



Clutha District Council

Memorandum

To: OTAGO FORWARD BOARD

From: JULIE PEARSE, DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, CLUTHA DISTRICT COUNCIL

Date: 30 SEPTEMBER 2008

Subject: CLUTHA DISTRICT UPDATE

Roxburgh Lawrence Trail

The Roxburgh Lawrence Trail Working Party has had a very busy couple of months since the completion of the feasibility study.

Presentations have been made, or will be made to:

- Key stakeholders on the proposed trail route
- Community Boards – Roxburgh and Tuapeka Lawrence
- Clutha District Council
- Central Otago District Council
- A press conference held at Roxburgh
- Otago Regional Council

Generally the feedback and the reaction to the presentations has been favourable. The Working Party is very clear that there is still a huge amount of work to be done, and much of this will involve the next crucial stage, which is the individual negotiations with various landowners and stakeholders.

A number of landowners have voiced particular concerns that will have to be dealt with on a case by case basis. Some of the concerns involve the effect the proximity of the trail may have on some farming operations, and for others there is a concern about the proximity of the trail to farm houses and sheds. Other concerns involved aspects of stock movement and access.

The Working Party has an application for funding in process. This funding application, if successful will support this next stage of investigations into the development of the Trail.

Members of the Working Party are:

Roxburgh - Graham Dillon, Rod Peirce, Colin Turner

Lawrence - Murray Paterson, Rob Hewett, Peter Cummings

Beaumont - Bill Dacker

Dunedin - Alan Cubitt

Broadband in Otago

As a result of many conversations about a way forward for a research project on Broadband delivery for the Clutha District, I spoke with Professor George Benwell at the University of Otago's School of Business. That conversation has led to a combined meeting of all TLAs, with the University, in October, to discuss the potential for a research project for Otago.