

The Hawea Community Association

Submitter Number: 3287, 3449

Thank you for the opportunity to speak in relation to the proposed Wahi Tupuna Chapter.

My Name is Robert White and I am a committee member of the Hawea Community Association with responsibility for the proposed district plan stage 3.

The Hawea Community Association is a community based incorporated society, established in 1989 to promote the interests, needs and well-being of the Hawea community and surrounding environment.

The Aims of the HCA are:

1. To promote the wellbeing and sustainable development of the Hawea district.
2. To foster values and actions consistent with a cohesive nurturing community.
3. To safeguard the interests of residents and ratepayers.
4. To represent members in dealing with national and local authorities, corporations, companies, organisations and individuals.
5. To improve and beautify the environs of Hawea.

I am happy to take our submissions as read. But would like to highlight areas that are of importance to us and express our views on the current position of what is proposed.

I would firstly like to draw the commissioners attention to the fact that the Lake Hawea area was the only affected area with a township that was not provided with a public forum for the introduction of the Wahi Tupuna early in the notification period. We did finally get a meeting with the Aukaha planners and Ms Picard two days before submissions closed, which we arranged and hosted. But there was no Runaka representation provided, and this rendered the meeting basically useless from our perspective. Unfortunately this is typical of the QLDC engagement with our community.

Secondly I have read and listened to the council and Kai Tahu's expert evidence.

There is a lot of discussion of urban areas and the partial removal of rules. The introduction of three new overlays outside of the Hawea area with little regulatory effect. And there is also discussion of new policy's and schedules that are as yet undeveloped. Given the ambiguity of what is currently being proposed specifically in relation to Hawea, we support the expert evidence provided by Hayley Mahon, and in the absence of any specific evidence relating to Hawea being provided by the council and the Runaka we seek the removal of the wahi tupuna zone 2 from the Hawea township.

We wish to highlight the treatment of the Hawea cemetery and the incompatibility of the sites usage and the proposed Wahi Tupuna zoning.

We support the move to relax the earthworks and farm buildings provisions that relate to the rural areas of Hawea and move the boundary to 500masl.

We also wish to reiterate the views in our submission that the Dunedin example of Wahi Tupuna is a far more specific and user friendly application of this zoning tool. I have used the Scheduled area 32 of the Dunedin 2GP as an example in our submission of a far more specific application in relation to

views. I would like to note that the Taieri river is protected by a zone that ranges in width between 25 and 100 metres not the 200 metres that has been applied to waterways all over the QLDC area.

We share the concerns raised by sustainable Glenorchy in the submissions last week in relation to small scale community power generation and supply including solar panels, wind generation, hydro and distribution. We also share the concerns raised over the ability of volunteer organisations to effectively participate in these planning processes. We would welcome anything that could be done to help reduce the burden on community groups that are trying to advocate for their local area.

Thank you for your time.