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**Subject:** FW: Vehicle access around Needles Point  
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Hi,

Here are some further items pertaining to questions that the panel had:

The Word document attached is my notes I had been attempting to read from on Wednesday, but I forgot to read out some points. It may fill some gaps.

I have also attached my survey report from the November to January period in case the panel doesn't already have it. It contains maps of dotterel nests found, however I need to emphasise this does not show the extent of breeding pairs seen (actual nests not found). I was asked for something showing this information.

Also attached are four maps I mentioned I had been going to show, but couldn't due to technical issues, pertaining to the question I was asked regarding whether disturbance by walkers was just as bad as vehicles: these maps show the nesting areas frequently disturbed by pedestrians versus nesting areas frequently disturbed by vehicles, comparing them. We have also been working on signage that will help better educate walkers; these people often take the time to read signs, which I have noticed vehicle users appear to ignore. Rob Peter was also asked a question regarding loose stock which I wanted to help answer; For this area of coast it was an isolated incident. The sheep had been frightened by something, possibly some wild pigs seen in the area, and appeared to come from a farm to the south, despite it being well fenced. Some other stock issues have been noted elsewhere and have been or are currently being addressed, and most of the remaining hoof prints seen since appear to belong to wild animals.

I also wanted to share a Google link to trail camera footage taken from a camera installed at Cape Campbell looking out over the reef, however I have been unable to get the files to upload. These are time lapse videos taken in January 2022 and show most vehicles passing or stopping on the Cape reef, giving some idea of the vehicle numbers passing, and the movement of some out on the rock platform. If the panel is interested I can provide the files on a data stick.

I hope it isn't too late to provide this.

Regards,

Sonya Roxburgh

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**Subject:** Re: Vehicle access around Needles Point

I have seen evidence of a two-wheeled motorcycle getting around the Needles by weaving through the rocks, however this would have been dangerous and disturbing to the seals. No four wheeled vehicles would be able to, and this would be the only thing protecting wildlife on the North side from the level of disturbance seen on the South side.

It is worth noting that the historic benched track around the Needles went well above the beach and rocks.

Many vehicles go south across the Flaxbourne River, however most only go around 500m to where the rocks end, which coincides with the frequent nesting zone. A small number travel along the beach to the Needles, but based on observations no more than 10 per month.

Regards,

Sonya.

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Following the earthquake vehicles can no longer get around Needles Point because of:

1. Uplift of 2.8m
2. Large rock falls from Needles Point have covered the access tracks

Regards

Rick Stolwerk

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