

Clauses referred to.. Hokitika Seawall Extension – Assessment of Effects on the Environment

1. The creation of the proposed sea wall will significantly limit access to the beach.

Public access to the beach along the existing sea wall fronting the town is non-existent. The provision of access steps or similar, accessible pathways for the disabled and quad bike access must surely be constructed into the proposed wall. Clause 5.4.4 Effects on Access and Recreation.. design and accessways are unspecific.

Siting of these accessways should be at least located at Stafford St and all perpendicular access routes between Revell St and the beach, perhaps having regard to existing accessways as shown on Clause 2.13 Amenity & Recreational use.

The proposed sea wall design gradient is 1:2 or 27 degrees - impossible to negotiate for anyone younger than 8 years or older than 60 years within reason. The wall effectively becomes a barrier to the foreshore (as per the existing sea wall).

If the wall is designed to 1:5 or 12 degrees eg. the aesthetic softens

- * the rocks will more likely fill with sand with the possibility of planting
- * wave reflection will reduce – see RC application
- * beach scour at the toe of the wall is reduced - see RC application
- * creating accessways is easier and safer

We support a cycling and pedestrian pathway along the top of the proposed wall, but strongly oppose vehicle access for reasons of privacy and security.