

Press Release

Chamber says get on with Link now

Kapiti Chamber of Commerce said the Western Link Road project should not be delayed any further.

Its chairwoman, Wendy Huston, said the Chamber wanted to see immediate action on starting the project. “We agree that any outstanding negotiations with the land owners need to be settled immediately,” she said.

Responding to questions raised by the Kapiti Observer she said that major projects were always price sensitive and protracted delays meant higher costs. “In saying this however, it is surely the right of any land owner to secure the best possible outcome in any sale of land – this is what living in a free market is all about.”

“Market demand determines price. I’m sure all of us would love to buy back previous property sold years ago at the price we agreed to then”, she said.

Were any of the KCC members also landowners on the link road designation? “I don’t know if this is the case, more to the point, I would have to question its relevancy. The key factor must be that there is a process under the Public Works Act which enables land acquisition to occur and this process needs to be strictly applied and adhered to in the most expedient manner.”

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