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Dear Rochelle

Re: Access to the 'Public Launching Ramp'

On behalf of West Park Marina I would like to express some concerns regarding the access to the 'Public Launching Ramp' at West Park Marina.

From the end of Clearwater Cove trailer boats and towing vehicles turn right to access the ramp area. A Pohutukawa tree at the entrance restricts the right side of this turn and car parking restricts the left, the total clear width being 4.5m on the bend. The combined length of vehicle and trailer boat may total 14m making entry difficult enough without encountering another 'rig' attempting to exit.

The Pohutukawa has had its lower branches clipped by a council arborist and this has improved vision when entering and exiting. The tree does overhang the road and does continue to grow. The restriction is compounded by public car parking on the left hand side of the entry. These cars, when parked, overhang the footpath totally with the consequence that not only is the access way restricted by a tree and parked cars but is now further complicated by pedestrians entering or exiting the coastal walkway that begins and ends here.

In the opinion of West Park Marina, this restriction is a hazard and has the potential to cause not only material damage but also physical injury to the many people (families) using the ramp area for boating. A number of complaints have been received by phone regarding the congestion in this area during the last few months. West Park Marina staff have explained to the callers that it is the wish of both Waitakere City Council and West Park Marina to improve the ramp facility.

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Latitude:
36 Degrees 48 minutes
30 seconds South
Longitude:
174 Degrees 39 minutes East

As there is adequate free 'off street' public car parking within 50m of this area, West Park Marina considers the car parks on the left of the access way to the ramp should be removed allowing pedestrians to use the footpath and reducing this potential for an accident.

Regards



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