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Te Tai Tokerau Deaf Society supports the Camera Obscura Sculpture

To whom it may concern,

I am writing on behalf of the Deaf Community to voice our support of a locally driven project (The Camera Obscura Sculpture) that we hope will be constructed in the very near future.

A camera obscura takes the image of a vista and projects it upside-down and back-to-front within a light proof room. This is an eagerly anticipated local project that will be of great interest to our whole community who are keen to see this venture, which will be enjoyed, by visitors and Whanau/families alike.

We have chosen to endorse this undertaking, as it is a barrier-free, fully accessible attraction that can also be enjoyed by members of the Deaf community; it is something we can do without needing to hear, as there is no audio content. We too will be able to come and visit with our children, our visitors and enjoy the experience together. This is a unique local development, unlike anything else in New Zealand, a one-of-a-kind project!

The proposed site for the Camera Obscura is near Te Matau ā Pohe. The inverted image of the Bridge opening and closing, people walking by, vehicles crossing and the river, the clouds in the sky – all of that which can be seen outside will be able to be viewed from inside the structure.

The CCTV allows Deaf people to see what is going on inside, which ensures an absolute safe experience as it is being monitored at all times. If ever there is a need, assistance can be sent immediately. For these reasons, we fully support this project, which is accessible for the enjoyment of all.

The opportunity to learn more about the camera obscura is a truly rare and novel experience.

Regards,

Alana Best

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alana Best', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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