



February 6, 2020

State DLNR  
Office of Conservation & Coastal Lands  
P. O. Box 621  
Honolulu, HI 96809

Re: CDUA KA-38856 for Aliomanu Road Repair & Revetment Project, Anahola

To Whom it May Concern,

Mahalo for the opportunity to comment on the above referenced County of Kaua‘i Public Works Dept. project. The project premise has many faults and the priority should be managed retreat. It is ill-advised to “bring Aliomanu Road back to its original, pre-erosion condition as a two-lane road” for many reasons:

- a) A one-lane roadway should have been included as an alternative.
- b) This dead-end road has no pressing need for 2-lanes.
- c) Future damage to this coastline is inevitable due to sea level rise and climate change.
- d) The frequency and intensity of storms is increasing, not decreasing.
- e) The project is not a high priority use of taxpayer dollars.
- f) The 28 residences (primarily vacation rentals) are not deprived of reasonable use of their properties by maintaining 1-lane access or by extending Hokualele Road.
- g) Armoring the coastline with a boulder stone revetment is a short-term fix, and the “expected 50-year lifetime” is unrealistic.
- h) Damage to the roadway and revetment from heavy rains, strong winds and storm surge is inevitable according to the CDUA, therefore the proposal is ill-advised.
- i) Impacts to the endangered Hawaiian monk seals is likely because they haul out in this area.
- j) “Shoreline erosion control” is a fallacy.

The W-KNA respectfully believes that managed retreat should be pursued and sees no need to rebuild the damaged section of road from its current state as a 1-lane road into a 2-lane road.

Sincerely,



Rayne Regush, Chair  
On behalf of the W-KNA Board of Directors

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