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Dear [REDACTED]

OFFICIAL INFORMATION REQUEST FOR INFORMATION RELATING TO THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FLYING FOX AT GLENDUAN

I refer to your official information request dated 13 May 2024 which requests:

- That the council meet its commitments to reduce the noise or relocate to another area of the reserve
- That the attitude of the council staff change as they demonstrated absolutely no respect for us during any of the meetings and just went ahead with what they wanted anyway, a consultation to justify their means.
- That the residents of Glenduan be supplied with a copy of the report into the investigation of the sound levels of the new mechanism for the flying fox at Glenduan reserve.
- A full and final cost of putting the flying fox back up after it was taken down during covid.

Reduction in noise or relocation of flying fox to another area of the reserve

Staff have undertaken to replace the flying fox and requested that our contractors work to make that flying fox as quiet as possible. It was our expectation that when the flying fox is operational the change in the braid of wire and installation of stoppers would make the replacement flying fox quieter than the original flying fox.

Before undertaking the works, we investigated other location options around Glenduan Reserve, but these were not considered suitable because they were either part of the existing or proposed wetland areas, were too close to the ecologically sensitive boulder bank, or were within the sports field area. We also felt it was better to group the play equipment, so it is easier for caregivers to keep any eye on their children when they were looking after more than one child.

Meetings and engagement

We have respectfully engaged with the community about the future of the flying fox. In October and November 2022, before determining whether to remove or retain the flying fox, staff engaged with the Glenduan Community via the Shape Nelson webpage. As you are aware

from previous emails from Council staff (8 February 2023, 13 September 2023, 20 September 2023) there was very strong community support to reinstate the flying fox.

Report on sound levels

A report on sound levels of the flying fox has not been commissioned.

The flying fox (first installed in 2016) had the mechanism disengaged in 2019. When planning for the replacement flying fox, the original equipment wasn't present to undertake any acoustic testing.

Costs

The costs (including cost estimates) of the flying fox are provided below:

- Playsafe consultant report, Glenduan Flying Fox - \$424.50 plus GST (estimated as half cost as two flying foxes assessed at a cost of \$849 plus GST)
- Playsafe timber pole condition test - \$100 plus GST
- Installation of flying fox (estimate) - \$20,500.00+GST
- Installation of signage (estimate) - \$87.88 plus GST

Please note that because the installation of the flying fox is incomplete, Council does not have final invoices confirming exact costs.

You have the right to seek an investigation and review by the Ombudsman of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or Freephone 0800 802 602.

If you wish to discuss this decision with us, please feel free to contact Hannah Curwood (Manager Parks and Facilities), 03 546 0200, Hannah.curwood@ncc.govt.nz.

Yours sincerely



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