

Dear Scott Simpson  
(Chair of Local Government and Environment Select Committee)

*We wish to point out several failures by the Local Government and Environment Select Committee report on the Point England Development Enabling Bill (223-1) 13 April 2017.*

The report does not take responsibility for environmental concerns which is what is needed given the Bill removes checks and balances that would otherwise do that. As requested by the petition you received you have not considered an environmental impact assessment before proceeding with your recommendation.

**We found that the report failed to account for:**

1. The significant conservation values of the site, it's eligibility for Ramsar status.
2. The sites role as a critical roosting site for the endangered shorebirds of the Tamaki Estuary.
3. The experimental nature of the suggested mitigations for the Northern New Zealand dotterel and what should be done if the experiments fail.
4. How much said mitigations might cost or whom would pay for them.

It also contains contradictory advice suggesting that after the dotterel nesting ground is halved, 10 hectares of the remaining land will be made more accessible to the public including additional playing fields. Advising that the land can be used simultaneously for recreation and nesting would put the public in danger of criminal offenses under the Wildlife Act (1953) and completely compromise any mitigation efforts.

We request that the Select Committee retract the report until an environmental impact assessment has been considered.

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