

Keep Okura Green

Keep Okura Green is an Incorporated Society ^{whose} who's aim is to preserve the Okura estuary and its visual margins as a rural and natural area.

Keep Okura Green was formed as an Incorporated Society late 1993, in opposition to the N.S.C.C.. intention to urbanize the entire North-Shore section of the Okura Catchment , and to support the A.R.C. in its attempt to hold the " green belt " line at Glenvar Road.

Since the Environment Court judgement of the 1st. Oct. 1996, K.O.G. has been actively lobbying the N.S.C.C., Rodney District Council , and the A.R.C. to have the recommendations of that Court Hearing implemented .

Keep Okura Green had representatives on the Transit New Zealand Highway Extension Environment Monitoring Committee and was involved in site inspections and monitoring of storm-water control during, a since the construction phase, in the Okura Catchment.

For three years, K.O.G. was also part of the Project Care Working Party for the N.S.C.C. who's function was to look at the waste-water and storm water problems of the city, and to look at possible solutions. As a result of having been on that committee, K.O.G. has done weekly water monitoring and testing, of the Okura Catchment and the Albany Basin streams for Waicare, an environmental initiative of the A.R.C. and N.S.C.C. We did this for seven years. 2000 - 2007

We are also actively concerned with the methods to be used to mitigate & avoid damage to the Okura Long Bay Marine Reserve by stormwater & contaminants generated by urban and rural development.

In 2002 K.O.G. was part of the Combined Environmental groups under the heading O.E.G. That took part in Environment Court proceedings that set the development rules for the North Shore section of the Okura Catchment

2004 Subject : Environment Court Appeal 56/04 – North Shore City Council v Rodney District Council .
Proposed Bral Holdings Cleanfill.

We opposed this application .

In 2007 K.O.G was a party to the Environment Court action to decide the development rules for the development of the Longbay catchment

We are currently an appellant to the Environment Court 2008 appealing against the decision of the Rodney District Council to allow urban development in the Weiti block of Karapiro Bay We have currently a committee of 12 active members, and we hold a watching brief on local development proposals, especially those effecting the Okura Long bay Marine Reserve..