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Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 1:51 pm
To: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz>; Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz>; Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>; Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>; Dan Tuohy <dtuohy@doc.govt.nz>; Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Horowhenua District Council application for a vehicle public right of way easement over DOC stewardship land (NaPALIS_ID 2795282) at Waikawa Beach, Horowhenua

No application has been received as yet. Will keep you posted ☺

From: Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz <mailto:chkenny@doc.govt.nz> >
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 1:38 pm
To: Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz <mailto:khancock@doc.govt.nz> >; Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz <mailto:sabell@doc.govt.nz> >; Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >; Dan Tuohy <dtuohy@doc.govt.nz <mailto:dtuohy@doc.govt.nz> >; Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz <mailto:rmora@doc.govt.nz> >; Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz <mailto:fwalsh@doc.govt.nz> >
Subject: RE: Horowhenua District Council application for a vehicle public right of way easement over DOC stewardship land (NaPALIS_ID 2795282) at Waikawa Beach, Horowhenua

Kia ora koutou,

That would be the Manawatū District it sits within.

Last correspondence was Rachael sending through an easement application link to the council to complete. I don't see a pending application in the permissions database, 9(2)(g)(i)

Cheers,

Chelsea

From: Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz <mailto:khancock@doc.govt.nz> >
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 1:15 pm
To: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz <mailto:sabell@doc.govt.nz> >; Chelsea Kenny <chkenny@doc.govt.nz <mailto:chkenny@doc.govt.nz> >; Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >; Dan Tuohy <dtuohy@doc.govt.nz <mailto:dtuohy@doc.govt.nz> >; Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz <mailto:rmora@doc.govt.nz> >; Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz <mailto:fwalsh@doc.govt.nz> >
Subject: FW: Horowhenua District Council application for a vehicle public right of way easement over DOC stewardship land (NaPALIS_ID 2795282) at Waikawa Beach, Horowhenua

9(2)(g)(i)

From: Manawatu <manawatu@doc.govt.nz <mailto:manawatu@doc.govt.nz> >
Sent: Tuesday, 9 December 2025 12:18 pm
To: Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz <mailto:khancock@doc.govt.nz> >
Subject: FW: Horowhenua District Council application for a vehicle public right of way easement over DOC stewardship land (NaPALIS_ID 2795282) at Waikawa Beach, Horowhenua

Hi Kelly,

This also went to permissions so I am not sure if we need to reply as well – is this us or Kapiti/wellington?

Ngā mihi

Georgia Etheridge

Site Support Officer

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Monday, 8 December 2025 10:19 am

To: Manawatu <manawatu@doc.govt.nz> <<mailto:manawatu@doc.govt.nz>> >; permissions <permissions@doc.govt.nz> <<mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz>> >

Subject: Horowhenua District Council application for a vehicle public right of way easement over DOC stewardship land (NaPALIS_ID 2795282) at Waikawa Beach, Horowhenua

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Morena

Walk on Waikawa (WOW), a group formed to represent the interests of non-motorised beach users and protect the natural ecology of Waikawa Beach, has been told by Horowhenua District Council (HDC) officers that HDC is in discussion with the Department of Conservation (DOC) about granting an easement to allow motorised vehicles a right of way across DOC stewardship land (NaPALIS_ID 2795282) to access Waikawa Beach.

For the past twelve months, WOW has participated in Horowhenua District Council-organised meetings to consider options for vehicle access to Waikawa Beach.

We have:

- * concerns about the adverse impact on the natural environment and other beach users of DOC facilitating vehicle access at this location to the Waikawa River estuary and beach and dunes.
- * suggestions for actions DOC might require of Horowhenua District Council to mitigate the harms to the natural environment and ecology of the estuary, dunes, and beach, and the safety and experience of non-driving beach users from giving a vehicle right of way easement across the DOC land.

We will send more detailed information about concerns and suggestions to you by the end of this week.

Please let us know of any developments in relation to this easement.

Ngā Mihi

9(2)(a)

for Walk on Waikawa

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 29 January 2026 7:43 pm
To: 9(2)(a)
Cc: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >
Subject: Re: Horowhenua District Council - Application for Easement

Great letter. Thank you 9(2)(a)

On Thu, 29 Jan 2026 at 4:00 PM, 9(2)(a)
9(2)(a)

Kia ora Moana,

Thanks for your very helpful reply to our email outlining our concerns about vehicle access at Waikawa Beach. We were heartened that DoC would be carrying out a site visit at the Waikawa estuary, and that you have the Boffa Miskell report which sets out in detail the assessments of flora, fauna and landscape disturbance that HDC would need to carry out if it had applied to the Horizons Regional Council for a consent for this access across Local Purpose and Esplanade reserves.

We would be very keen to hear the results of your site visit to the estuary and the impact the access way is having on the DoC stewardship area.

We have asked the Horowhenua District Council for a copy of its application for an easement from DoC to enable its proposed access way. We had expected the HRC would require the HDC to obtain a consent for any access way. The HRC also carried out a site visit and then communicated to the HDC that if it had been notified about the extent and impact of the current access way it would have been required to obtain consent from Horizons (we can provide this communication if required). As it stands the HRC have indicated that if no maintenance is carried out on the track then no consent will be required, but that if any maintenance is planned or carried out then the HDC would need to apply to HRC for consent for that work.

HDC voted in December to authorise vehicles use of the track in its current form, and to monitor for any required maintenance. This is despite not having an easement for the portion of the track that crosses the DoC stewardship area.

Our real concern is that the HDC has yet to lodge an application for easement, and that the process of considering any application for assessing the application will take some 7 months. In the meantime vehicles will be using the track and continuing to degrade the dune environment both in the reserves and DoC stewardship areas, but also the wider dunescape of Waikawa Beach. WoW and other groups (with the help of HRC) have put an enormous amount of effort into growing the dunes and protecting the nesting areas of the birds that make their home in the estuary.

In our earlier email we asked whether the track is legally permissible given that the HDC do not have an easement for the portion which funds over the DoC stewardship area. We would really like to get clarity from you on this. We worry that the timeframe for lodging and considering any application for easement will mean that the track will become a fait accompli in the meantime. We are strongly of the view that for consideration of an application for easement to have integrity use of the track should be suspended until the easement process is concluded. To this end we would ask DoC to request the HDC suspend use of the track until their application for easement has been determined.

The other issue we would like to get clarity on is whether DoC is able to apply conditions to any easement. We would like to suggest that DoC require the HDC to obtain consent from the HRC for the portion of the track that runs over reserve land. This could be as a prior condition for considering an application for easement, or as a condition of granting an easement. Doing so would allow full consideration of the environmental issues outlined by Boffa Miskell.

Thanks again for your helpful response to our email. We would be very happy to meet with you to discuss this matter further.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

(for Walk on Waikawa.)

On 23 Jan 2026, at 11:57 am, Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz
<mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> > wrote:

Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your well-considered email to DOC outlining WoW concerns with vehicular access at Waikawa Beach, and requests that DOC advise receipt of any application for vehicular access over public conservation land at Waikawa Beach and that any application received be publicly notified.

DOC has yet to receive an easement application from HDC for vehicle access. In accordance with our policies, we do not advise interested parties of receipt of applications, however the applicant may choose to advise interested parties when applications are lodged.

A decision on public notification will be made after the application is received. This will be based on the complexity and effects of the application. The documents you have provided would be relevant to the process, noting that, the Department already holds a copy of the Boffa Miskell report.

In terms of processing time, I cannot give you a definitive timeframe as this will vary depending on the complexity of the application, however our processing target for an easement application is 7 months.

Thank you for raising the issue of unauthorised access crossing DOC stewardship area. We will carry out a site visit to the Waikawa Estuary in the next couple of weeks.

Ngā mihi

Moana Smith-Dunlop

Operations Manager

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Saturday, 17 January 2026 8:34 am

To: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> <<mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>> >

Subject: Horowhenua District Council - Application for Easement

Mōrena Moana,

Thanks for the opportunity to speak with you yesterday about Horowhenua District Council's intention to apply to DoC for an easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach.

I wrote to DoC in mid December hoping that the email would be forwarded to you. I have attached this email below, as well as an email to Permissions @ DoC asking whether an application for easement had been made by the HDC. The email to Permissions @ DoC attached a letter which set out the background to the issue of vehicle access at Waikawa Beach.

The HDC in exploring options for creating a vehicle access at Waikawa Beach commissioned Boffa Miskell to carry out an assessment of options which ran over HDC reserves. The Boffa Miskell study showing the location of the access options, is attached below as well.

While the HDC assessment process was being carried out locals pushed through an illegal track to the beach at 47-49 Manga Pirau street <<https://apc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fmaps%2Fsearch%2F47-49%2BManga%2BPirau%2Bstreet%3Fentry%3Dgmail%26source%3Dg&data=05%7C02%7Cfwalsh%40doc.govt.nz%7C2b20f135c4534ee67f1608de6dba52b8%7Cf0cbb24fa2f6498fb5366eb9a13a357c%7C0%7C0%7C639068844197529655%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIslIAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoiTWFpbGlldUljoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RqKupy9coHMKpGMpB5gEuRnOzfZjHrCl3vXWt7jXli8%3D&reserved=0>> . This was the site of one of the options assessed by Boffa Miskell. As we discussed on the phone this track runs through Local Purpose and Esplanade reserve land as well as DoC land.

At its recent meeting in December the HDC voted to seek an easement from DoC to facilitate vehicle access via this track to the beach. As noted below we are strongly of the view (supported by Boffa Miskell) that vehicle access to Waikawa Beach poses real risks to the dune environment at Waikawa Beach, and that for these reasons any application for easement should be publicly notified.

We would like to meet with you and your people on the ground to brief you further and discuss the issue of an easement over DoC land.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

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(for Walk on Waikawa)

Begin forwarded message:

From: 9(2)(a)

Subject: Email for Moana Smith-Dunlop - Operations Manager

Date: 18 December 2025 at 12:01:40 pm GMT+13

To: manawatu@doc.govt.nz <mailto:manawatu@doc.govt.nz>

Kia ora Moana,

My name is 9(2)(a) and I am a member of Walk on Waikawa, a group focused on managing vehicle access to Waikawa Beach in order to protect our beach environment including the valuable flora, fauna and fragile dunescape.

We understand that the Horowhenua District Council will be seeking an easement over DoC land at Waikawa Beach in order to facilitate open vehicle access to Waikawa Beach. We have written to Permissions Enquiries at DoC to indicate that the issue of vehicle access at Waikawa Beach is highly contested with significant negative impacts on the beach environment. We are strongly of the views that DoC should publicly notify any application for easement over DoC land for the purpose of a vehicle access, and failing that should apply substantive conditions on any easement to strengthen protections for delicate the beach environment.

WoW would like to meet with you to brief you further on the issues associated with the access being proposed by the Horowhenua District Council including the issues raised by Boffa Miskell who were commissioned by HDC itself to assess options for vehicle access to Waikawa Beach - including the route that the HDC is now proposing to facilitate open vehicle access.

We are available to meet with you before the Christmas break, but understand that it may be easier to do so early in the New Year. We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

(On behalf of Walk on Waikawa).

Begin forwarded message:

From: permissions <permissions@doc.govt.nz <mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz> >

Subject: FW: Application for Easement by Horowhenua District Council

Date: 11 December 2025 at 10:54:03 am GMT+13

To: Permissions Enquiries <AskPermissions@doc.govt.nz <mailto:AskPermissions@doc.govt.nz> >

Cc: 9(2)(a)

Manawatu <manawatu@doc.govt.nz <mailto:manawatu@doc.govt.nz> >

Kia ora Permissions,

Please see query below.

Ngā mihi nui,

Cheryl Carter

Statutory Processes Team

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Applications for permits and concessions will not be processed during our statutory shutdown period from Monday 22 December 2025 to Friday 9 January 2026. Processing will resume on Monday 12 January 2026. DOC offices will close at 5pm on the 24th of December 2025 and will reopen on the Monday 6th of January 2026

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From: 9(2)(a)

Sent: Thursday, 11 December 2025 7:59 am

To: permissions <permissions@doc.govt.nz <mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz> >; Manawatu

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Subject: Application for Easement by Horowhenua District Council

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Kia ora kōrua,

Please find attached a letter requesting urgent confirmation of your receipt of an application for easement by the Horowhenua District Council for vehicle access over DoC land at Waikawa Beach, and confirmation that any such application will be publicly notified. We would appreciate your urgent attention to this matter.

Please note that the report prepared by Boffa Miskell for the Horowhenua District Council, and which is referred to in the letter, is attached below in PDF form.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

Spokesperson for Walk on Waikawa.

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From: Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2026 4:21 pm
To: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>; Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Waikawa Conservation Area - Stewardship Area 4.59ha adjacent to Waikawa Stream Estuary - subject to illegal informal vehicle access, HDC is considering seeking an easement.

Thanks Sara – have made couple of suggested edits to the letter.

I am not 100% clear what the preferred option is and whether it is supported by district / techos?

I agree it would be useful to meet with HDC/ HRC to confirm their plans and timing for application to be lodged with DOC and HRC. It is important we have visibility of the HRC consent requirements so any easement application is not considered in isolation given will likely be involved in the RMA process as an affected party. Could you please invite Frances to any future meetings.

Give me a call if you would like to discuss further

Ngā mihi

Rachael

From: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz <mailto:sabell@doc.govt.nz> >
Sent: Thursday, 22 January 2026 12:26 pm
To: Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz <mailto:rmora@doc.govt.nz> >; Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >
Subject: RE: Waikawa Conservation Area - Stewardship Area 4.59ha adjacent to Waikawa Stream Estuary - subject to illegal informal vehicle access, HDC is considering seeking an easement.

Mōrena,

HDC have worked hard with consultants to canvas community aspirations and provide information on Waikawa Beach Access. A part of the community determined vehicular access was needed and have constructed an unsanctioned and uncontrolled vehicle track over multiple tenure including the Stewardship Area.

While the easement would be small across the Stewardship Area, the impacts of the overall activity including any repetitive river control works will have continuing impact on the estuary and habitat of the ponded area behind the dunes. Further information is needed on the river control works and management/maintenance plan. This will need approval by HRC.

One report outlined what HRC consents would be required, it is unclear with the current illicit road exactly what HRC consents have been applied for and what stage they are at whether any are retrospective.

It would be good to have a multi-agency round table decide on final outcome, assess knowledge gaps and advise processes from here, to minimise harm and on-going demand on resources.

Also do we need to have DOC compliance involved?

Below, draft response to 9(2)(a) for you make comment on, run through AI. Moana I do not have context from your conversation with 9(2)(a) you are likely to have more to add.

Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Thank you for your well-considered email to DOC outlining WoW concerns with vehicular access at Waikawa Beach, and providing background information to support your request for and requests that DOC to advise receipt of any easement, concession, license application for vehicular access over public conservation land at Waikawa Beach and for that any application received such process to be publicly notified.

DOC has yet to receive an easement application from HDC for vehicle access. In accordance with our policies, we do not advise interested parties of receipt of applications, however the applicant may choose to advise interested parties when applications are lodged. In regard to DOC advising receipt of an application, in this case it would be an easement, communication would be between the applicant and the Department. An applicant may choose to advise others when they are submitting.

A decision on public notification is will be made after the application is received. This will be based on the complexity and effects of the application. The documents you have provided would be relevant to the process, noting that, the Department already holds a copy of the Boffa Miskell report.

In terms of processing time I cannot give you a definitive timeframe as this will vary depending on the complexity of the application, however our processing target for an easement application is 7 months.

requirements for further information,

the term,

any need for conditions,

level of engagement with iwi/hapū/whanau,

whether the activity needs to be publicly notified.

Thank you for alerting us to an unauthorised sanctioned access crossing DOC stewardship area. We will carry out a site inspection in the coming weeks.

Sara Bell (she/her)

Project Lead | Kaitiaki Āo Hāpori

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Kia piki te ora nga o te ao tūroa, i roto i te ngātahitanga, ki Aotearoa.

To work with others to increase the value of conservation for New Zealanders.

From: Sara Bell

Sent: Wednesday, 21 January 2026 1:15 pm

To: Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz <mailto:rmora@doc.govt.nz> >

Cc: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >

Subject: Waikawa Conservation Area - Stewardship Area 4.59ha adjacent to Waikawa Stream Estuary - subject to illegal informal vehicle access, HDC is considering seeking an easement.

Kia ora Rachael,

In a virtual meeting in December 2026 HDC asked DOC what was required for access over the PCL at Waikawa Beach. No written application has been received for an easement.

A community group has requested to be notified when HDC request an easement or that the application be publicly notified. See email train below. I will draft a response to the letter and send to you for comment.

The attachments and following provide some context regarding Waikawa Beach Access in the granting an easement should an application be received.

Context

Since closure of a private property Waikawa beach vehicular access due to flood damage and hazard, Horowhenua District Council has canvassed the community about alternative beach accesses. The community is divided over whether there should be vehicle access.

In the interim vehicle drivers have formed and used a track adjacent to Waikawa Stream that crosses PCL. It was one of three final route options HDC were assessing and had the highest potential environmental impact and requirements for HRC consent. DOC technical advisor gave general advice to HDC during the route assessment stage. HDC correspondence with DOC was piecemeal and did not seek full technical advice. The assessment stage was convoluted and confusing as the option list was refined. There was an outstanding question from technical about on-going maintenance disturbance especially adjacent to the watercourse that affects natural heritage impacts. (see attached).

HDC have yet to gain HRC consent.

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Conservation Act

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Wellington Conservation Management Strategy

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Ngā mihi

Sara Bell (she/her)

Te Papaioea | Palmerston North Office

9(2)(a)

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Sent Monday, 9 March 2026 1:23 pm
To Kelly Hancock; Sara Bell; Chelsea Kenny
Subject Fw: Horowhenua District Council application for easement at Waikawa Beach
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Ngā mihi,
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From: 9(2)(a)
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To: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>
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9(2)(a)
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Kia ora Moana,

Started this yesterday, so thought I'd continue to send through in case it helps.

WoW are one of the interest groups that HDC are working directly with on beach access in Waikawa including the unauthorised beach access. HDC have informed WoW that they have sought a 5 year easement from DOC. The authorisation to seek easement came from Council. DOC have advised HDC receipt of easement request and that it can take up to 7months to process.

The unauthorised access is largely (approximately 90%) located on HDC administered reserve and 10% on PCL. HDC are the administrating authority for the access and DOC are an impacted party. DOC are not privy to HDC decision making for this access. For the access track activity it is HDC not DOC's responsibility to keep WoW informed. Anything DOC say may be a complicated process.

The main work the rangers of the district office has at Waitarere Beach is whitebait management. However, the Department have a publication on the biodiversity values at various locations along the coast which includes a section on Waikawa Beach that may be of interest. The publication is available on the DOC website, please see the link.

Estuarine systems in the lower North Island/Te Ika-a-Māui

Possible response.

'Thank you for your enquiry. Rangers from the district office have been to the reserve at 47-49 Manga Pirau Street to view the modified track and where it crosses conservation land and have spoken with Lacey from HDC.

We understand that Horowhenua District Council are working directly with Walk on Waikawa regarding beach access at Waikawa Beach and that they have informed you that they have applied to the Department for an easement.

An application for an easement is only a part of an overall access process that the Council are the administering authority for and in this instance the Department consider your most accurate information will be directly through the Council.'

Ngā mihi

Sara

Sara Bell (she/her)

Project Lead - Statutory

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From: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 April 2026 4:04 pm
To: Sara Bell <sabell@doc.govt.nz>; Kelly Hancock <khancock@doc.govt.nz>; Dan Tuohy <dtuohy@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Waikawa beach reserve

Hi all,

I have had a couple of messages from 9(2)(a) from Walk on Waikawa wanting an update about where this is at. What is happening at present and is there anything I can update WoW on?

Moana

From: Sara Bell <<<mailto:sabell@doc.govt.nz>> sabell@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 10:28 am
To: Kelly Hancock <<<mailto:khancock@doc.govt.nz>> khancock@doc.govt.nz>; Moana Smith-Dunlop <<<mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>> msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>; Dan Tuohy <<<mailto:dtuohy@doc.govt.nz>> dtuohy@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Frances Walsh <<<mailto:fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>> fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: Waikawa beach reserve

Kia ora Kelly,

Horowhenua District Council have informed the Department about the sandtrack between 47-49 Manga Pirau Street. Following a recent site inspection approximately 90% of the track is on reserve administered by the Council. Council have recently applied for easement for access through public conservation land which is approximately 20-30m located at the beach end. Applications for easements may take up to 7 months to process depending on complexity. This is marked as complex. Frances is working on this.

There could be unintentional operational implications of this vehicular access for DOC and HRC particularly pressures around on-going unauthorised track maintenance and monitoring of the impacts of this activity. The area is used for white-baiting and part of the track will be subject to inundation in king tides. Additionally there are pressures on adjacent landowners for whom due process was not followed. There will be pressure on HDC to monitor this too. HDC would get the most benefit from this.

There is little if any opportunity for camera placement on PCL, most opportunity would be on HDC administered Reserve. However, the area subject to surveillance is likely to include PCL.

In this instance I think DOC would allow HDC to carry out monitoring of the unauthorised track with conditions that structures are not on PCL and that all responsibility, management and correspondence be through HDC.

Kia ora 9(2)

Thank you for your email and for raising the question around monitoring at Waikawa Beach particularly at 47-49 Manga Pirau Street. From DOC's perspective, monitoring at Waikawa Beach sits with Horowhenua District Council (HRC) as part of their statutory responsibilities.

The public conservation land in this area is largely foredune beach and river and unsuitable for installation of additional structures for cameras for this form of monitoring. As such DOC would not support the installation of additional structure on land administered by the Department. Any proposed infrastructure would need to be located off DOC-managed land and considered through the appropriate processes with the relevant adjacent land manager.

Happy to discuss this further if useful, or to connect with HDC if that would help progress the matter.

Ngā mihi,

Sara

Sara Bell (she/her)

Project Lead - Statutory

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From: Kelly Hancock <<mailto:khancock@doc.govt.nz> khancock@doc.govt.nz>

Sent: Friday, 27 March 2026 8:10 am

To: Moana Smith-Dunlop <<mailto:mmsmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>; Sara Bell <<mailto:sabell@doc.govt.nz> sabell@doc.govt.nz>; Dan Tuohy <<mailto:dtuohy@doc.govt.nz> dtuohy@doc.govt.nz>

Subject: FW: Waikawa beach reserve

Mōrena,

See below. How do you want me to respond 9(2)(a)

Kelly Hancock

Manawatu Operations District
Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Thursday, 26 March 2026 5:19 pm
To: Kelly Hancock <<mailto:khancock@doc.govt.nz> khancock@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Waikawa beach reserve

Hi Kelly

Down by the Waikawa Beach I believe there is DOC land that has a walkway through it that has recently been graded by an unauthorised individual.

In my capacity, I'm developing a plan to install cameras close to the walkway to improve community safety.

Can you please direct me as to the likely DOC representative who manages this piece of land and knows it's status.

Any guidance will be appreciated Kelly.

Kindest regards

9(2)(a)

Future Development Officer

Horowhenua Community Camera Trust

Levin Police Station

Levin

9(2)(a)

Horowhenua District Council application for easement over DoC reserve at Waikawa Beach

From 9(2)(a)
Sent Monday, 13 April 2026 9:21 am
To permissions
Cc Moana Smith-Dunlop
Subject Horowhenua District Council application for easement over DoC reserve at Waikawa Beach
Attachments DoC letter, 8 March 2026.docx; Proposed conditions for DoC granting easement.docx

Kia ora Permissions team,

The purpose of this email is to propose conditions that DoC should apply if intends granting the easement for vehicle access over DoC reserve land at Waikawa Beach sought by the Horowhenua District Council.

We have previously written to Moana Smith-Dunlop at DoC setting out Walk on Waikawa's concerns about this easement application and requesting to discuss these in more detail. We asked for the application to be publicly notified. Moana has responded to us indicating that the application is under consideration and is 'complex'.

Our letter to Moana Smith-Dunlop is attached below and includes Google Earth images that indicate the portion of the track that traverses DoC reserve land, and which show the area before the informal track was forced through, and the track as it is now. It also includes images of the environmental impact of the track over time, as well as images of tidal erosion in the Waikawa estuary.

We agree with Moana Smith-Dunlop that the issue is complex. The complexity arises from a number of factors including:

- * The largest part of the track crosses HDC reserves (Local Purpose and Esplanade reserves). HDC has not obtained consent from Horizon's Regional Council for this, despite HRC indicating that it would have required consent, and that any maintenance of the track will require consent
- * Vehicle access to the beach via DoC reserve land crosses through estuary land owned by the Miritana whanau (Hiritini 6B), and Ngati Wehiwehi has previously expressed its opposition to vehicle access to Waikawa Beach
- * Boffa Miskell in its report indicates that there are 'rare and threatened' habitats and that a robust ecological assessment be done to demonstrate that any adverse effects to those habitats would be temporary, or localised and minor
- * Vehicles vary their route through the estuary depending on tides and river flows. This variation puts bird nesting and feeding grounds at risk. Vehicles including motor bikes have been deliberately driven through temporary fencing erected to protect bird nests

Walk on Waikawa reiterates its request for HDC'sd application for easement to be publicly notified, however we understand that despite the issues raised above, DoC may not consider the application to reach the threshold for public notification. We have therefore put forward proposed conditions that we believe DoC should apply if it grants HDC's easement application. These conditions address the complex issues outlined earlier. The proposed conditions are attached to this email.

We respectfully request confirmation of whether the easement application by the HDC will be publicly notified. If the application will not be publicly notified then we would appreciate confirmation that DoC will apply the conditions we have proposed to address the significant and complex issues created by the easement application.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

(For Walk on Waikawa)

10 April 2026

PROPOSED CONDITIONS FOR DOC TO GRANT AN EASEMENT AT WAIKAWA BEACH

Proposed condition	Purpose	Rationale
Make DoC's granting of an easement over DoC reserve land contingent on HDC obtaining Horizons Regional Council consent for the track where it crosses Council reserves	To ensure that the ecological and environmental values of both Council and DoC reserve land is protected as much as possible	• The largest part of the informal track crosses Council (Local Purpose and Esplanade) reserves • HRC has indicated that if it had been aware of this track being created it would have required its consent and that any maintenance of the track will require consent • The track is narrow, steep in parts and potential dangerous – and will require maintenance • Boffa Miskell in its report on this access point noted the high likelihood that consent would be difficult to obtain due to the disturbance of the foredune vegetation and potential impact on native flora and fauna • Requiring HRC consent would ensure that the issues raised by Boffa Miskell are fully and adequately considered and required mitigations established by the consent
Require a designated and marked route for vehicle use across the DoC (estuary) reserve land	• To protect the natural environment in the estuary, particularly the	• Birds lay their eggs in shallow sandy nests throughout the estuary area. These clutches are protected by locals who attempt to fence around

	shellfish beds and birdnesting and feeding areas. To respect the manawhenua of the Miritana whanau and Ngati Wehiwehi, and take account of the customary marine title decisions under the Takutai Moana Act 2011, and	them in the breeding season - Vehicles have been seen driving at or through these protected areas with the result that eggs are destroyed and nesting birds displaced - A designated route would ensure that vehicles do not threaten birdlife in the estuary or disturb their nesting and feeding grounds - Much of the estuary is part of Hiritini 6B, owned by the Miritana whānau, and a vehicle easement across the DoC reserve land in the estuary would affect their interests - An agreed and designated route would also acknowledge the rights and interests of Ngāti Wehiwehi at Waikawa Beach
Require HDC to install and maintain a lockable gate at the entry of the Manga Pirau Street recreation reserve	To protect the breeding grounds and estuary birds during the breeding season	- Currently vehicles vary their routes across the estuary reserve in response to tides and river flow - A lockable gate would help to prevent vehicle access to the estuary when the designated vehicle route is affected by tidal activity or river flow
Make the track off-limits to	To protect the foredunes	Currently motorbikes and moto-x bikes are ridden

motorbikes and moto-x bikes	and dunescape	well above the high tide mark and often deliberately through bird nesting areas and through fragile dunes • Prohibiting motorbike and moto-X bike use of the track would ensure greater protection of the foredunes, the beach dunescape and for birds nesting and breeding in the estuary
Require all vehicle using the track to cross DoC reserve land to be licensed and registered	Vehicle identification will allow for effective regulatory action to be taken by Police or HDC when damage to the beach environment is reported	• Currently there is limited or no ability to identify vehicle being used in a way that damages the foredunes, the dunescape and threatens birdlife • Vehicle identification would allow for public reporting of any damaging activity by vehicle and allow appropriate authorities to take action in response to those reports
Require any vehicle using the track have and use four wheel drive capability	To minimize the damage that 2 wheel drive vehicles can do to the foredunes and dunescape, and to ensure the safest possible use of the track by vehicles	• The track is narrow and steep in parts. Two wheel drive vehicles pose a danger to other vehicles and pedestrians, as well as to the wider foredunes and dunescape • There is photo evidence of vehicles stuck in the estuary, and of the damage done by vehicles to the dune environment. • Requiring 4 wheel drive use may reduce damage to the dunes and would increase safety for pedestrians who also use the track

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FW: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach

From: Moana Smith-Dunlop
Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2026 1:57 pm
To: Kelly Hancock; Chelsea Kenny
Subject: FW: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach
Attachments: DoC letter, 8 March 2026.docx; Proposed conditions for DoC granting easement.docx

WoW asking for a response from perms

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Wednesday, 29 April 2026 4:56 pm
To: permissions <permissions@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: Fwd: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach

Kia ora Permissions team,

Walk on Waikawa would appreciate a response to our email of 13 April about the process for DoC consideration of Horowhenua District Council's application for easement over DoC land at Waikawa Beach.

We have, in good faith, put forward possible conditions that DoC might attach to granting of this easement. We would appreciate the courtesy of your response to our email suggesting the HDC application be publicly notified, as well as the proposed conditions we have put forward.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

(for Walk on Waikawa)

Begin forwarded message:

From: 9(2)(a)
Subject: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach
Date: 13 April 2026 at 9:59:23 am GMT+12
To: permissions@doc.govt.nz <mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: moana Smith-dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >

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We requested to meet with DoC and asked that HDC's application be publicly notified. The response we received indicated that the application was under consideration and was 'complex'.

We agree that the situation with regard to vehicle access to Waikawa Beach is complex. This complexity arises from a number of factors including:

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Walk on Waikawa notes that HDC does not have a Beach Bylaw which would provide a regulatory framework for vehicle use on Horowhenua but that it is proposing to develop a Beach Bylaw during 2026. DoC could consider deferring consideration of HDC's application for easement until a Beach Bylaw has been implemented.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

(For Walk on Waikawa)

RE: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach

From Rachael Mora
Sent Thursday, 4 June 2026 10:45 am
To Frances Walsh; Moana Smith-Dunlop
Subject RE: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach

Thanks for the update Frances. I was wondering where this was at.

Fair call from permissions as the application wasn't public ally notified and the process now needs to run its course. Messaging from district around the easement application should reflect this.

Ngā mihi

Rachael

From: Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz>
Sent: Wednesday, 3 June 2026 2:04 pm
To: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz>
Cc: Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz>
Subject: RE: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach

Kia ora Moana

The permissions advisor (Kelvin Brown) has actually emailed WOW 9(2)(a) and told him they (the permissions team) will only be communicating with HDC (attached) - I don't know what that means for us, being local office and not permissions.

However, in terms of an update for you: tech advice has come in (terrestrial fauna & terrestrial flora). Both have highlighted that the most destructive impact has already happened and it's unlikely we will be able to get that area back to its original state.

Flora advice from Tayla is not to make the area any worse/wider, and if the track is relocated, it puts another part of the habitat at risk.

Fauna advice from Rogan, is that in the interests of enabling the migrating waders some protection, that the beach access across the PCL part of the estuary is removed.

Other than that, the due date isn't until August so it'll just be sitting waiting for Kelvin to pick it up again so in terms of an update for WOW, it's probably just that it's in the queue and will be progressed when it gets to the top.

Ngā mihi

Frances Walsh
Ngāti Porou

Statutory Advisor | Kaitohu ā-Ture
Palmerston North | Te Papaioea
Mobile: 9(2)(a)

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From: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >
Sent: Wednesday, 22 April 2026 11:03 am
To: Frances Walsh <fwalsh@doc.govt.nz <mailto:fwalsh@doc.govt.nz> >; Rachael Mora <rmora@doc.govt.nz <mailto:rmora@doc.govt.nz> >
Subject: FW: HDC application for easement to facilitate vehicle access to Waikawa Beach

Wow have written to Permissions

From: 9(2)(a)
Sent: Monday, 13 April 2026 9:59 am
To: permissions <permissions@doc.govt.nz <mailto:permissions@doc.govt.nz> >
Cc: Moana Smith-Dunlop <msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz <mailto:msmithdunlop@doc.govt.nz> >
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We look forward to hearing from you.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a) [REDACTED]

(For Walk on Waikawa)

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125600-OTH - Horowhenua District Council - decline recommendation

From Kelvin Brown
Sent Friday, 12 June 2026 10:12 am
To Moana Smith-Dunlop
Cc Frances Walsh; Sara Bell; Graeme Scott
Subject 125600-OTH - Horowhenua District Council - decline recommendation

Kia ora Moana

Further to our recent phone conversation.

Context

Horowhenua District Council (HDC) is requesting an easement for right of way (access) across DOC owned land at Waikawa Beach to allow for vehicle access to the beach.

Purpose

To give you a preview of the draft Recommendation and Decision Report (RDR) recommending a “decline” of this application.

Reference

Draft decline RDR 125600-OTH - Horowhenua District Council - RDR - Complex Concession (Complex B) - DOC-10895921.docx

Further background information

I have discussed Te Papaioea / Palmerston North Office’s concerns that this is a compliance issue with Graeme Scott, in DOC’s National Compliance Team, just in case there are any repercussions outside this application process.

Action

Please provide any feedback you may have by Tuesday 16 June 2026 (by 5pm).

After I receive your feedback, I will forward an abridged version of the RDR to Lacey Winiata, Parks and Property Manager, HDC for comment, before forwarding to Christine Butler, Permissions Regulatory Delivery Manager, for a decision.

Please contact me if you have any queries, or if you prefer I can attend a Teams Meeting.

Ngā mihi,

Kelvin Brown

Kelvin Brown | Permissions Advisor

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HDC easement application

From 9(2)(a)
Sent Sunday, 14 June 2026 8:39 pm
To Moana Smith-Dunlop
Subject HDC easement application

Mōrena Moana,

On Monday 2 June I sent you a text message asking for an update on DoC's consideration of HDC's application for an easement over DoC land at Waikawa Beach. We previously also provided DoC with a set of possible conditions which it could apply should it be considering granting an easement to HDC - and requested to meet with you to discuss the complexities of the dune and estuary environment at Waikawa Beach.

Your text reply on 7 June noted that you had asked for an update on the application.

Having not heard from you I then sent a further text asking when we might expect to get the update you signalled on 7 June. I also sent you photos of the current river version occurring in the Waikawa estuary. As a result of this erosion vehicles using the informal track over DoC land are no longer able to access the south beach at Waikawa.

Given this constant variation in the river and estuary it is hard to see why DoC would consider granting HDC's application. However, the purpose of this email is to again ask when we can expect an update on the HDC easement application. As requested earlier we would also appreciate the opportunity to meet with you.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)
(For Walk on Waikawa)

Sent from my iPhone

10:40

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9(2)(a)



Monday, 9 Mar • 7:28 am

Texting with 9(2)(a) (SMS/MMS)

Mōrena Moana. Walk on
Waikawa has received a
copy of HDC's application
for easement, and we
understand you will be
meeting with them to
discuss it this week. We
have now written to you
asking to meet with you.
We have further detailed
our concerns about this
application. We look
forward to finding a
suitable time for members



Text message





9(2)(a)



Our apologies for reversing the order of your surname in the email which will be in your inbox.

Ngā mihi, 9(2)(a)

Monday, 9 Mar • 10:43 am

Morena 9(2)(a) thank you for the message. I will talk to the team about the application and get back to you. Moana

Monday, 9 Mar • 3:21 pm

Thanks Moana. We look forward to meeting with you. 9(2)(a)



⊕ Text message





9(2)(a)



Mōrena Moana. I'm just following up our request to meet with you to discuss HDC's easement application. Would this Friday (27th) suit to meet with you? Members of WoW are happy to meet with you in Palmerston North. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks,
9(2)(a) (for (WoW).

Wednesday, 25 Mar • 2:49 pm

Kia ora 9(2)(a) the application has gone to our regulatory team and I haven't seen it yet. I'll let



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Kia ora 9(2)(a) the
application has gone to
our regulatory team and I
haven't seen it yet. I'll let
you know when I get it.
Moana

Tuesday, 7 Apr • 4:05 pm

Kia ora 9(2)(a) I've asked
for an update from the
team looking at the
application from HDC
about the easement. It has
been marked as complex
and will require some time
to work through issues.



Tuesday, 6:29 pm



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Thanks for your text update Moana. WoW agrees that this matter is complex. There is the environmental damage created by the unconsented track through the foredunes and the esplanade reserve (estuary), as well as the risk of ongoing disturbance to the estuarine bird nesting areas. It is for these reasons we are keen to talk with you about potential conditions that could be applied to the



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reasons we are keen to talk with you about potential conditions that could be applied in the circumstances where DoC is considering granting an easement over its reserves. We look forward to hearing when you will be available to meet with WoW to discuss our ideas for a way forward on the issue of vehicle access at Waikawa Beach. Thanks -

9(2)(a) (for WoW).

Tuesday, 2 Jun • 6:11 pm



Kia Ora Moana. Walk on



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Tuesday, 2 Jun • 6:11 pm

Kia Ora Moana. Walk on Waikawa would appreciate an update from you on DoC's assessment of HDC's application for an easement over DoC land at Waikawa beach. We remain keen to meet with you to discuss the complexities of this fragile beach environment - and/or to host you in a site visit to Waikawa beach to see recent changes in the estuary which are relevant to the HDC application.

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Wednesday, 3 Jun • 9:04 am





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to the HDC application.

Ngā mihi, 9(2)(a) (for
WoW)

Wednesday, 3 Jun • 9:04 am

Kia ora 9(2)(a) I have
sent a note to the team
working on this to get an
update.
Thanks
Moana

Monday, 8 Jun • 6:52 pm

Kia ora Moana. Can you
give us an indication when
you will be able to give us
an update on the
consideration of HDC's



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Kia ora Moana. Can you give us an indication when you will be able to give us an update on the consideration of HDC's application for an easement over DoC land at Waikawa Beach? There is currently significant erosion in the Waikawa estuary caused by river and tide movements. This is resulting in people driving over the dunes which have been planted with spinifex with support from HRC and HDC. Granting an



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been planted with spinifex with support from HRC and HDC. Granting an easement will exacerbate this damage to the dunes. I will forward a couple of photos showing the erosion and quad bike tracks.

Cheers - 9(2)(a) for
WoW.



Photos as promised - showing erosion at the south end of the estuary.

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south end of the estuary,
and vehicle tracks of
people driving over
spinifex planting areas to
gain access to the beach.

Monday, 15 Jun • 6:31 am

Kia ora 9(2)(a) I saw
your email and yes
recovered your messages.
The application is with the
National permissions
Manager to decide on.

I will let you know the
outcome once I know.
Apologies for the slow
reply.



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