we await their decision*

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13 January 1976

Mrs E.J. Carroll,
97A Poaka Avenue,
HAMILTON.

Dear Madam,

I refer to your letter of 13 November in which you asked whether formal application under the Harbours Act and the Public Works' Act was necessary before you carried out improvements to the existing causeway and footbridge which are an extension of Opoturu Road.

From our records it seems that neither the causeway nor the footbridge have been approved under the Harbours Act. Needless to say they should have been. They appear to be illegal structures.

To get approval for the structures plans would need to be submitted and fully examined to make sure that the works were sufficiently strong, did not unduly interfere with or constitute a danger to navigation and were not contrary to the public interest.

Proper plan approval can still be sought - there is no guarantee it would be obtained.

There is no requirement under the legislation for a person carrying out repair work on an existing structure to seek approval under the Harbours Act but if the proposed "repair work" does anything to ^{interfere} with the public right of navigation or the public interest it does require plan approval.

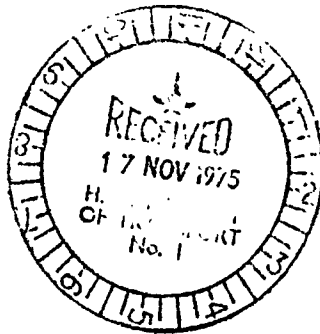
I am sending a copy of this letter to the Regional Marine Officer, Ministry of Transport, Auckland who will probably contact you direct on this matter.

Yours faithfully,



(G.S. Milne)
for Director, Marina Division

H&F 54/1/51



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97A Poaka Ave,
HAMILTON.

13 November 1975

The Secretary,
Marine Department,
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag,
WELLINGTON.

Dear Sir,

I am writing on behalf of the owners and occupiers of sections situated across an existing causeway and bridge, being an extension of Opoturu Road, Raglan Township.

In February 1969, the Ministry of Works, on behalf of the Department of Education, made application to construct a new causeway for the purpose of connecting the Proposed Child Welfare Training Centre with the Raglan County Roding System. The Marine Department replied on 14 August 1969, file ref: M 54/1/51 to the effect that there would appear to be no reason why the scheme should not be approved. However, the Training Centre development was not proceeded with and the land reverted to the Crown who subsequently disposed of it to Mr A. Strawbridge.

In 1968 the paper road along the foreshore of the properties, and also the road passing through the centre of the development block and connecting with Te Hutewai Road were closed, and were not re-opened when the property was transferred to Mr Strawbridge. Thus, the only access left for the owners of the sections on the peninsula, apart from by sea, is by way of the existing low-tide causeway and the adjacent footbridge. The County, rightly or wrongly provided one load of fill and stated that this was their final contribution and the residents must henceforth maintain the accessways. This we are prepared to do. No major construction is anticipated, only the addition of an extra culvert and the building up of the southern end of the causeway to the level of the remainder in order to make it at least passable for the smaller cars which will be using it, and general maintenance work on the adjacent footbridge.

Could you please advise whether formal application under the Harbours Act and the Public Works Act is necessary before these improvements are undertaken, in view of the fact that this is only to be an upgrading of existing structures.

Yours faithfully,
E. J. Carroll
E. J. Carroll Mrs)

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HEAD OFFICE

REGIONAL OFFICE, AUCKLAND

ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

19 December 1975

ACCESS BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Your memorandum of 10.11.75 refers. The area was visited on 16.12.75 and investigations into the construction and ownership of the bridge and causeway were made.

The owners of the properties for which the above structures serve as access are Messrs Strawbridge, Squibb, Baker, Snell, Giles, Warnford and Stoddard, of which group Mr Baker, who resides at Seaford Lodge, Opoturu Road extension, Raglan, acts as Secretary for the residents.

Previous to the sale of the property to Strawbridge there was a paper road which gave the property access to a County Road. During the time this land was in the ownership of the Department of Health the paper road was closed and added to the property by the Ministry of Works. The property was then assumed by Mr Strawbridge and at that time the only access was via the causeway which according to information has been in existence since the late 1800s at which time a settler resided on the property which was described as The Oaks.

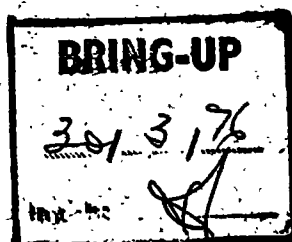
As you are aware from copies of correspondence previously relayed to your office the causeway has been subject to rebuilding to give longer access on the tidal cycle. The present bridge was rebuilt some two years ago on the site of the previous bridge. The constructor of whom was unknown but may have been the Ministry of Works.

From the conversation with Messrs Squibb, Baker and Giles and from correspondence examined received by the residents from the Raglan County Council it appears the Council has no interest in the ownership of either the bridge or the causeway and application forms were left with the residents on the understanding that in the near future they would present this Ministry with plans of the structures in their present condition or plans showing an upgraded causeway and the bridge. These will be referred to your office in due course.

The River at this point although having a fair volume of water is not navigable by any vessel larger than a dinghy as on the falling tide much of the area runs dry. It was also observed that on the falling tide there is at least a 10 knot current down what could be considered the main channel. This would make navigation difficult.

It is understood that the owners of the property have been in correspondence with your office and the reply was sent by your office on 13.11.75 referring to file 54/1/51. No copy of this letter was received by this office.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary



16/12/75

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Memorandum to see of Secretary to Administration
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of a County road This paper road 54/19/27
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54/1/51 on 13/11/75

HEAD OFFICE

REGIONAL OFFICE, AUCKLAND

ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

17 November 1975

ACCESS BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Your memorandum of 10.11.75 refers. To date owing to pressure of work in this office I have been unable to inspect this area again but will do so at the first opportunity and hopefully before the Christmas period.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary

W.D. Stevenson

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- Mr. Agnew & Baker
- Mr. & Mrs. Small
- Mr. John Giles
- Mr. B. Thompson
- Mr. J. Stoddard

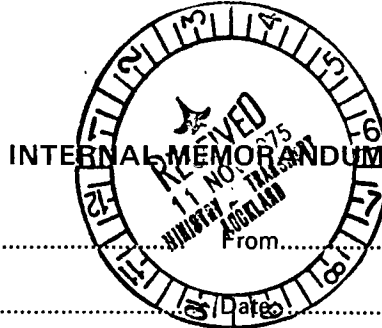
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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT

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Our Ref.: 54/1/51

Your Ref.: 54/19/27

To: The Regional Secretary,
Ministry of Transport,
Private Bag, AUCKLAND
Attention: D. Greig
From: HEAD OFFICE
Date: 10 November 1975
Subject: ACCESS BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY : OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

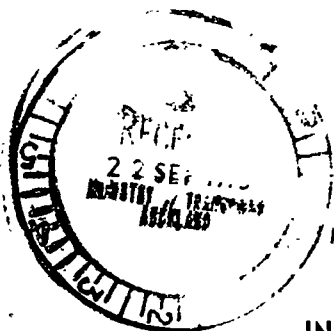
I refer to your memorandum of 19 September 1975.

Would you please advise this office the current position concerning the access bridge and causeway which were shown in the photos forwarded with your memorandum of the above date.

T.E. Law

T.E. Law
for Director, Marine Division

*Have not had time to investigate
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MOT 5

INTERNAL MEMORANDUM

Our ref.: 54/1/51

Your ref.: 54/19/27

To: Regional Secretary
Ministry of Transport
Private Bag
AUCKLAND

From: HEAD OFFICE

Date: 17 September 1975

Subject: ACCESS BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY : OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR.

Attention: Mr. D. Greig

I refer to your memorandum of 22 August 1975.

I wish to advise that there has been no further correspondence received on the above causeway since my memorandum to you on 8 September 1969. There is, however, previous correspondence which has been forwarded to you, namely, correspondence on 25 March 1969 addressed to the Secretary, Raglan Harbour Board.

T.E. Law

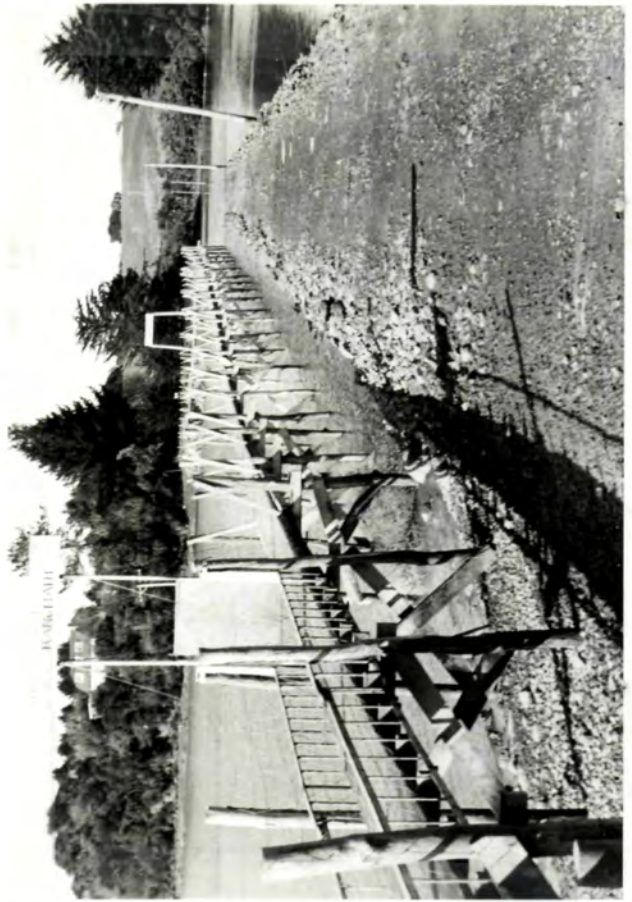
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for Director, Marine Division

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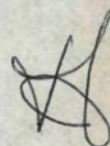
19 September 1975

ACCESS BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY, OPOTURU INLET, RAGLAN HARBOUR

... Please refer to my memorandum of 22.8.75. Enclosed please find photographs showing bridge and causeway structures at present subject to investigation. A search of our records show that these structures are situated on Crown land and further investigation regarding the ownership of the bridge structure and causeway will be undertaken at the first opportunity.

Encl.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary




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HEAD OFFICE

ATTN: S.E.O. (Hhrs)

REGIONAL OFFICE AUCKLAND

22 AUGUST, 1975

ACCESS BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY - OPOTURU INLET - RAGLAN HARBOUR

Please refer to my minuted memorandum of 18/8/75 to the County Clerk, Raglan County Council.

Please find enclosed a photocopy of the reply received to my enquiry. It would appear that this causeway is that mentioned in the letter of the Secretary of Marine dated 25/3/69 file 54/1/51.

While it would appear that on my next visit to the area steps can be taken to allow consideration of the access bridge, which appears to have been rebuilt at a recent date, photographs of which will be referred to your Office when developed, the matter of the causeway will require further local enquiry, unless it was constructed by the Ministry of Works on behalf of the Department of Education prior to the sale to private persons who would now appear responsible for bridge and causeway.

Please advise if there is any recent information on your file since 8/9/69.

Encl.

D. Greig
for Regional Secretary



RAGLAN HARBOUR BOARD

SECRETARY
N. R. TYLEK,
S.COM., A.C.A., A.C.I.S.

P.O. BOX 1
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54/19/27

TELEPHONE 8633
NGARUAWAHIA

RAGLAN WHARF PHONE
821 RAGLAN

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20 August 1975

The Regional Secretary for Transport,
Marine Division,
Ministry of Transport,
Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag, AUCKLAND 1.



Dear Sir,

ACCESS BRIDGES AND CAUSEWAY - RAGLAN HARBOUR

In reply to your 54/19/27 of 18 August 1975 regarding the above, I have to advise that this causeway is locally known as Yeoman's Access and has been in existence for so long that its origin is now unknown.

Apparently, many years ago a subdivision consisting of a few sections was approved by the Lands & Survey Department who then dealt with all scheme plans, on the Karioi Riding side of the estuary. The farm on the Karioi side was owned for a long period of time by one Mr. Yeoman, hence the causeway became known as Yeoman's Access. In 1962/63 Council, at the urgent request of land owners on the Karioi riding side, made application for a roads vote from the Government to put in a proper road and bridge and in the roads vote estimates for 1963/64 an item was included, name Yeoman's Access Bridging, of £1,125 on a 1:1 basis to commence this work. The Council was unable to see its way clear to accept this money as the normal subsidy for backblocks access was 3:1 and Council was not in a financial position to expend money on a 1:1 basis. The vote was, therefore, declined. The total cost of the work was then estimated at \$26,000 (£13,000).

In 1968 Mr. Yeoman sold his farm to the Child Welfare Division of the Department of Education and the Department proposed to establish a child welfare farm on the property. The Ministry of Works was commissioned by the Department of Education to build a causeway and bridge and plans were actually prepared and referred to this office for comment by the then Marine Department before approval was given under Section 178 (b) of the Harbours Act 1950. Eventually the Department of Education abandoned the proposal and sold the property to private owners who had access to the south.

The causeway has never been under the control of the Raglan County Council but in 1971 the ratepayers across the Omahina Creek petitioned the Council for assistance towards the cost of improving the access. The Council made a contribution of \$250 towards the cost of raising the first section with the proviso that this was to be a final contribution from the Raglan County Council. The causeway is therefore looked upon as a private one and is maintained by the section owners on the Karioi Riding shore.

On one occasion the Engineer was requested to report on this causeway and his report is as follows:

"The existing access from the end of Smith Street is by means of a footway constructed above high water mark and built of extremely light planking on Manuka piles. The structure is in such a state that were it the responsibility of the Raglan County Council to maintain, I would recommend its immediate demolition.

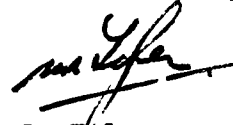
Vehicle access is by means of a causeway which is covered at the top half of the tide. There is a bridge which appears to be reasonably adequate for light traffic and approximately 50 yards of high level causeway. The total length from bank to bank is approximately 200 yards."

Neither the Harbour Board nor the Council can assume any responsibility for this structure and it is not known if authority was ever given by the then Marine Department for its original construction.

I enclose a copy of a letter from the Marine Department dated 25 March 1969 which refers to a bridge which the Ministry of Works proposed to build for the Department of Education and also a copy of a plan of the area showing the approximate position of the causeway.

A letter has also been received from a Raglan resident which will be placed before the Harbour Board at its meeting on 25 August 1975 relating to this structure and in all probability, the writer is the same person who wrote to your office.

Yours faithfully,



N.R. Tyler,
Secretary.

NRT:MP

Encl:



PLEASE QUOTE M.54/1/51

M. 2523

MARINE DEPARTMENT

HEAD OFFICE

TELEGRAMS AND CABLES: "SECYMARINE"

T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C.1., N.Z.

TELEPHONE 71 759

COPIES TO:

Chairman
Cr. Martyn

25 March 1969

The Secretary,
Raglan Harbour Board,
p.o. Box 1,
NGARUAWAHIA

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY
Ministry of Works - Oportoru River, Raglan
Harbour

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Works intends to construct a causeway and bridge, on behalf of the Department of Education, across the confluence of the Omahuna Creek and Oportoru River in Raglan Harbour. The causeway and bridge will provide access to the department's property and to other properties on the peninsular.

Enclosed is Ministry of Works plan HR1436 (sheet 1 of 1) showing the proposed works and as the area is within your harbour limits and the foreshore on the western end of the causeway is controlled by the Board, the proposed is referred to you for your comments, before this department's approval under section 178(b) of the Harbours Act 1950 is given.

It is understood that the causeway will be taken over by you in your role as Raglan County Council, for future maintenance.

Ministry of Works will be asked to demolish the existing footbridge and causeway on completion of the new causeway and bridge.

... Please return the attached plan with your comments.

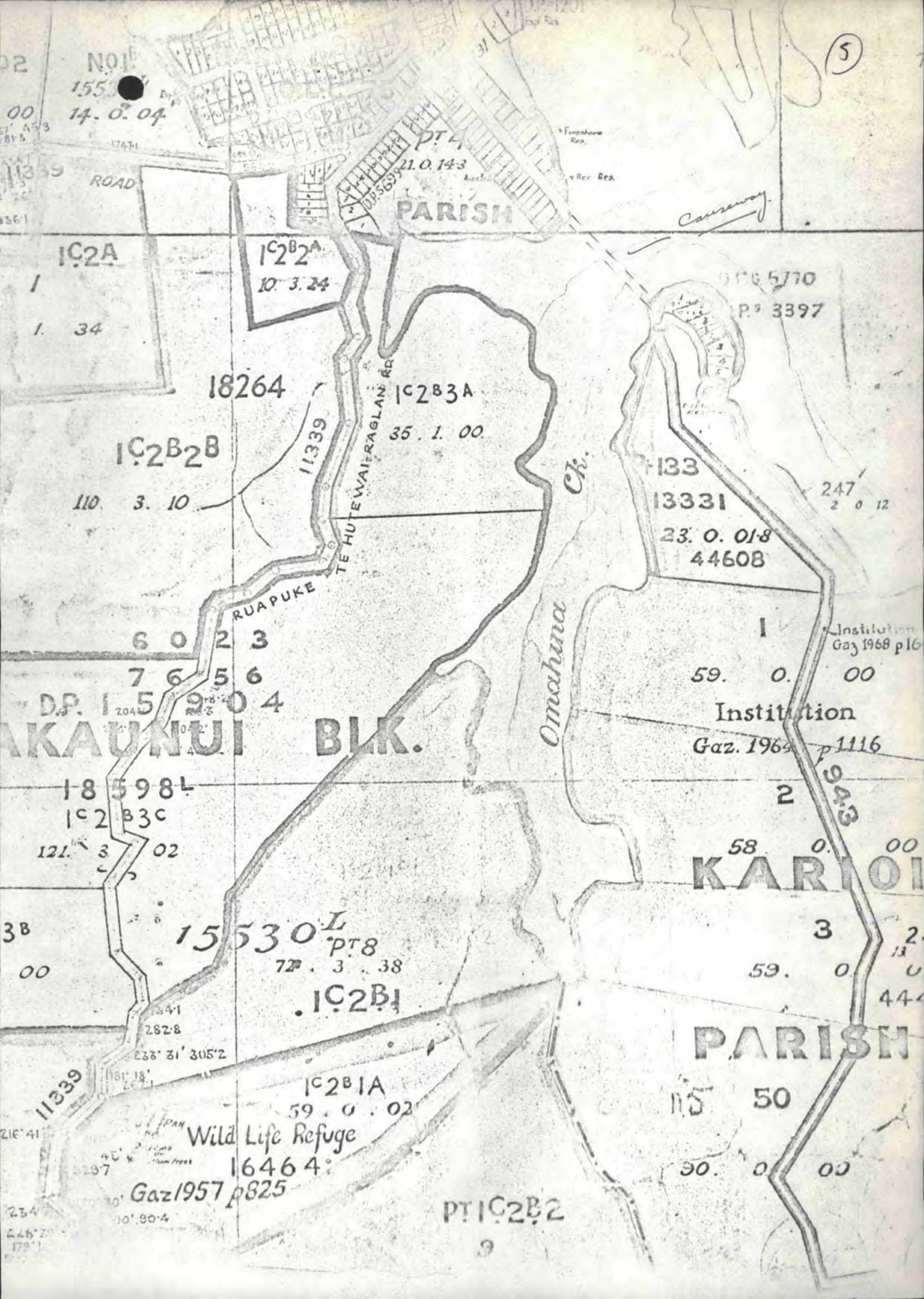
Yours faithfully,

R. N. KERR
Secretary for Marine

Per:

(R. P. Taylor)

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Northern Regional Office,
Private Bag,
AUCKLAND 1

18 August 1975

The County Clerk,
Raglan County Council,
P.O. Box 1,
NGARUAWAHIA

Dear Sir,

ACCESS BRIDGES AND CAUSE WAY, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Resulting from a complaint of a resident at Raglan a site investigation was recently made and it was found that from the end of Opoturu Road across to a property owned by a Mr Strawbridge and others, a bridge had been constructed along side which there is a cause way which is apparently submerged in part at high tide.

During my visit it was noticed that there are other access bridges in the Raglan Harbour and any information you can advise this office regarding the persons responsible for their construction and the construction of the cause way and any authority obtained would be gratefully received by this office.

It would appear that the complainants fears were due to a local rumour that the height of the cause way was to be raised which would effectively block navigation into the Creek.

Yours faithfully,

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary for Transport

HEAD OFFICE
ATTENTION: S.E.O. HARBOURS

Your file reference 54/1/51 may refer. Resulting from a complaint during a recent visit to Raglan Harbour area it was found that running across an arm of the Raglan Harbour there is a causeway which is semi-submerged at high tide. Along side this cause way there is a foot bridge which connects Opoturu Road with a property owned by Mr Strawbridge and several others.

It is noted that correspondence relating to the above file dated 25.3.69 and 8.8.69 mentioned the construction of a cause way and it would appear that this proposal was abandoned according to your advice of 8.9.69.

The opportunity to enquire regarding several other foot bridges across Raglan Harbour has been taken at this time as it could be that these have been placed without consideration.

You will be kept advised of developments in due course.

(D. Greig)
for Regional Secretary



54/19/27
③
1135 Heaphy Terrace,
Hamilton.

4 August 1975



Regional Secretary for Transport,
Ministry of Transport,
Auckland.

Attention Mr. Greig:

Access to Waterway serving No.14 Karioi St.,
Raglan.

Following my telephone call to you this day, I am forwarding to you a plan of the locality.

For your information the bridge under which I desire to navigate is on the north side of a causeway which has been constructed across the estuary.

I understand from talking to local people at Raglan, that both structures are the work and responsibility of the residents across the far side. I also understand from my last conversation with a Mr. Strawbridge on the peninsula that they intend to raise this causeway still further. You will understand that I would object to this as this action would ruin the estuary from my point of view and would have serious effects in the environment in this area.

I have marked in blue where my house is located.

If I can be of further help please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

D. Harrison.

D. Harrison

*Write Raglan C. & for info
re (1) Causeway
(2) Bridge*

*Causeway 2/3 m's thick at an end
can not at all my house been
for no reason before bridge built*



PLEASE QUOTE M54/1/51

M. 2518

13/19/27

MARINE DEPARTMENT

T. & G. BUILDINGS, GREY ST., WELLINGTON C. I., N.Z.

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8 September 1969

The District Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND.

MINISTRY OF WORKS - BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY - OPOTORU RIVER, RAGLAN HARBOUR

Further to my minuted memorandum of 25 March 1969 the District Commissioner of Works, Hamilton has now advised that this scheme has been abandoned and that no further action is required.

R. N. KERR
Secretary for Marine

per:

(R. P. Taylor)



CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY FOR MARINE,
P.O. BOX 1254, WELLINGTON

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BRIDGE & CAUSEWAY

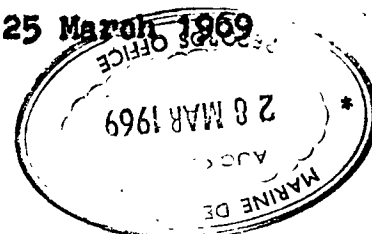
JUNCTION OMAHUNA CREEK & OPOTORU RIVER

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③ FILE AWAY

The Secretary,
Raglan Harbour Board,
P.O. Box 1,
NGARUAWAHIA

25 March 1969



13/19/27

Dear Sir,

PROPOSED BRIDGE AND CAUSEWAY
Ministry of Works - Oporuru River, Raglan
Harbour

As you may be aware, the Ministry of Works intends to construct a causeway and bridge, on behalf of the Department of Education, across the confluence of the Omahuna Creek and Oporuru River in Raglan Harbour. The causeway and bridge will provide access to the department's property and to other properties on the peninsular.

Enclosed is Ministry of Works plan HR1436 (sheet 1 of 1) showing the proposed works and as the area is within your harbour limits and the foreshore on the western end of the causeway is controlled by the Board, the proposed is referred to you for your comments, before this department's approval under section 178(b) of the Harbours Act 1950 is given.

It is understood that the causeway will be taken over by you in your role as Raglan County Council, for future maintenance.

Ministry of Works will be asked to demolish the existing footbridge and causeway on completion of the new causeway and bridge.

... Please return the attached plan with your comments.

Yours faithfully,

R. N. KERR
Secretary for Marine

Per:

(R. P. Taylor)

Encl.

The District Officer,
Marine Department,
P.O. Box 1254,
AUCKLAND

Copy for your information. No previous correspondence. The D.C.W. Hamilton submitted the preliminary plan H.R. 1436 direct to this office.

R. N. KERR
Secretary for Marine
Per: (R.P. Taylor)

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