



Wayne Moen pointed out that the annualised figure from the Asset Management Plan for the Taramakau Scheme was \$50,000.

It was generally felt that given the current balance of approximately \$43,600 (including the 2<sup>nd</sup> rate installment of \$20,000), the usual rate strike would be acceptable.

**Moved:**            ***“That a rate of \$40,000 + G.S.T. be set for the 2003 / 2004 financial year.”***

*M. Stewart / A. Robb - Carried.*

### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

Brian Hellier expressed great concern that the lower works on his frontage did not qualify for assistance from the rating district.

He felt that he was being grossly penalised, whereas everyone else in the scheme enjoyed paid protection.

Stephen Langridge pointed out that the lower section of the Hellier property was outside the scheme boundary and therefore did not qualify for such assistance.

Wayne Moen explained that for this area to attract financial assistance, a new classification would need to be drawn up, however this would require total support from all other ratepayers and this was not forthcoming.

Murray Stewart spoke briefly on the history of the scheme and the original cost benefit analysis.

Stephen Langridge also pointed out that in the original scheme the lower section of the Taramakau Settlement area was deemed to be dispensable, due to the historic “back-up” of flood waters.

Andrew Robb also spoke in defence of the current classification.

Murray Stewart sought clarification on the present classification.

Wayne Moen said that he would check out the rating classes and levels and report back to the chairman, with a view to co-ordinate another meeting with an inspection.

Stephen Langridge sought answers on the LAPP Fund.

Wayne Moen advised that the West Coast Regional Council was now paying the LAPP premium and that the rating districts would not have to pay the annual fee every year.

Denis Shannahan told those present that the Council felt that as the protection of all properties was in the general public’s interest, the general ratepayer should carry the load. The Council was thanked for its interest in meeting this payment.

Stephen Langridge asked that an area on Robb’s frontage and Milson’s Island be inspected shortly to ascertain if any action was required.

W. Moen sought approval on the quality of recent works.

All present were happy with the quality of the work.

Stephen Langridge asked that the road through his property be maintained with a good running surface after contractors had used it for carting rock.

Wayne Moen said the work would be included in any new contracts.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.15pm.

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