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# WDC renames road

CONFUSION due to wrong GPS directions has led to Waitomo District Council renaming a section of Waitomo Caves Rd to Waitomo Village Rd.

The problem arose because of duplicate numbering along Waitomo Caves Rd, causing visitors looking for the Top 10 Holiday Park or Waitomo Caves Discovery Centre in Waitomo Village being directed by GPS to the Big Bird B&B on Waitomo

Caves Rd at Hangatiki.

Council research found both the WDC geographic information system (GIS) and Land Information NZ (LINZ) is wrong regarding the start/finish point of Te Anga Rd and Waitomo Caves Rd.

The road numbering for Waitomo Caves Rd restarts at the village entrance. But it is not possible to rename the preceding length of road back to the SH3 intersection as it is subject to Rural Rapid Numbering.

The council then recommended the section of Waitomo Caves Rd from the dead end near Fullerton Rd to the start of Te Anga Rd (now marked per the first Rapid Rural Number) be renamed Waitomo Village Rd.

WDC roading manager Gerri Wa-

terkamp says only the road name will change and the existing road numbering within the village will remain the same.

"It will remove all confusion for tour operators and tourists, as having it easily identifiable to Waitomo Village and the activities located within it," she says.

"The proposed solution while also involving a cost to businesses for the name change maintains and strengthens the association of those businesses with the Waitomo Village."

Public consultation has been carried out and council is currently notifying Google Maps, GPS device providers and emergency services.

The change is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

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## IN BRIEF

### Corrections

IN a story in Thursday's Waitomo News (October 3) about Waitomo District Council's animal control service review, Te Kuiti man Graham McKenzie wishes to clarify his concerns were aimed at the council to address and not at the individual performance of

WDC dog control officer Rod McLeod.

GOING Digital feature banners in last Tuesday's issue (October 1) should have read two months to go, not three as published.

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