

62 Murphy Rd

8th Feb 2018

RE: Hearing for Wainui Beach Proposed Coastal Protection Works. Feb 8th and 9th 2018

Attention: Greg Hill, Independent Commissioner

As witness to fully support Robyn Bryant and Laurie Lautmann submissions presented today:

I have lived at Wainui for over 35 years and was witness to the ferocious attack by the sea in 1993 on the Wainui foreshore.

FACTS: South Wainui

1. My property 62 Murphy Rd borders the two Council Reserve sections on the seaside. 62 Murphy rd front section extends further out into the sea than the neighbouring GDC s sections.
2. Currently there is a "knitting" of a wooden vertical wall structure and rocks on the seaside of 62 Murphy Rd, "this knitting" occurs in the middle of the front of 62 Murphy Rd.
3. The 2009/2010 week long hearing (expensive) with the GDC vs Environmental Court put a stop to implementation of a proposed Rock wall after the concrete groin seawall at the South end of Wainui beach .

The same issue was faced at the hearing today with a different design . This design still does not address the "end effect of the revetment wall".

So Council will now, it appears, will sacrifice Wainui Northern sections to the latest proposed design. Somehow, it **should be noted** that, the GDC has included putting rocks past the Public access walkway. This is "creep" protection and is unjustifiable to the Northern properties from 74 Murphy rd to the North.

To address the inequitably of GDC treatment of all foreshore property owners:

Emergency works winter 2016 for 21 Waiwere Rd foreshore:

The GDC "stitch in time saves 9 " for the gabion baskets was implemented in front to replace the small old vertical handmade rock wall which collapsed at that time. My main question is why were rocks inserted in behind? Why not a truckload of sand in behind the mended gabion wall to match the neighbouring properties?

Now GDC has already set a precedent here by this work done at 21 Waiwere Rd. Will GDC supply similar support to me as "emergency works" after any future erosion ? **A large truckload of sand** to be dumped in front of 62 Murphy rd after the next huge storm? This indeed, would be wonderful.

Thank you for listening.

Yours sincerely

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