

South Head Action Group Inc.

22 November 2010

Tena koutou, Greetings to you all,

Updating you on:

1. responding to the Environment Court
2. the pre-hearing conference
3. our legal representation
4. the walk on Saturday 27th November

Responding to the Environment Court

You will now have received a number of letters and forms from the Environment Court and Simpson Grierson, the lawyers acting for the Auckland Council. It is somewhat confusing and there are differing opinions about how things should be done. However, what we would like you to do is send the form we attached to the court saying:

Regarding ENV-2010-AKL-000279

1. you wish to be heard (this does not mean you have to speak)
2. you are not willing to go to mediation

This needs to be done by this Friday. You can either post or email Samantha.Buckley@justice.govt.nz

Environment Court

CX10086

Auckland

Attn: Samantha Buckley

The pre-hearing conference

This conference basically enables the court to sort out who will be speaking, what the case is for both sides, what evidence will be presented, witnesses etc. It seems Judge Smith is keen to move quickly on this case, and it is possible we may have a hearing as early as February. South Head Action Group Inc. will attend this conference and will update you the outcomes by newsletter and by holding a meeting for all who are interested and able to come.

Please join South Head Action Group Inc. so that we can represent you in this conference

Andrew Green- Brookfields

We have retained Andrew Green of Brookfields as our legal representative. He is very experienced in environmental law and comes highly recommended by a member of our committee and by an ex-Environment Court lawyer. We have met with him and he will guide us through the pre-conference hearing. You can find out more information about Andrew by following this link.

<http://www.brookfields.co.nz/OurPeople/andrewgreen.asp>

The Walk over the unformed road.

This Saturday, 27th November 2010. We will meet at South Head Hall at 10am and will have a BBQ following our return. Please make a donation to cover costs.

The purpose of this walk is to enable people to see this treasure we are fighting to save. Whilst many of you have probably been down the farm track from the Higham Rd, this is not the actual road that was formed in 1863. The old road was originally a carriage way from the beach up to Lake Ototoa where Alfred Buckland

had his house. Jan Maybury, John Ayers and I walked the road last weekend to ensure we know where we are going together and to get a sense of the time it will take.

It is a fabulous walk over relatively easy terrain, the scenery is beautiful and you can certainly see why the road is where it is. However it is a good 4km to the beach so wear good walking shoes, sunhat and sunscreen and bring water. It will take about 3 hours with a brief stop at the beach. We are not intending to be provocative and the Highams have been informed of our intentions. We can make arrangements on the day for those who would like to participate but who may not be able to walk the distance.

Arohanui-Grace
Secretary
South Head Action Group Inc.