

9 December 2011

Dear Karekare resident,

### **Karekare Beach access for summer 2011/12**

A letter from Auckland Council, dated 25 November, was sent to a number of Karekare residents proposing the realignment of the Karekare Stream mouth as a short term solution to address the lagoon that is impeding access to the beach and surf club's clubrooms.

We received feedback from residents and the wider community that was both for and against the proposal. Given this level of public interest, a consent application would have required public notification. Due to the time required to process a notified application, including a hearing and opportunity for an appeal process, this solution was no longer deemed viable to address public access this summer.

Parks staff have been reviewing alternative short term options for addressing the issue of access. As noted in our previous letter we are working within a dynamic natural environment, where there are no easy solutions, and we are aware of the need to retain the remote experience in this recognised outstanding natural landscape.

To ensure practical public access to the beach and the operation of surf lifesaving over the 2011/12 summer we need to develop some interim measures, while more sustainable solutions to beach and clubroom access are reviewed.

Auckland Council is holding an open day at Karekare to provide the opportunity for you to view the alternative options that are being explored and speak to staff.

#### **Karekare Open Day**

**When:** Saturday 17 December 2011, 10am to 1pm

**Where:** Regional parks marquee, Karekare overflow car park

If you have any questions about the open day please contact the Arataki Visitor Centre on 09 817 0088.

Kind regards,



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