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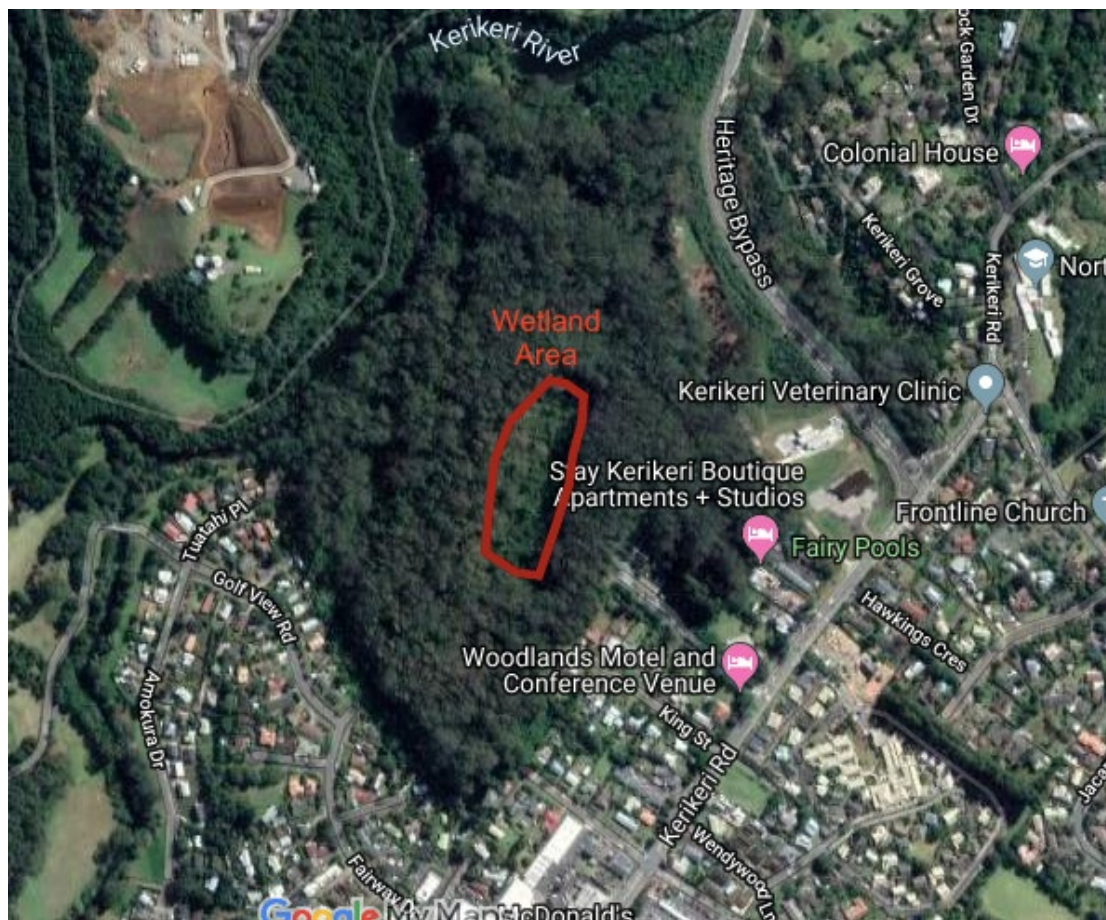
By email

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Attention Rachael Pull

Woodlands/Bing Property wetland area

The Bing property includes a small tributary stream which flows into Kerikeri River. It is not visible on Google maps or NRC flood maps, no doubt because of vegetation, although it is shown on NZ Topo map P05. The stream course has been plotted on the plan attached. Much of the water course has a low fall with poor drainage and is a wetland area which is marked on the map below. This is visible in Google maps since it too wet to support eucalypts. The stream is adjacent to an old walking track which is used for access to Fairy Pools. The locality incidentally also includes large infestations of ginger and Jasmine.



Ideally the wetland would be retained and restored in any future development but our concern is that a future developer might wish to pipe and contour the land. You have mentioned that piping can be managed by engineering standards set in the District Plan and we would like to see this considered in the current D.P. process

The current Ministry for Environment and MPI discussion document on Action for Healthy waterways, Para 5.6 proposes tighter controls for protecting remaining natural wetlands and Para 5.7 no further loss of streams, and includes discussion on piping of streams. Although not operative it is a clear indication about the policy direction of the preservation of streams and wetlands.

NRC has been informed and is incorporating the stream in its flood maps.

Forwarded for consideration in FNDC planning processes.

Rod Brown  
For Vision Kerikeri

Cc NRC attention Mr Joe Camuso

Attachment: Map of Bing/Woodlands property with stream plotted.