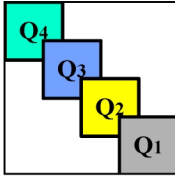


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MEMORANDUM



TO: [Redacted] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

CC: [Redacted] s 7(2)(f)(ii)
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FROM: [Redacted] s 7(2)(f)(ii)

SUBJECT: MOUNT DOMAIN MOTOR CAMP - STABILISATION

DATE: 7 December 1999

In Reply Please Quote: 1880-47-9, 1880-29-99, 260-1-7, 260-1-10

Further to my memo of 30 November 1999 I enclose a copy of a document outlining responsibilities for action in respect of the Hazard Management Report dated 23 November 1999, produced by Shrimpton and Lipinski. I have chosen to act on the draft report in order to get some action going before the coming seasonal influx of campers and because I understand that the final report will have very little different.

In the [Redacted] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy opinion of 12 August 1999 they addressed the risks to:

- a. the users of Mauao itself; and
- b. the users of the Motor Camp and Hot Pools.

I have sought to address only those issues relating to the Motor Camp and Hot Pools. I am expecting that you will address the issues relating to Mauao itself.

In respect of the Motor Camp and Hot Pools I have followed the steps in [Redacted] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy letter.

Firstly I have concluded from the Laurie Richards and Shrimpton & Lipinski' reports that the dangers are "remote" rather than "real". In particular I take comfort from Laurie Richard's comments that there are no geomorphological indications of distress or significant activity in the landslide features above the camp, that further mass movement and a major runout would not be expected, that the frequency of rockfalls from the summit cliffs has been low in recent years and that all the boulders on the colluvial apron are quite deeply embedded and unlikely to move any further.

Accordingly I think that it can be reasonably concluded that the area is suitable for use as a Motor Camp and Hot Pools. As recommended in the Shrimpton and Lipinski Report I am looking to your Division where the staff are more skilled in this area, to undertake the regular monitoring that is necessary to ensure the continued safety of the public and users of the facilities.

Secondly, I have noted [Redacted] s 7(2)(a) - Privacy comments that a disclaimer may not relieve Council of liability where people are using the Motor Camp or Hot Pools. I think that the reports received to date, coupled with the action steps are sufficient to reasonably determine that there is no need to warn campers and swimmers of any dangers within the Motor Camp and Hot Pools facilities.

The Laurie Richard's report recommends that warning signs be erected at the entrance to Mauao. I ask that, in positioning these signs, you ensure that they are located in areas where users of the Motor Camp might ordinarily be expected to enter Mauao from the camping ground. This should serve campers better than a notice that they may never read on the documentation they receive when booking into the camp.

Should you feel that the above does not adequately address the situation please contact me.

While on the topic of the Motor Camp I have had various conversations over the last year with people from Strategic Directions and Facilities/Reserves about the future of the Motor Camp. As part of my analysis of the feasibility of expanding the Hot Pools I need to determine whether what is left of the Motor camp, after losing sites to the Hot Pools, will continue to be a viable proposition. One of the issues to be considered is whether any, and if so how many, camp sites should be taken from the frontage on the Main Beach for public recreational use. The Mauao Management Plan makes some comment on this possibility but there does not seem to be any agreement among Council staff on the matter. I would appreciate it if you could advise me within the next five working days, what changes, if any the Facilities/Reserves Division would like to see made to the Motor Camp. In determining your answer it may be useful if you make contact with s 7(2)(a) - Privacy with whom I have recently discussed the issue.

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