



# **APPENDICES MINUTES**

**Council Meeting**

**Thursday, 9 May 2024**



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STATEMENT TO KCDC MEETING 9 TH MAY 2024 Re the Blue Bluff slip decision.

#### Situation

The upper part of Otaki Gorge Road has been blocked off to all vehicle traffic since September 2020. Vehicle access for us to our home and for the wider community's access to the Otaki Forks campground, has been lost. A temporary walking track across the over slip has been facilitated by KCDC. Most trampers, day trippers and ourselves, have used this track, rather than the longer and more dangerous, emergency track, facilitated by DOC.

Clearly the access issue for us and the wider community, local, national, and international, needs to be addressed and decided upon. Right now a report by KCDC officers is before you, to enable that decision to be made.

#### Request

Kathleen and I have spent nearly four years waiting for KCDC to address the access issue. Now that a full and formal report from your officers is being presented today, please make a binding, definitive decision, to open the road.

This will not only give us full vehicle access to our home, but also enable all-comers access to Otaki Forks and beyond.

In preparing their report, your officers have carefully considered expert engineering and technical advice. Please respect this fact. Please follow their advice and accept their recommendations.

#### Final Plea

Our request is simple:

Please choose Option A and open Otaki Gorge Road for vehicle traffic.

David and Kathleen Campbell, 1400 Otaki Gorge Road.











