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Orakei Local Board
By email

Disorderly behaviour on Selwyn Reserve

We have received complaints from several residents living close to Selwyn Reserve about excessive noise and disorderly and threatening behaviour from people using the reserve between midnight and 7am. We recently attended a Local Board meeting, expecting to hear from the police regarding measures they have taken to address this, but the police representative did not attend.

It became apparent at that meeting, however, that it would not have provided a suitable forum to allow residents and ourselves to understand current plans nor to explore additional measures which might assist. We therefore suggest that the Local Board arrange a suitable forum to address this issue.

Solving this problem will be difficult and perhaps impossible in its entirety. We accept that many of the behaviours in isolation may be petty and low priority for police and other agencies, but also note that the frequency and regularity of the behaviours collectively indicates far greater potential for more serious harm.

We believe that the only way to effectively address the residents' concerns is to have a coordinated plan, bringing together actions from the multiple parties involved. This includes the police, Auckland Council (who manage the reserve, and enforce noise controls), Auckland Transport (who control and enforce parking restrictions), Mission Bay Business Association (who run a security camera network in the commercial area adjacent and are impacted by crime in the area), potentially Maori and Pacific Island Wardens (as many of the revellers are Pacifica), residents and ourselves.

There may already be a comprehensive plan in place, in which case we would be keen to understand it. There may be opportunity to improve whatever plan does exist by bringing all parties together and facilitating a discussion and sharing the limitations of current actions.

We therefore request the Local Board to convene a meeting of all relevant parties to review existing plans and explore additional measures to improve the situation.

Yours sincerely

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