

Resource Consent submission

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Section 53

Applicant details

Name of applicant environment southland, dept of conservation, Te Runanga o Awarua
Activity location 837 Waituna Lagoon Road, RD 5, Invercargill 9875
Application number APP-20242456

Submission details

My submission relates to the whole application No, my submission only relates to parts of the application.
Parts of the application my submission relates to application to the conditions.
Particularly in relation to road and bridge lack of public access as a result
land drainage on surrounding land.
Details of my submission Waituna Lagoon
Current levels are affecting access to the area

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The proposed level that the submitters wish to maintain the waituna lagoon at will severely impact our business as the area will no longer be suitable to manage bee hives. We have had hives on the property on the property and in the area since 2014. Because of the lagoon levels -for the second successive year we are having significant losses in our beehives due to not being able to access them and provide animal husbandry. Last year I believe access to waghorn road was only open for access 2 weeks out of a 14 week period. This year access has been unavailable since June with no likely change in the foreseeable future.

Public access to the department of conservation walking track and lookout has been severely impacted due to lack of access due to the height of the lagoon for large periods of time. During the last 2 years we have had several overseas and domestic visitors that we have been unable to show around the area where we normally would. Public access to the beach on waituna lagoon road has also been blocked at the same time, in the area opposite 961 Waituna Lagoon Road, with access only available to the car park. Yet all these affects are happening at a time when the current lagoon level is substantially lower than the proposed increase to a level of 2.5 metres.

We ourselves own property on Talls road at Waituna lagoon, so visit the area often, noticing many vans and campervans trying to access the both the walking track and public toilets, and the public access to the beach, but are unable to do so. There is some public access to the beach a lot closer to the Maitauri river however there is no practical place for parking other than for those with a 4 wheel drive vehicle to park or drive around. I also believe raising the lagoon level in practical terms by half a meter in such a short time frame will result in a lot of native vegetation dying off that is ill equipped to deal with the increase in ground water level. We risk having a severe die off of vegetation in the area including in the Department of conservation reserve. Current water levels are also likely to have a severe impact on the usability of the walking track and lookout – due to areas being flooded, however because access is blocked by the water levels no one is able to see if this is the case.

In the best interests of the environment we don't believe it is best to raise it above the 2.2 – 2.3 metre level.

No

No

Submission uploaded

I am a trade competitor of the applicant (for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991)

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Outcome sought

I wish Environment Southland to make the following decision

Why I wish Environment Southland to make this decision

To support the application.

Waituna Lagoon

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Hearing details

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| I wish to be heard in support of my submission | Yes |
| I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission | Yes |
| I wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application | No |

Confirmation

I will serve a copy of my submission on the applicant and I confirm all of the above information is correct

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