

Supplementary Evidence of Kit Wilson

15 | P5 'Business as usual'

19 | P5 Property, spiral decline

20 | P6 Non-residential

We do not propose to extend the property purchase option to non-residential properties. The advice we have received is that mining at Rex will not cause commercial property values to drop.

There are four properties that have residences attached to their businesses.

These are:

Fruit Shop on Mueller Street

Sterling Hotel, Second Cup Café, Burger Bar on Seddon Street (all near the Mueller St intersection).

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Top Up area on North Wall

Please note that the caption above the map is incorrect. It should read 'Top Up Area for residential properties adjacent to the North Wall'.

In consultation with residents in this area after the announcement of Project Martha it became evident that there was some concern amongst those closest to the North Wall that any renewed mining activity in that area could result in these residents being unable to sell their properties for a fair market value should they wish to.

The advice we have received is that residential property close to the open pit is not subject to the same 'dip' in value. However, we are also very aware that perception plays a very important part here.

Consequently, we have created a small Top Up area within a 100-metre distance from the proposed North Wall noise bund. This is shown on Figure 3 on Page 8, labelled as Figure 2 on the evidence supplied to you. This Top Up area includes three privately owned residential properties. The reason for what appears to be the arbitrary shape of this area is that OceanaGold owns all other properties within 100 metres of the proposed noise bund.

I understand you have visited the area to look at the proposed Bulltown – Cambridge Road realignment, so you will be aware that the ground slopes away to the north in this area and any proposed mine activity will have limited or no effect on visual amenity for other private residential properties.

I firmly believe that Top Up has worked well outside the formal consenting framework. Having the flexibility to design and implement a programme based on community views and market conditions, and then being able to observe the effects of the programme and amend it if required has delivered a programme that is responsive and adaptable

24 | P7 Streets Ahead

Streets Ahead is also a voluntary programme. The programme is compensation, not mitigation. It was designed and implemented to enhance the neighbourhood in general, not an area specifically perceived to be affected by mining.

The Streets Ahead programme is administered by the Waihi Community Forum. This group has done an excellent job administering the programme. Donna Fisher and I are members of the Forum, where we represent OceanaGold, but also, I would hope, the community.

Streets Ahead works well. The programme is appreciated by the Waihi East community.

Like Top Up, Streets Ahead is flexible and adaptable. An example is the provision of basketball hoops on Kenny Street on the site of the old netball courts. This area is outside the Streets Ahead area which is bounded by the conveyor belt route, but we know that it will be used by young people from Waihi East as well as people from other parts of Waihi.