



Hon Dr Nick Smith

Member of Parliament for Nelson

Sept 12 2020

Dear Tahunanui Resident,

The Government's plan to add two lanes of Clearways on to Tahunanui Drive and Rocks Road has many negative implications for the Tahunanui community and Nelson's waterfront.

Hundreds of homes and businesses will have their frontages taken under the Public Works Act for the four lanes. The loss of street parking will also have huge impacts. The four lanes of traffic during peak hours will compromise amenity and safety for the homes, schools and businesses on the route. It will also be awful for Nelson's stunning waterfront through to the Port which I rate as one of the most beautiful anywhere.

I strongly oppose Clearways. We had them previously alongside the Tahunanui shops from 2006 and they proved so dangerous they were removed in 2012. Priority lanes and then Clearways were installed at Plimmerton on SH 1 north of Wellington but failed and they are now building the \$1 billion Inland Route called Transmission Gully due for completion in 2021.

The right answer to Nelson's increasing traffic congestion problems is to relocate State Highway 6 along the Inland Route from Annesbrook through to the Port and to convert Rocks Road into a boulevard like Oriental Parade in Wellington for walking, cycling and other recreation. This option is less expensive (\$200 million as compared with \$280 million for Clearways), more resilient to climate change (according to the NZTA advice) and affects far fewer properties (only 114 compared with 641). This option would be transformational for Tahunanui, helping create a destination seaside suburb.

The Tahunanui Business and Citizens Association has organised a public meeting.

WHAT CLEARWAYS MEAN FOR TAHUNANUI

7.30pm-9pm Thursday 17 September

Tahunanui Community Centre

This is an opportunity to learn more about this issue and the choices for Tahunanui's future.

Yours sincerely

Nick Smith
Nelson MP