

Letter in support of Coastlands development

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Mr Bruce Mansell
Managing Director
Coastlands Shopping Mall
Coastlands
PARAPARAUMU

Dear Bruce

On behalf of the Kapiti Chamber of Commerce my congratulations to the Board of Coastlands for having the commitment and confidence in the Kapiti community to undertake the \$17 million proposed upgrade of the shopping precinct.

This is a wonderful development and has the total support of the Kapiti Chamber. While it would be a welcome initiative at any time, given the predicted state of the economy in the period ahead, it comes at a critical time for the Kapiti Coast.

We so greatly need such commitment to ongoing growth and development within our community. The opportunities such a project brings to the community in terms of creating jobs for the project and then the benefits of the end result are just what are needed in Kapiti at this time.

From what I have read, the developments will greatly enhance the existing mall and clearly have the potential to make Coastlands a major shopping destination within the Wellington region. Especially in times of economic downturn, the ability to attract greater numbers of the domestic Wellington regional shopper to Kapiti is a significant positive factor for business on the Coast.

If the Chamber can do anything to assist in the process of getting the upgrade started as soon as possible please do not hesitate to contact me. Best wishes for the exciting times ahead.

Yours sincerely

Wendy Huston
Chair, Kapiti Coast Chamber of Commerce