

 COROMANDEL- COLVILLE COMMUNITY BOARD	TO	Coromandel-Colville Community Board	
	FROM	Tony Brijevich	
	DATE	23 September 2014	
	SUBJECT	Elected Member Report	

Purpose of the Report:

To keep the Community Board informed of the meetings attended and significant issues that have arisen since the last meeting.

Date	Meeting/Event/Issue	Comments
14/9/14	Wild Animal Control	See attachment

Please provide a copy of this report to the Area Coordinator

**Wild Animal Control – Policy on
Hunting, Trapping, Use of Toxins**

Background: During each of the last two triennia (2010-13 and 2007-10), the Community Board resolved to support a policy whereby wild animal control operations on the peninsula should be carried out solely by means of hunting, trapping, and cyanide with no use of residual poisons such as 1080 or brodifacoum.

Discussion: The Board passed its resolutions in response to widespread and long-standing community concerns about the use of extremely hazardous toxins in our bush and drinking water catchments for the purpose of pest animal control.

Opposition to the use of 1080 poison has been evidenced by a formal community petition with over 1500 signatures presented to TCDC, DOC and WRC; a second petition from members of the local business community; public protest marches in Coromandel Town, Whitianga and Thames; numerous public meetings, letters, and presentations to government boards and committees; acts of civil disobedience.

Concerns include the documented by-kill of native vertebrate and invertebrate species; threats to human health and welfare; secondary poisoning; ongoing damage to the local tourism and primary production sectors; accidents resulting in death of domestic animals and stock; inhumane control methods; loss of economic development and job creation opportunities from fur recovery and pest harvesting.

Starkly illustrating the grave dangers, had the June Moehau floods occurred exactly one year earlier, the result would have been an environmental and human health disaster of immense proportions, with tens of thousands of deadly 1080 pellets washed directly onto paddocks, roads, beaches, reserves and even directly into homes.

Resolution: “That all wild animal control operations carried out in the Coromandel/Colville Board region under the auspices of Waikato Regional Council and the Department of Conservation be carried out solely by means of hunting, trapping, and cyanide with no use of residual poisons, including toxin 1080.”