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VEHICLE CLUB
Wellington (inc)

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Planning Officer
Wellington City Council
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Attn Mr Stephen Lamb

Dear Mr Lamb

Wellington South Coast Management Plan

Thank you for allowing us this opportunity to provide initial input into your drafting of a South Coast Management Plan.

The Cross Country Vehicle Club is one of the largest 4WD clubs in New Zealand, and we represent some 600 members, their families, relatives and friends, all of whom are regular users of the recreational opportunities afforded along Wellington's South Coast.

Our affiliations include Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee Inc., Tread Lightly! New Zealand, Public Access New Zealand and Motorsport New Zealand. We also have affiliations to Search and Rescue with volunteers who can be called out to provide vehicular access to some of the most forbidding of places.

We see the Wellington South Coast as the sole remaining coastal recreation area freely available to both Clubs and individuals alike. It is used extensively by tourist operators, divers, fisherfolk, recreational 4WD drivers, trail bike riders, walkers (for the first few Kms anyhow), and mountain bikers. There may well be others.

It is against this background then of customary recreational use of what is after all a legal road (within the definition of the Local Government Act) that we would willingly support Council in matters pertaining to the care, control and maintenance of this route as a valid recreational resource. A resource to be treasured and maintained as a sustainable venue for continued motorised recreational use.

As a Club we have been very successful in working through the Akatarawa Recreational Access Committee (ARAC) in their formative relationships with Wellington Regional Council. That relationship now is well recognised as a flagship of how disparate user groups and a willing

Governmental body can work effectively together. We would be fortunate indeed if we could see similar relationships between Wellington City Council and their South Coast user groups.

We note with some concern that whilst the consultative process is wide-ranging in its appeal, it is somewhat limited in the scope of the actual land it pertains to. Decisions taken about the future of the Red Rocks area would have far-reaching effects on motorised recreation through Karori Stream, Cave Bay and beyond. It would appear logical to us that these areas should also be encompassed within the scope of any proposed management plan.

One of our Members is also a local batch owner, Mr Barry Insul, and he has agreed to act as the initial point of contact for the Club. He can be contacted on 04 234 7757 (home), 04 234 7765 (fax) or via mail to 5, Eclipse Lane, Whitby.

Should you have any queries or comments, please contact Barry in the first instance.

For and on Behalf of
Cross Country Vehicle Club (Wgtn) Inc

Andy Cockroft
President