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Dear Mr Benham

REFERENCE: PROPOSED MURAL ON NGAURANGA WATER RESERVOIR

Thank you for your letter dated 7 August 2002.

I have considered your request in line with Council planning policies relating to Ngauranga gorge, being:

- The District Plan which zones much of the gorge as Open Space B;
- Wellington "Wet and Wild", incorporating the streams policy and ecological corridors. This noted Ngauranga as an important area;
- Council's Open Space Strategy (Capital Spaces November 1998) which notes the area as providing a "striking gateway to the harbour in the future"; and
- The Hilltops and Ridgelines study (in progress).

While the Ngauranga gorge is a modified landscape it still retains landscape values namely its topography, and linkage from the hills to the harbour.

Council's Open Space Strategy identified that future proposal within the gorge need to consider visual effects. Your proposal to add a large yellow face to the reservoir would be a significant change that would have lasting visual effects.

After reviewing the proposal in line with Council planning policies relating to Ngauranga Gorge the visual effects are considered to be significant and therefore Council can not approve landowner consent.

Yours sincerely

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