

1 Lindsay + Barbara Ballantine

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ENVIRONMENT  
SOUTHLAND

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2 These details on this submission are about how it affects our lives living here and coping with all of this nonsense coming out of Wellington with our farming operation.

3 Not in support of this application. Because there are no ratepayers on this application from the Waituna Creek.

4a Our Property Rights of freehold ratepayers are being eroded. We are of Maori descent from the Lees of Rakiura Stewart Island from 1830s. The McCrosties and Annabell Creek are also Maori descent. There has been no contact from iwi as to how this is afflicting us with the lack of openings and the higher water levels of the lagoon.

4b Lake Waituna is a feeding habitat for a lot of wading birds. This increase in water levels is destroying a lot of food for these birds. As it is too deep now to get sunlight down to the plants which now are dying from being too deep underwater.

4c Access to Forgerlys Pine tree block is flooded at times with trees uprooted from flooding ground too soft with the higher water levels. DOC claim the birdlife can go elsewhere this is leading to more geese, swans, ducks spreading Salmonella to local farms. This is a Ramsar site which has been opened regularly for 120 years. I bet the wading birds would squaw DOC can go find a new home

Ad / There are too many Shiny Arse's getting salaries and making wrong decisions about this Ramsor site that degradation is happening. Dead fish and eels. Dying plants Toxic algae deadly to dogs etc. Shedding from Tanon's in Waituna Lagoon. The Lagoon needs opened with Regularity to flush Clean and for yearly fish passage

5/ I hope that common Sense win's out over wrong decisions. and the Consent is granted at limit of 2.2mts

6/ I do wish to be heard in support this submission

Dated 26-8-2024

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