

# Ruby Bay Coastal Homeowners Group

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## Submission to the pre-Long Term Plan (pre-LTP) 12 June 2020

We appreciate the work that has been done on the fresh-water reticulation in Ruby Bay, but we urgently request TDC to complete the wastewater (sewerage) system that was not able to be completed due to the lack of funds. We also appreciate the new drain to help drain the storm water from the properties 74 – 94 Stafford Drive. However, this drain was not completed due to lack of funding – it needs an efficient outlet to the sea so that the storm water has somewhere to go.

For stormwater/waste water in the wider Ruby Bay / Mapua region, we were promised that the TDC would put together an integrated plan (with community consultation) during 2018-2020. This hasn't happened so we wish funding to be put aside for that. Without a plan it is very difficult to make comments. We would hope the plan would cover the following potential flooding issues:

- completion of the final phase of the Seaton Valley Stream widening
- completion of separable portion 3 of the Ruby Bay Storm-water Improvements project as detailed in the 2012 LTP.
- a catchment wide “roof and road to sea” solution for the Stafford Drive to Broadsea Ave Outfall to provide a resolution of flooding, seawater inundation and long-term resilience.
- The completion of separable Portion 2 of the Ruby Bay Storm-water Improvement Project from 2012.
- connection of the two culverts on Pomona Road redirecting their flow into separable portion 2 (when constructed) rather than onto private property.
- upgrading the inadequate drainage system from Pinehill Road to the sea as this incomplete system has led to serious issues for residents on the seaward side.
- that the stones and sand blocking the overland flow path to the concrete ramp in Chaytor Reserve be correctly re-contoured.

Drainage of seawater overtopping along the Ruby Bay coastline

There is ample evidence that Old Mill Walkway Coastal Protection Works preformed substantially better than the Broadsea Ave Seawall. The Association requests that Council identify why the two seawalls preformed differently and correct the deficiencies. Regardless of how seawalls are funded, they need to be of similar standards and overland flow paths identified and exit strategies for seawater overtopping planned. If not, then the weaker walls will be breached and water will enter properties from behind even if they have more efficient seawalls.

During the year, Councillors talked about a community representative being part of the LTP committee. We believe this is essential because it was clear when Rob OGrady toured the area with about 30 members last year, that council staff were not aware of the many issues we faced and the possible solutions we could offer. We understand that council has cancelled this community involvement “because of Covid”. Now that Covid is over, we wish for the community representative involvement in the LTP to be restored (even if it is just an online eg ZOOM). We are happy to put forward a member.

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