

ENVIRONMENT  
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# SUBMISSION FORM

Submission on a Notified or Limited Notified Application for a Resource Consent

To: The Chief Executive  
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I: Murray Blackler

(Name(s))

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Wish to SUPPORT OPPOSE submit a NEUTRAL submission on (circle one) the application of:

Name: Te Runanga o Awarua, Dept of Conversation and

And/or Organisation: Environment Southland

Application Number: 20242456 Location: Lake Waituna

My reasons for my submission are: (State the nature of your submission and give clear reasons. Continue on attached pages if necessary)

Common Sense tells us a lake level of 2.5m is going to cause unnecessary flooding, for what? As of 3.30pm on 31-8-24 Waghorn Road is closed, due to the bridge being underwater. The website says the lake is at 2.35m. What was the cost to rebuild this bridge which is under water? The closure of this road eliminates access to properties culminating at the boardwalk loop track. Wasnt this boardwalk put in due to Ramsar Status the lake enjoys? The carpark area at the eastern end of the lake is also flooded about 50% fences and into boards sticking out of water, with lake at 2.35m. I can't see that flooding wet lands is beneficial either, more than likely drowning them is very harmful.

The exploding numbers of Canadian Geese and Black Swans is also a major concern, as numbers grow demand for food grows. Imagine the amount of poo 1000's of the big birds put into the lake. Up until 6-7 years<sup>ago</sup> the lake was fine, fishing was fine, duck shooting was fine because it was opened regularly by locals. Then someone came along to "fix it" - since then nothing but problems culminating in this proposal. At 2.5m Waghorn Road, its new bridge are closed.

I wish the Council to make the following decision (Give precise details, including the nature of any conditions sought)

Return to a maximum lake level of 2.2m as it has been for years. At least then Waghorn Road can remain open providing the access to properties and the board walk.

Culling of Canadian Geese and Black Swan a better use of resources.

Regular opening also helps the movement of fish, eels etc.

I,  am  not (choose one) a trade competitor\* of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991).

\*If trade competitor chosen, please complete the next statement, otherwise leave blank

I,  am  not (choose one) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

I,  do  not (choose one) wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I,  do  not (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I have served a copy of my submission on the applicant.

Yes

No

Signed

*M. J. Gardner*

Date

02-09-2024

If you have any queries about this form or its purpose, please contact the Consents Division of Environment Southland (03) 211 5115 or 0800 76 88 45.

**Notes:**

1. This submission will become publicly available information.
2. The person making this submission must send a copy to the applicant as soon as reasonably practicable after serving Environment Southland.
3. A list of all submissions received will be provided to the applicant.
4. Please be aware that third parties may request a copy of submissions received and that request is subject to the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.



