

Ross Church Mayor
Kapiti Coast District Council
Rimu Rd
Paraparaumu

Paekakariki Community Board
C/o
55a Ames St
Paekakariki

12th January 2016

Dear Mayor,

I hope this letter finds you rested and ready for another year.

I write to you regarding the matter of Trans Pacific Partnership Agreement and what effect it will have on local governance. It has been announced that the NZ Government along with other internationals, intend to sign this agreement in Auckland on 4th February 2016.

A follow up of response from Local Government New Zealand to the letter sent from your office is now outdated and superseded with the need of a further request for an independent assessment on TPP and its effects on Local governance as a matter of sheer necessity particularly for when the LTDP becomes final.

As per the Minute of PCB meeting 8th December 2015 Motion carried;
That the Paekākāriki Community Board make a recommendation to Council at its meeting on 28 January 2016 to request Local Government New Zealand to undertake an independent analysis of the current text of the proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and its implications for Local Government.

I urge The Mayor to consider this action as a matter of regional economic stability at the very least.

There is an information release evening on TPP at St Andrews on the Terrace **7pm Wednesday January 27th 2016**. This will be invaluable information on what the agreement would mean for the livelihood of all New Zealanders, Councillors will do well to attend to gain further insight on TPPA on the regions behalf. Speakers include: Jane Kelsey and Lori Wallach, director of Washington based Public Citizen's Global Trade Watch, an organisation founded by Ralph Nader. Other speakers drawing on the expert papers due to be published.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully yours

On behalf of

The Paekakariki Community Borad
Emily Boonen



And

Philip Edwards Chair



KCDC 15/04/357	<p style="text-align: center;">REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMUNITY BOARDS (CORP-15-1542)</p>	<p>MOVED (Welsh/Bell) That Council requests the government conclude negotiations on the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement in a way that provides net positive benefits for the Kapiti District and New Zealand. A division was requested: For the motion: the Mayor, Cr Ammundsen, Cr Gaylor, Cr Holborow, Cr Welsh, Cr Gurunathan, Cr Bell Against the motion: Cr Elliott, Cr David Scott, Cr Cardiff, Cr Michael Scott The motion was CARRIED</p> <p>MOVED (Holborow/Gaylor) That the Council adopts the 12 points on the proposed Trans Pacific Partnership trade and investment agreement which should achieve the following objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continues to allow councils, if they so choose, to adopt procurement policies that provide for a degree of local preference; to choose whether particular services or facilities are provided in house, by council-controlled organisations (CCOs) or by contracting out; or to require higher health and safety, environmental protection, employment rights and conditions, community participation, animal protection or human rights standards than national or international minimum standards; 2. Maintains good diplomatic and trade relations and partnerships with other major trading partners not included in the agreement, including with China; 3. Provides substantially increased access for our agriculture exports into the US market; 4. Does not undermine PHARMAC, raise the cost of medical treatments and medicines or threaten public health measures, such as tobacco control; 5. Does not give overseas investors or suppliers any greater rights than domestic investors and suppliers such as through introducing Investor/State Dispute Settlement, or reduce our ability to control overseas investment or finance; 6. Does not expand intellectual property rights and enforcement in excess of current law; 7. Does not weaken our public services, require privatisation, hinder reversal of privatisations, or increase the
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		<p>commercialisation of Government or local government organisations;</p> <p>8. Does not reduce our flexibility to support local economic and industry development and encourage good employment and environmental practices and initiatives such as council cadetships, employment-generating schemes and the Mayor's Taskforce for Jobs, which enable marginalised young people to develop their skills and transition into meaningful employment;</p> <p>9. Contains enforceable labour clauses requiring adherence to core International Labour Organisation conventions and preventing reduction of labour rights for trade or investment advantage;</p> <p>10. Contains enforceable environmental clauses preventing reduction of environmental and biosecurity standards for trade or investment advantage;</p> <p>11. Has general exemptions to protect human rights, the environment, the Treaty of Waitangi, and New Zealand's economic and financial stability;</p> <p>12. Has been negotiated with real public consultation including regular public releases of drafts of the text of the Agreement, and ratification being conditional on a full social, environmental, and economic impact assessment including public submissions.</p> <p>A division was requested: For the motion: Cr Ammundsen, Cr Gaylor, Cr Holborow, Cr Elliott, Cr David Scott, Cr Gurunathan Against the motion: the Mayor, Cr Welsh, Cr Cardiff, Cr Bell, Cr Michael Scott The motion was CARRIED</p>
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