



## Rangiwahia Community Committee - Submission

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### Widening of Te Parapara Road and Roadside Drainage Improvements

#### Issues:

- A. Te Parapara Road is too narrow and needs to be widened to ensure a safe passage for those travelling it, and for those who live on it.
- B. Blocked drains and road culverts leading to road and paddock flooding

Please note we have a strong consensus from the landowners on the issues being raised today.

#### Issue A – Te Parapara Road width

With the opening of the Country Road, and the tar sealing of Main South Road there has been an increased traffic flow of car clubs, motorbikes, campervans, cyclists and “Sunday drivers”. Coupled with this has been more stock and forestry trucks.

Te Parapara Road has two parts to it;

1. The Ruahine Road end is approximately 1.6 kms of fairly straight road. This road is quite narrow, with the camber of the road sloping off quite markedly in places.
2. The next approximately 1.6 kms of road leads to the Renfrew Road corner. This section is the very narrow and windy section of Te Parapara Road with limited visibility and steeper drop offs in places.

We believe we “have an accident waiting to happen” due to the narrowness of the road. As a result of the poor camber of the road trucks tend to drive to the middle of the road unless they see an oncoming vehicle. Some move to the left side of the road, but they do not have a lot of room without ending up on the grass verges.

The camper vans are tourist driven or older retired people, many of whom are not used to narrow, rural roads. An oncoming truck leads to a campervan pulling over too far to the left and ending up on driving on the grass verge of the road as well, or in some cases stopping completely until the truck has passed.



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### **Recommendations**

- Counter over the road during summer and logging harvest periods to identify road usage
- Establish a plan for a staged three year project of work to widen Te Parapara Road

### **Issue B – Te Parapara Road and paddock flooding**

In periods of high rainfall pooling on the road is occurring, along with back flooding onto paddocks. On the higher points of Te Parapara Road, road runoff is draining straight onto paddocks and causing bogged areas.

### **Recommendations**

- Clean out the drains and install the correct levels to the main road culverts
- Clean out the culverts so the drainage can work properly and be maintained by adjacent neighbours
- Reestablish the correct drainage at the higher points of Te Parapara Road to protect adjacent landowners property