

Transcript of interview on Kool Fm in 2009 regarding Whangamata Marina Society responsibility with regard to Bar Monitoring

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Collin McCabe;

The Question was, would the marina society be prepared, as you obviously have total belief in your ...umm scientists and professionals that you have used regarding the bar, would you be prepared to offer the surfing fraternity any guarantee, that if the marina did affect the bar in any way shape or form, that the marina society would put it right?

Mick Kelly;

Umm, I don't know how the hell you ... One would put it right to be honest if ..umm ah our firm belief and our ...or our advice is that there will be no effect on the bar...

Collin:

I can.. can understand that, but if you have that belief, in your professionals, ahm would you not be prepared as an organisation to say that if we did something that did affect it, the guy is actually a builder, and he gave me this as an analogy; he's building a property, and what he does affects his neighbour, It is up to him to put that right, and that's the analogy that he used, and thats the question that he wanted asked.

Mick..

The question that ..yeah..

Collin;

And obviously it's you know, how long is a piece of string, I can understand that the answer to it is, but obviously what they are looking for is some sort of surety that umm .. and he also believes by the way that he felt that the fraternity of surfers would be well on the way to being appeased if the marina society said yes we will do everything in our power to put things right.

Mick

Well we certain.. okay I give.. I certainly give that assurance; we would do everything in our power to put things right, yes

Collin

Which may include, obviously you're not going to disestablish the marina after it's been built, but maybe look at ways of helping out if things have gone wrong with the bar.

Mick Kelly,

Yes certainly would, we certainly look at that. But I just can't for the life of me, think what one could do, if well for a start off you would never know if the bar changed what caused it. I mean how would you know? It's all our umm,,.

Collin;

You would have to look at history and say you know you go back to your surfers that have been surfing here 30, 40 years, and if they said look February is a good month, ahm that's a month when there was guaranteed surf, it seems to be that's what the surfers tell me is that February is a very good month for surfing, Ahm and obviously you know after the marina's built, two or three years later, if there is no surf in February, or if there is no surf at all, then I suppose that raises the question, that something must have happened to it. But are you guys not under some sort of agreement that you have to monitor,,.

Mick

Yes we are,,.

Colin

What is going on?

Mick

We have to monitor the bar, the monitoring involves actually physically mapping it, you know umm the shape of it.

Collin

But it moves doesn't it?

Mick

It moves, exactly! Umm,

Collin

So, so are you are you umm mapping it in its extremities, where it actually moves too?

Mick

Yes we have done one map after a storm and another map after a long calm period,

Collin

Ok, and does it move much?

Mick

Oh yes!

Collin

Yup?

Mick

Yeh, and it always has moved,

Collin

And what about size, are you talking about moving as in north east south west? Or are you talking
Up and down?

Mick

Well it moves in all directions, it umm certain storms will flatten it right off, and they will push a lot
of it into the harbour entrance, and nearly block it off in fact.

Collin.

Yes , yup

Mick

And then you get a period of calm weather and it goes back to where it use to be.

Collin

Yeah, ok.

Mick

The thing that really affects the bar more than anything is the amount of water going in and out of
the harbour. As well as the wave and climate outside.

Where, I don't know how many times I have said this, we are slightly increasing the amount of water
going out of the harbour, by 1 percent.

Collin

So therefore in theory it should actually improve matters,,

Mick

It should improve things.

Collin

Because I can recall talking to surfers that were here you know 30, 40 years ago before we had so
much infill in the harbour and they have told me that things were better.

Mick

Yeah you get all sorts of opinions about that

Collin

All anecdotal of course,

Mick

all anecdotal, none of it is measurable, and that is the difficulty with any sort of assurance you know, if all of a sudden someone says "oh the bar is worse than it use to be, it must be the marina."

Well how the hell would anybody know?

Collin

Yeh

Mick

Umm certainly we would be prepared if any effects could be proven to be due to the marina, we would be prepared to do anything within our power to fix that..

Collin

To correct matters, yup.

Mick

Yes.

Collin

Well I think that is actually very positive Mick,

Mick

I do need that qualification to be put, provided that it can be shown that it is due to the marina, well yes we will do everything in our power to correct it.

Collin

Well I appreciate your time, and I hope what we have done over the last few days has increased the understanding..

Mick

Well I hope so too, there has been a bit of an information gap, people will only take on board what they want to..

Collin

Oh of Course! And everyone is swayed by whatever the latest information is

Mick

Exactly. Its not easy to deal with.

Collin

Appreciate your time Mick

Mick Okay

Bye