

STOP THE PUKENAMU ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONNECTION

A clear and consistent message from Lakeside residents

Background

Around 20 years ago, the Environment Court approved plans for new roading arrangements at the south end of Lake Terrace — now the Kokomea/Nga Roto developments. Those plans included a future roundabout at Maunganamu Drive with a fourth leg connecting to Pukenuamu Road.

At the time, Transit NZ refused any connection to the then-State Highway, so Pukenuamu Road was extended to Wharewaka Road. Construction of the roundabout was expected only once Lake Terrace ceased being a State Highway.

Now that Lake Terrace is under Council control, TDC wishes to proceed with the roundabout. This roundabout was **not consulted on with residents**, instead relying on the 2005 Environment Court hearings and private developer resource consents. Residents were notified on titles issued for Lakeside sections.

Lakeside Today

Lakeside is a small, quiet community of just **65 homes**. Pukenuamu Road serves two cul-de-sacs — Kuiwai Road and Kurapoto Lane — with **very low traffic volumes and no through-traffic**.

Under the current plan:

- Pukenuamu Road would be connected to the new roundabout.
- The existing 270m stretch of Pukenuamu Road leading to Wharewaka Road would be **removed and re-grassed**, despite being a *perfectly good road and services*.
- Developers will pay for the roundabout, but **Council must pay** for the removal of the existing road.

How the Issue Emerged

In March 2024, TDC officers consulted residents about the future of the soon-to-be redundant section of Pukenuamu Road. This was the first time many residents became aware of the proposed roundabout connection.

Residents were surprised, concerned, and — after further consultation — overwhelmingly **opposed** the connection. They argued:

- No tangible benefits to Lakeside residents
- No through-road advantages for the public
- No justification for altering a well-functioning, low-traffic neighbourhood, and

- The status quo should remain

Council's Decision Process

Despite strong resident opposition, TDC continued planning the connection, relying heavily on the 20-year-old Environment Court decision — a decision made *without resident input*.

At the 29 October 2024 Council Meeting:

- TDC presented its recommendation that the Pukenuamu connection to the roundabout proceed
- Lakeside residents were allowed only **two speakers**, each limited to **five minutes** to address a complex issue.
- Residents were **not permitted to ask questions**, preventing any challenge to the assumptions or data presented by TDC officers, and
- Concerns about potentially misleading information in the *Analysis of Options* (Agenda Item 5.1, pp. 13–15) could not be raised.

Council endorsed the TDC recommendation on 10 December 2024.

Where Things Stand Now

Nearly two years later, residents remain dissatisfied and feel ignored.

TDC has pressed ahead with commissioning the Pukenuamu Road connection. CAMEX Civil is scheduled to begin site works on **31 August**.

There has been **no consultation** with Pukenuamu Road residents regarding a recently identified issue:

- The partial removal of the bund separating Lake Terrace and Pukenuamu Road, with
- Potential for increased road noise
- Potential increase of light spill

Why This Project Must Stop

Residents have **repeatedly and overwhelmingly rejected** the roundabout connection

Key reasons:

1. No public benefit

There is **no logical reason** to proceed with a costly connection and the removal of a functioning road when neither residents nor the general public gain any meaningful advantage.

2. The Analysis of Options is flawed

The analysis relied on speculative benefits, ignored potential impacts on property values, and attributed **no value** to dissenting resident views.

The inability of residents to question the analysis at the October meeting represents a **serious procedural deficiency**.

3. The Environment Court decision is outdated

It is 20 years old, did not include resident input (there were no residents), and **can be amended**. It no longer reflects today's realities.

4. Unnecessary expenditure

Council is actively seeking savings. Maintaining the status quo avoids unnecessary spending and preserves a quiet, safe neighbourhood.

5. Inadequate consultation

Consultation regarding the recently identified potential effects of changing the bund profile has been inadequate.

What We Are Asking Council to Do

- **Halt the project.**
- **Cancel the Pukenuamu Road connection.**
- **Act in the interests of the affected community**, not a decades-old plan that no longer aligns with current conditions.
- If legal certainty is required, **petition the Environment Court** or **amend the District Plan** to reflect today's reality.

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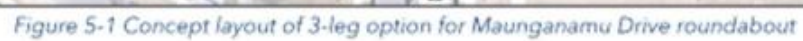


Figure 6-1 Concept layout of 4-leg option for Maunganamu Drive roundabout

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