

Dear

**Duke Application for a Certificate of Compliance (COC) for Sentinel Beach Boatshed Update
& call for pledges should High Court review proceedings be necessary**

So far in the Sentinel Beach boatshed saga, Herne Bay residents have only had to give their support to the Kawau Island Action (KIA) Group to stop the Duke family stealing Sentinel beach.

With KIA's job (well) done and HBRAI is incredibly grateful to the Group, and the Duke family now applying for a Certificate of Compliance for the boatshed, it's time for local residents to help fund legal action, in particular a High Court Review, if Auckland Council does not deliver the right decision.

What we are seeking is for residents like yourselves who are most affected and neighbours to make a dollar pledge in the event that High Court action is required. We estimate that this would cost at a minimum, between \$20 and \$30 thousand and this means we are looking for generous pledges.

All pledges are confidential, none will be called in unless absolutely necessary and HBRAI will ensure you (donors) are involved in the decision making process. We argue helicopter landing pads and regular helicopter use in residential areas is totally inappropriate and especially so on a public beach.

We believe this is an important issue for Herne Bay and hope you are able to contribute. Please also approach your neighbours for their support and email your pledge to HBRAI Co-chair Don Mathieson at don@mit.co.nz or call 021-993-381. All HBRAI members will be asked for their support too.

HBRAI has been liaising regularly with Auckland Council (planners and lawyers) in an effort to point out the illegality of the boatshed structure and the proposed use. Our latest letter which summarises all the issues and our concerns is attached for your information.

It's all about keeping Auckland Council (planners) honest. Please be generous and reply by Friday 12 April – the Duke family is out of line and we need to deliver this message loud and clear!

Thank you. Kind regards

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