

## Affidavit of Lee & Earl Schlichting

We dispute this evidence put forward by the Whakatane District Council in their Indicative Business Case report as set out below.

We did not observe or report a debris flow event to the Council. We did ring the Council when we noticed the water from the creek getting behind the new gabion baskets below Hooper's house (8 Clem Elliott Drive). The gabion baskets were moving into the middle of the creek because they were incorrectly installed.

**Debris Flow Risk: A way forward for the Awatarariki Fanhead, Indicative Business Case,** Whakatane District Council 16 August 2017 retrieved from [https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/sites/www.whakatane.govt.nz/files/documents/about-council/council-projects/debris-flow-and-landslide-hazards/indicative\\_business\\_case\\_-\\_awatarariki\\_fanhead\\_-\\_final\\_draft\\_pdf\\_-\\_augus.pdf](https://www.whakatane.govt.nz/sites/www.whakatane.govt.nz/files/documents/about-council/council-projects/debris-flow-and-landslide-hazards/indicative_business_case_-_awatarariki_fanhead_-_final_draft_pdf_-_augus.pdf)

"Anecdotal evidence from several Matatā residents mention the presence of boulders on their land discovered during digging of the ground. Three residents who experienced the 2005 event confirmed they observed a smaller debris flow in the Awatarariki catchment in 2013 (Schlichting, Schlichting and Harris, 2013)." p 44

E. and L. Schlichting, E., Schlichting, L and Harris, N (2013): Personal communication, 11 September 2013.

Sign: R. S. Schlichting

Witness: IAN ROSS McDONALD JP

Earl Schlichting

Date: 17-7-19

