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Mr T Fox
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Dear Tony

Thank you for the time you gave recently to discuss the situation at the Taputapuatea Spit where wild sown trees, predominantly Pohutakawa but also Wattle and Privet, threaten to permanently remove a beautiful vista of Mercury Bay. If not checked we will in effect have a huge hedge spoiling our environment.

As discussed this situation should be relatively straight forward to control now as most of these plants are not huge. In a few years this will no longer be the case. The pictures below illustrate the problem.



The first picture is taken from the bridge over the Taputapuatea Stream and shows the most dense growth of these weeds. It will not be long before this becomes a major job.



Moving slightly south you can see how these weeds are taking over more and more land.



I could send a library of pictures but I am sure you get the idea. In the one above you can see that land that was previously free is now being taken over.

I do not see how it is in anybody's interest to have this get completely out of control and therefore urge the Council to send a team down to remove the problem.

Kind Regards

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