

We attended yesterday's 9.30am Open Forum at TDC and conveyed the Community's position on the fence. Unfortunately neither Mayor, Deputy Mayor or Chief Executive attended the Open Forum. We did our best to present the Community position, Margaret Cotter led. She said that her concern was the proposed fence to be erected on the Wharf Coolstore and TDC's boundary is not in the spirit of the community. John Fountain followed with a review of the site placement and good advice on better retail strategy than fences, with excellent photos (see previous post). I finished by asking that they see the site, and the confused justifications, and decide if there is a business case for proceeding. The outcome was mixed. All works on the Wharf are on hold for at least a month while the bombshell news about the half a million overspend gets investigated. So the fence is delayed but still could go ahead. However, the outcome of this new financial report may change things, or the fence plan could be changed or dropped later. The outcome for the Golden Bay group was more definitive; they lose their grandstand. And they didn't get to speak to Council until after 2!