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14th April 2021

To the members of the
Tasman Regional Transport Committee,
C/- Cllr Anne Turley
Tasman District Council
Private Bag 4
Richmond 7050

Dear Committee Members,

At MDCA's public meeting held on Monday 12th April concern was raised about the future safety of the intersection at the junction of State Highway 60 (Mamaku Drive) and Māpua Drive.

Much has changed with traffic volumes since the opening of the Ruby Bay By-pass (Mamaku Drive) in December 2010.

The Tasman District has experienced a high level of development and growth over the last ten years and the volume of traffic now using State Highway 60 between Richmond and Motueka has increased significantly.

Couple this, with the high growth rate in and around Māpua and the Ruby Coast, the traffic volumes using this intersection each day to travel to and from either Richmond or Motueka has also increase significantly.

Currently, at peak times and at other random times throughout the day, residents of Māpua and the Ruby Coast are experiencing, what seems like, long delays when either turning right off State Highway 60 into Māpua Drive or when turning right from Māpua Drive onto State Highway 60.

MDCA and our community residents are very aware that once the current water and wastewater upgrade is completed much of the land currently zoned 'deferred residential' will very soon be rezoned 'residential'. With this will come more more houses, more people, and more motorised vehicles

This will not only cause new and concerning traffic issues within Māpua and Ruby Coast itself, but it will also have a major impact on being able to safely enter and exit the intersection at Māpua Drive and State Highway 60.

We are also very aware that often preventative measures can occur reactively upon the loss of a life or several lives, and as a community association we are concerned about the welfare of our residents and would like to see a proactive solution to this growing problem have high priority.

MDCA would appreciate being informed about:-

- a) Whether the Māpua Drive/State Highway 60 intersection has been flagged by your committee as requiring attention?
- b) Where in the priority list and what is the timeline for this intersection to undergo improvements, both minor or major?
- c) What are the future improvements being discussed?
- d) Will the residents of Māpua and the Ruby Coast communities have input into this process?

MDCA are available and are willing to be involved in further discussions around this issue and any possible solutions.

We look forward to your response.

Kind Regards

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MDCA Chair