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Suburb..... Tikipunga EHZ

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The section of Beach Road, from the Onerahi Yacht Club to Hill St is extremely dangerous. The road is narrow and barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other, especially for large trucks and cars towing boats. It is potentially dangerous for pedestrians because this road finishes at the sea wall and there is no footpath for people and their families.

The WDC has created a well-used, safe, shared path from Beach Road, along the Waimahanga Track and Riverside Drive, to the Town Basin. Many more people are using Beach Road because there is now a safe pathway. It is great to see people of all ages enjoying the area every day - walking, running, cycling and taking their dogs for a walk, families with babies in prams and young children riding their bikes. Many people like to complete a circuit of Beach Rd and have to use a dangerous, narrow road with no footpath to do this.

Frequently reckless drivers choose to use Beach Road to drive as fast as they can, sometimes with groups of cars. It is frightening when cars speed past and are dangerously close to you. These drivers have a complete disregard for the safety of people and their families who enjoy walking along this scenic part of our harbour.

Many species of birds live in this area. I regularly walk around Beach Road and I frequently witness cruel drivers deliberately mowing down flocks of birds, killing and maiming them. Many people do not realise that some species like the Red-billed Gull is native to NZ and their numbers are in decline. Caring people do not like to witness this deliberate cruelty. This creates additional work for the Native Bird Recovery Centre volunteers. Traffic calming measures would slow drivers down and make Beach Road safer for all bird life too.

The WDC has encouraged people to use this beautiful area and now needs to complete the circuit of Beach Road and make it safer for people and birdlife.

Suggestions - make Beach Road:

- a one way street from the Onerahi Yacht Club to Hill St
- continue the concreted shared path to Hill St
- put in traffic calming measures from the Raurimu Road intersection to Hill St

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Street name Mistral Place

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Street name: *Tuatarā Drive*

Suburb: *Kamo*

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- **eating our pets' food** - creating additional pet food expenses
- **stealing people's food** from kitchen benches and tables - creating additional food bills
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- **spraying inside our homes** - damaging carpets and furniture and causing a disgusting smell that is very difficult to remove
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Address Church St
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Address..... *195 ROCKELL ROAD*

Suburb..... ~~WHANAKI~~ *WHANANAKI*

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Whangarei
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Name Chantelle Orchard on behalf of the YourVet Team Chantelle Orchard

Mike Macartney, Mark Borich, Sue Palmer, Nikita O'Donnell, Chantelle Orchard, Yvette Hope, Jessie Beeler, Corinne Hopkins, Debbie Rosser

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Vet Practice..... NORTHLAND VET GROUP.....

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First name Roy

Street name Pah Rd.

Suburb Onerahi

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Position:

Business/community organisation: Happy Beekeeping

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Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Street name BEACH RD

Suburb ONERAHI

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First name SARAH.....

Street name PATAUA NORTH ROAD.....

Suburb WHAREORA.....

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I work for Kainga Ora (Housing NZ), Whangarei, as a Tenancy Manager. I frequently see stray and abandoned cats and kittens when I visit my clients and can see the damage they are doing to residents' properties. I am also concerned about the health risks for our clients and their young children, created by large numbers of unowned and unwanted cats and kittens.

Our clients frequently complain to us about the numbers of stray and abandoned cats and kittens on their properties and the problems they create. These cats do not belong to the residents and all the neighbours know that they are strays. The residents are concerned and frustrated as the number of unwanted and unowned cats and kittens is increasing, because there is currently no organisation in Whangarei that is able to help them with this problem.

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- creating unnecessary expensive vet bills
- causing suffering and sometimes slow premature deaths for pet cats/kittens when their owners cannot afford expensive vet bills

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Name: *BRENDA SPILL*

Position at Kainga Ora, Whangarei: *TRIBUNAL MEDIATOR*

Personal contact details phone/email (optional):

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Name: Silver Scappini

Position:

Business/~~community~~ organisation: Growers market

Address: Glenberrie

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Street name Hoanga Drive

Suburb Turimiri

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First name Shan

Street name .. Pipirwai Rd

Suburb Matarau

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Address.....*highland way maungatapere*.....
Suburb.....*maungatapere*.....

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First name. Simon

Address. 1582 WHANGAREI NORTH RD

Suburb. Hikurangi

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New bylaws and resources urgently needed for the effective management of stray and abandoned cats and kittens in our community.

I work for Kainga Ora (Housing NZ), Whangarei, as a Tenancy Manager. I frequently see stray and abandoned cats and kittens when I visit my clients and can see the damage they are doing to residents' properties. I am also concerned about the health risks for our clients and their young children, created by large numbers of unowned and unwanted cats and kittens.

Our clients frequently complain to us about the numbers of stray and abandoned cats and kittens on their properties and the problems they create. These cats do not belong to the residents and all the neighbours know that they are strays. The residents are concerned and frustrated as the number of unwanted and unowned cats and kittens is increasing, because there is currently no organisation in Whangarei that is able to help them with this problem.

The Whangarei SPCA is not obligated to take in stray cats - their priority is vulnerable, sick and injured animals, and medical emergencies. In January 2019, the Whangarei SPCA made several changes. They have taken away their dog/puppies and cat/kittens 'drop in' boxes at the SPCA centre in Kioreroa Road. These used to be available when the centre is closed. They have stopped lending humane live capture traps to the public for trapping semi-wild or simply frightened domestic cats. They no longer accept stray cats from the local community either. These measures, along with Whangarei's rapidly growing human population, means increasing numbers of unowned and unwanted stray and abandoned cats and kittens in every suburb.

Stray and abandoned cats and kittens cause many problems and much anxiety for our clients. Some residents respond with kindness, sadly others are cruel and get rid of them any way they can. The majority of people do not like seeing these animals suffer and find it distressing to see desperate, skinny, starving cats and kittens in their gardens and on their doorstep all year round.

Our clients complain about stray and abandoned cats and kittens:

- coming into their homes
- causing flea infestations in their carpets
- causing young children to get skin infections from flea bites
- spraying on their carpets and furniture

- stealing food off kitchen benches and tables
- breeding and fighting under their homes
- damaging insulation under their houses when female cats use it as a safe place to keep and raise young kittens
- dying under their homes creating a putrid smell for several months
- breeding in their garages and garden sheds
- spraying on the outside walls of their homes, garages and fences
- leaving faeces in their gardens
- eating their pets' cat/s and/or dog/s food
- fighting with their pet cats and often causing them injury
- spreading diseases like cat flu and feline aids to their pet cats/kittens
- creating unnecessary expensive vet bills
- causing suffering and sometimes slow premature deaths for pet cats/kittens when their owners cannot afford expensive vet bills

Most of our clients are beneficiaries or have low incomes. They often have limited resources, support and money, so are unable to resolve the problem themselves. They are dependent on community organisations to help them, but unfortunately, these organisations do not exist in Whangarei.

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Name: Michelle Singh 8/3/2021

Position at Kainga Ora, Whangarei:

Placement Support Specialist

Personal contact details phone/email (optional):

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NAME: Betty Smith

HOME STREET NAME AND SUBURB: Patience 14th Rd RD5 Whangarei

VET PRACTICE: Mill Rd Vet Clinic

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NAME: Catherine Smith

HOME STREET NAME AND SUBURB: Waiohira Rd, Waiohira

VET PRACTICE: Kans Vets Ltd.



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Northland Vet Group is the largest Veterinary Practice in Northland and we cover both large and small animal veterinary work from Helena Bay to Waipu.

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Stray, lost and abandoned cats and those not adequately fed decimate wild bird populations. With the aims for a predator-free New Zealand by 2050 it is essential to have some effective programs in place to control the populations of these very efficient hunters in our extensive bush and native flora areas.

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There is a worldwide movement towards the mandatory microchipping of cats: the UK and Japan are currently considering new guidelines and it is compulsory in France, Belgium, Greece and some parts of Spain and Australia.

I would like to suggest the following solutions to the above problems:

1. Financially contribute to a Whangarei "Chip and snip" programme involving local vet practices. This would provide subsidized de-sexing, microchipping and registering of companion cats for people on benefits/pensions and low incomes.

Susie Soulsby
B.V.M.S
Northland Veterinary Group
Whangarei 09 470060

Name..... S J Soulsby
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Vet Practice..... Northland Vet Group Maunui

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NAME: Kristen Stokes

HOME STREET NAME AND SUBURB: Three mile Bush Road

VET PRACTICE: Mill Road

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First name Jill

Street name Beach Rd

Suburb Onerahi

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First name Sue.....

Street name Kensington Heights Rise.....

Suburb Kensington.....

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- **spreading diseases to our pets** - they frequently get into fights and cause injuries to our pet cats and kittens. This creates unnecessary and expensive vet bills, which many people cannot afford. If the cat or kitten is lucky it will survive, many suffer and eventually die, unless they receive immediate vet care.
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- **eating our pets' food** - creating additional pet food expenses
- **stealing people's food** from kitchen benches and tables - creating additional food bills
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Street name: *McLean Road*

Suburb: *Waipu*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Business/community organisation..... Yan Dental
Position..... General Dentist
Personal contact details email/phone (optional)

30 MAR 2021

WHANGĀHEI
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Suburb Onerahi

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First name: MIKE TASKER

Business/community organisation: PET ESSENTIALS WHANGAREI

Address: 32A COMMERCE ST
WHANGAREI

Personal contact details email/phone (optional): COMPANY DIRECTOR

31 MAR 2021

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NAME: CARIS TED

HOME STREET NAME AND SUBURB: NGUNGURU FORD ROAD, KIRIPARA

VET PRACTICE: MILL RD VETS

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First name..... *Jeni*

Address..... *Raewyn Dr*

Suburb..... *Morningside*

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Street name 29 HARBOUR VIEW ROAD

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NAME: KEVIN TURNER

HOME STREET NAME AND SUBURB: PRESLOTT RD, RD1, RUAKAKA.

VET PRACTICE: MILL ROAD VET CLINIC

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Address..... WILLIAM St.

Suburb..... Kensington

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Name: *Renee van Lune (Van Lune)*

Position: *Director*

Business/~~community~~ organisation: *Flower Box,*

Address: *Kara Road Maungatapere*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

(Whangarei Growers Market)

WDC 2021 Submission: New bylaws needed for mandatory de-sexing and microchipping of cats in the Whangarei area.

RECEIVED CUSTOMER SERVICES
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DISTRICT COUNCIL

There is a huge problem with stray, lost and abandoned cats in the Whangarei area. Many of our clients in both rural and urban domiciles report the presence of unowned and unwanted cats that appear and fight for food and territory, biting and injuring their own domestic pets in the process of day-to-day survival. Sometimes these cats are not seen, so this is the first evidence of their presence.

These unowned cats breed rapidly so the problem is an increasing one. A female cat can produce 2-4 litters a year with no particular breeding seasons. Each litter can number an average of 3-5 kittens that are sexually mature from 4 months old. De-sexing would stop this population growth. The local SPCA de-sexes many cats, but are becoming overwhelmed by the sheer numbers of unowned and unwanted cats.

Stray, lost and abandoned cats and those not adequately fed decimate wild bird populations. With the aims for a predator-free New Zealand by 2050 it is essential to have some effective programs in place to control the populations of these very efficient hunters in our extensive bush and native flora areas.

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There is a worldwide movement towards the mandatory microchipping of cats: the UK and Japan are currently considering new guidelines and it is compulsory in France, Belgium, Greece and some parts of Spain and Australia.

I would like to suggest the following solutions to the above problems:

1. Financially contribute to a Whangarei "Chip and snip" programme involving local vet practices. This would provide subsidized de-sexing, microchipping and registering of companion cats for people on benefits/pensions and low incomes.

Name..... Iris van Velsen
Street name and suburb..... RD 1 Kamo
Vet Practice..... Piano Hill Vets

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Name..... *Jerry Barb Sanghese*

Address..... *51001*

Business/community organisation..... *Whangarei District*

Position.....

Personal contact details email/phone (optional).....

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First name Craig Venables
Address 2160 Whararaki North Rd
Suburb Whararaki

31 MAR 2021

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First name..... Vicki.....
 Address..... Cartwright Road.....
 Suburb..... Onerahi.....

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Name: *Cheryll Voullaire*

Position at Kainga Ora, Whangarei:

Tenancy Manager

Personal contact details phone/email (optional):

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Name: *Leona Walter*

Position:

Business/community organisation: *Hens Patch - Whangarei Growers Market*

Address: *Tangihua Rd,
Maungatara*

Personal contact details email/phone (optional):

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Name..... *Krystal Wang*

Address..... *Wairiki Pl Raurimu*

Business/community organisation..... *Treat - Cakes + Pastries*

Position.....

Personal contact details email/phone (optional)

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Name: *Rose Ward*

Position at Kainga Ora, Whangarei:

Maintenance Supervisor 8/3/2021

Personal contact details phone/email (optional):

30 MAR 2021

WHANGAREI
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Submission for WDC 2021-2031 Long Term Plan

Section of Beach Road, Onerahi, is dangerous for pedestrians

The section of Beach Road, from the Onerahi Yacht Club to Hill St is extremely dangerous. The road is narrow and barely wide enough for two vehicles to pass each other, especially for large trucks and cars towing boats. It is potentially dangerous for pedestrians because this road finishes at the sea wall and there is no footpath for people and their families.

The WDC has created a well-used, safe, shared path from Beach Road, along the Waimahanga Track and Riverside Drive, to the Town Basin. Many more people are using Beach Road because there is now a safe pathway. It is great to see people of all ages enjoying the area every day - walking, running, cycling and taking their dogs for a walk, families with babies in prams and young children riding their bikes. Many people like to complete a circuit of Beach Rd and have to use a dangerous, narrow road with no footpath to do this.

Frequently reckless drivers choose to use Beach Road to drive as fast as they can, sometimes with groups of cars. It is frightening when cars speed past and are dangerously close to you. These drivers have a complete disregard for the safety of people and their families who enjoy walking along this scenic part of our harbour.

Many species of birds live in this area. I regularly walk around Beach Road and I frequently witness cruel drivers deliberately mowing down flocks of birds, killing and maiming them. Many people do not realise that some species like the Red-billed Gull is native to NZ and their numbers are in decline. Caring people do not like to witness this deliberate cruelty. This creates additional work for the Native Bird Recovery Centre volunteers. Traffic calming measures would slow drivers down and make Beach Road safer for all bird life too.

The WDC has encouraged people to use this beautiful area and now needs to complete the circuit of Beach Road and make it safer for people and birdlife.

Suggestions - make Beach Road:

- a one way street from the Onerahi Yacht Club to Hill St
- continue the concreted shared path to Hill St
- put in traffic calming measures from the Raurimu Road intersection to Hill St

First name Wendy

Street name Chester Ave

Suburb Onerahi

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Suggestions - make Beach Road:

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- continue the concreted shared path to Hill St
- put in traffic calming measures from the Raurimu Road intersection to Hill St

First name *M. Wilson*

Street name *Beach Rd.*

Suburb *Onerahi*

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Name:

Peng Zhang (Peng Zhang)

Position:

Growers Market

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VET PRACTICE: Mill Road vet