

## Press Release

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The Kapiti Chamber of Commerce is extremely pleased with the recently announced decision of the independent commissioners' to fully support the plans of Noel Robinson for the development of Paraparaumu Airport.

Wendy Huston, Chamber Chair said, "In our ongoing support of Mr Robinson's proposals we see this decision as the green light which gives Paraparaumu the opportunity to retain this iconic open-space, for its original purpose, which is to continue as a functioning airport.

Mr Robinson's proposals will strengthen safety measures at the airport and provide an opportunity for much needed, low community impact, new business development. With a current rate-take from the business community of only 5%, this opportunity allows all Kapiti Coast residents to benefit through an increased business rate-take, which will result from the business development opportunities now possible.

Development could have attracted the attention of outside, unscrupulous developers who have histories of 'scorched earth' or inappropriate, high-density developments. Instead, Kapiti has been so very fortunate in having a developer such as Mr Robinson who has a proven track record of appropriate and environmentally friendly, business development, able to move his plans forward for the betterment of the entire Kapiti community".

Wendy Huston  
Chair, Kapiti Chamber of Commerce