

**Daya Atapattu**

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**Subject:** RE: HRFMP & Bridge Road

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**Sent:** Friday, 31 March 2000 11:19  
**To:** Derek Wilshere  
**Subject:** HRFMP & Bridge Road

Dear Derek

Having read the letters you have recently sent out and having talked to my neighbors I can state that we are very concerned about the direction HRFMP is taking.

As we read it, thanks to your survey of Bridge Road properties, a number of houses have been labeled "flood risks" and according to your letter of 23 March, nothing is going to be done about it, because it will cost too much (eg raise houses).

So we appear to be left holding the bag with houses that will be devalued, difficult to sell and perhaps uninsurable, while the rest of the Hutt Valley receives flood protection with our rates increased to pay for it. These are our problems now! **What specifically can we expect in the way of compensation and when?**

As ratepayers, we on Bridge Road deserve the same protection and benefits as all other ratepayers. If Bridge Road is to be written off by the HRFMP as "too hard", then WRC will have to act as an honest broker and settle up fairly and quickly.

Sincerely

David Pauleen

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David Pauleen  
41 Bridge Road  
UPPER HUTT

Dear David

## **Hutt River Floodplain Management Plan and Bridge Road**

My 31 March reply to your e-mail of 31 March 2000 stated:

*I feel that the time has come when we should sit down and talk.*

*I must take issue with a number of the points that you raise. All the points raised have been discussed at the meetings but I believe that only now are people beginning to grasp their significance.*

*Firstly, the risk situation for individual properties exists now and is unaltered by anything proposed in the Floodplain Management Plan. The Council survey (which residents requested) quantifies specific data for houses. The floor levels are clearly a matter of fact; the flood levels are the Council's best estimates as explained. The letter of 23 March indicates that the current recommendation is for assistance to be given to those houses that would be inundated.*

*I suggest that no one is leaving you holding the bag, you already hold it and it is yours. You raise the matter of the impact on property values, sales and insurance. These effects may occur, but not as a result of any actions. It is the Regional Council's responsibility to investigate and report. This has been done and the information provided to those affected and the Upper Hutt City Council. Compensation is **not payable** as nothing has been done or is proposed which would worsen the situation. The proposed bank edge protections will improve the security of the properties.*

*The whole process for developing the plan has looked at risk, costs and benefits and fairness to both individuals and the regional community. In developing the measures at various locations, these factors, along with the aspirations of the people at the locations have been considered. As ratepayers at Bridge Road, you are entitled to the same consideration as all others at risk. The protection that is accorded to you must take all the other factors into account. These things have all been done and recommendations made. Bridge Road has not been written off as too hard!!*

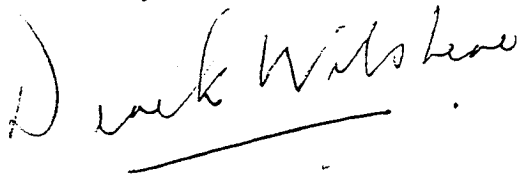
*Please contact me and we can discuss these things further.*

As I have not heard from you, I am writing again to confirm my offer to talk.

We have now developed the Non-structural Options further and these are introduced in our newsletter *Living with the River No. 5, April 2000, Non Structural Options*, which has been sent to you.

We have the chance for some discussion at our Birchville School meeting on 17 May. If that does not happen I would still like to hear from you.

Yours sincerely



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