# The Kumara Residents' Trust

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Treasurer: Hannah Wilson hwilson 221@hotmail.com

4 May 2016

Mike Havill
Mayor
Westland District Council

Dear Mike

# **KUMARA – ANNUAL PLAN SUBMISSION**

Further to the letter/ submission dated 31<sup>ST</sup> March 2016 regarding KRT formally requesting that the sealing of the footpath on Greenstone Road between Seddon Street and the start of the cycle trail, be included in the work programme for Kumara township. That previous letter also signalled that KRT have carried out early discussions about a proposal to upgrade the parking at Seddon Historic Reserve, in partnership with Council, Heritage NZ and OPUS/FH.

In addition to the above submission, KRT would like to request the current street rubbish bins are replaced with the new styled rubbish bins. In consultation and support from the Kumara Sportsground Committee and Kumara General Store, our town would like 4 standard rubbish bins. They can be located where the street rubbish bins are currently located. (Kumara Memorial Hall, General Store x2, and Village Green). This submission does not want the existing large rubbish bins at the Kumara Sportsground removed or changed. The Sportsground committee monitor the use of the existing sportsground bins (including advising specific locals they cannot use these as their weekly disposal system). These bins reach capacity at the time of most emptying's as the travelling public and/or users of the toilet facilities are also users of the public rubbish bins. People regularly use the toilet facilities and empty their cars of their rubbish during the same visit.

And finally, on behalf of the Kumara Sportsground Committee, we would like the Sportsground existing annual "Toilet Grant" raised from \$6,500 to \$7,500. This allocation of funding has not increased in many years, however the use of this facility has significantly increased with the Wilderness Trail participants and general increase in tourist numbers using this facility. While it has been able to be keep well maintained but the committee is struggling to cover its running costs in the cleaning (including the septic tank now emptied annually). The proposed increase would reflect the current costs to maintain the cleaning contract at the level that is required.

I wish to be heard. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely

Mundalland Fiona Pollard

Chair

**KRT** 

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 May 2016 12:03 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Categories: Submissions

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 12:02 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Celina LIn

Organisation (if applicable): Punga Grove Motel & Suites Postal address:

40 Cron Street Franz Josef

Email: host@pungagrove.co.nz Phone Number: 03 752-0001 Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

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From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 3:01 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 15:00 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Nathalie Giroux

Organisation (if applicable): Haast Lodge Postal address: PO Box 11 Haast

Email: info@haastlodge.com Phone Number: 037500703

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here: I want to see the \$10,000.00 allocated for the Haast Township Reserve to be carried over to the 2016-2017 annual plan for the Township Reserve. I also want to see the fund increased as it is currently insufficient to do any enhancement project it is the Southern Gateway to the West Coast. We are currently working on a drafted plan for the reserve enhancement and getting quotes to do the work. We are also seeking further funding as the current fund is insufficient to commence on the project.

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<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 3:02 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 15:01 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Ian and Kathy Hartshorne

Organisation (if applicable): Franz Hire & Contracting Ltd Postal address:

P O Box 142 Franz Josef 7856

Email: info@franzhire.co.nz Phone Number: 037520244

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

There has not been enough information for the proposed rating structure for the waste water plant for Franz Josef.

Council already collect a capital contribution for waste water - not going to pay twice.

Unfairly rated on accommodation providers.

Asking the community for 50% is not a far call.

Small business can not afford to fund this.

This will discourage growth and investment for which you as a council should be encouraging, as you attend the Franz Josef working group and will help fund projects like this in the future with receiving more rates from investors.

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 3:12 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 15:12 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Josh Bramley

Organisation (if applicable): YHA Franz Josef Postal address:

2 Cron Street Franz Josef Glacier

Email: josh.bramley@yha.co.nz Phone Number: 037520754 Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

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From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

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Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 3:24 p.m.

To: consult

Subject: Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 15:24 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Janelle Shaw

Organisation (if applicable): Fern Grove Gifts & Souvenirs Postal address:

P.O Box 8 Franz Josef

Email: ferngrovefj@gmail.com Phone Number: 037520731 Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

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party?: No Do you require a language interpretor in order to present at the hearing?: No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

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Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 3:25 p.m.

To: consult

Subject: Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 15:25 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Janelle Shaw

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: P.O Box 101

Franz Josef Glacier

Email: ms.horses@icloud.com Phone Number: 03 7520655 Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

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To the Mayor and Councillors

Submission - District and Annual Plans 2016

- 1) That the future granting of building sites on Road Reserve to be curtailed
- 2) That grants in lieu of rates be struck for those building sites on WDC and other non freehold land. i.e. Maori and DOC leases.

#### Reasons:

 Road reserves were set aside for current and future access. Should there be a valid reason for a change in use then an approved procedure should be followed to implement any change.

The Ad Hoc leasing of road reserve sites for baches and holiday homes contradicts the intent of the District Plan. These are formed sub divisions and ribbon developments outside designated townships.

Those developers wishing to sub divide land into building sites are disadvantaged. They are subject to a set of rules, procedures, including survey, resource consents subject to appeal, payment of a sum to the Recreational Reserve Fund, rates, and in some cases, access on to highways and roading access to the sites. These conditions do not necessarily apply to the Council Controlled Organisation.

Many of these road reserve leases are sited in the World Heritage area and I don't believe that this Ad Hoc development is conducive to the objectives and principles of Te Whai Pounamu.

#### 2) Rates

Generally those occupiers of those leases/licences on Road Reserve and non freehold land are not individually rated.

There are exceptions e.g. Mahitahi Trust have 8 leases on 1 title and each is individually rated. The "non rating" disadvantages, not only WDC, but those who are rated and contribute in good faith to the economic and social wellbeing of the district.

There are instances where building sites are not recognised at all.

This could be easily rectified. E.g. Those responsible for managing the leases pay a grant in lieu of rates; equivalent to the amount charged those on freehold title.

I thank you for receiving this submission

I wish to be heard.

John Birchfield

Contact Name: Rosie McGrath Organisation: Active West Coast rosie.mcgrath@cdhb.health.nz Phone: 03 768 1160 ext 716

Postal Address: C/- P O Box 443

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for 30 minutes a day

ACTIVE

WESTCOAST

Westland District Council Private Bag 704 Hokitika 7842

re: Submission to the Westland District Council's Annual Plan 2016.

# **Active West Coast**

Active West Coast (AWC) is a network of agencies and groups committed to improving the health of West Coasters through the promotion of healthy lifestyles such as increased physical activity, improved nutrition, living smokefree, youth and older person's health. While member organisations were involved in preparing this submission, the recommendations in their entirety, do not necessarily reflect the views of each individual agency.

The World Health Organisation, as part of its Healthy Communities initiative, has stated that:

People in a healthy community enjoy a clean, safe physical environment, which includes:

- · adequate housing
- a responsible use of resources sustainable for the long term
- strong, mutually supportive networks
- high levels of participation and control over decisions affecting health and wellbeing
- adequate access to food, water, shelter, income, safety, and recreation
- programmes for promoting health, preventing disease, and limiting the ill effects of disability
- a chance for a wide variety of contact, interaction and communication, including educational experiences
- a diverse, vital and innovative local economy
- a strong local cultural and spiritual heritage,
- access to quality health services.

We acknowledge the importance of Council's huge role in creating a healthy environment in which its residents can live, grow, learn, thrive, play and work. We support in principle the adoption of the Annual Plan and make the following comments based on our submission to the 2015 Long Term Plan.

# Hokitika Waterfront Plan

Creating accessible exciting and vibrant places such as the proposed waterfront development encourages people to be active and to connect with each other and their environment. This has beneficial effects on both community and individual wellbeing. We agree with Council that an increase in funds is an investment in seeing this project come to

fruition, especially as this project appears to have good community buy-in with potential support from a number of volunteers.

AWC supports Council's intention to utilise Reserve Funds to progress the Hokitika Waterfront Development Concept Plan.

We encourage Council to include sea-level change projections into the detailed plan.

# Dog Control:

We support the proposed changes to the Dog Control Policy including the changed fee structure. We believe the introduction of the Selected Dog Owner class and criteria, and the corresponding fee reduction will encourage more responsible dog ownership and create a safer community for all residents.

# **Smokefree Environments:**

Tobacco use remains a major contributor to disease and mortality on the West Coast. Therefore creating environments that promote Smokefree lifestyles is an investment in the wellbeing of our communities.

We therefore applaud Council for its recent move to include outdoor dining areas on Council controlled land in its Smokefree Environments Policy.

The creation of healthier outdoor dining areas acknowledges and respects the increasing proportion of the population who are non-smokers. It also gives impetus and support for smokers who are trying to quit.

# **Safer Community Accreditation & Youth Development:**

We take this opportunity to congratulate Council for working with other organisations and agencies to apply for Safe Community accreditation.

We have advocated for the development of a Youth Development Strategy in a number of previous submissions and are pleased this has been included as an action in the new Safe Community Accreditation application.

This will be an important step in demonstrating commitment to engaging with the district's young people and involving them in decisions that impact on them and their future.

As we have previously stated youth led planning and a long term commitment to the Strategy by Council (and other agencies) will be essential to retaining young people in the district and enabling them to achieve their potential.

We recommend Council seek wide engagement and undertake comprehensive consultation with young people in the development of the Strategy.

We offer our assistance with both the Safer Community implementation and the development of a Youth Development Strategy.

#### Physical activity opportunities:

Lack of physical activity is now a major cause of illness and death both globally and nationally. AWC therefore endorses Council's investment in footpaths and cycleways as they encourage residents to be active.

We congratulate Council for its role in the development of the Westland Wilderness Trail (WWT). This trail has supported many residents to become more active and is now attracting many visitors to our area which will benefit the local economy. We thank Council for continuing to support the WWT and for supporting other possible trails within the district. The West Coast has huge potential to be a cycling mecca which, if handled well, could benefit the physical and economic wellbeing of many communities.

# Alcohol:

The misuse of alcohol continues to harm individuals, whanau and the wider Westland District community. Our submission to the 2015-25 LTP recommended the development of a Local Alcohol Plan as regulation is an effective method in reducing alcohol-related harm.

We recommend Council progresses the development of a Local Alcohol Policy that focusses on liquor licencing and also addresses the broader goal of reducing alcohol-related harm.

Our member organisations are available to help with the development of such a policy.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the draft Annual Plan. We do not wish to speak to this submission, however we may be contacted by phone on 768 1160 or by emailing rosie.mcgrath@cdhb.health.nz if required.

Rosie McGrath Coordinator Active West Coast

#### SUBMISSION on the DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN 2016/17

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Organisation:WAI_	
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Phone Number:037556	883Signature:
Do you wish to be heard in s	upport of your submission?:
Yes	No

#### The Hokitika Waterfront

The proposal for 2016/17 is to further support the implementation of the Waterfront Plan. It is proposed that \$100,000 be added to this with funds coming from the existing Reserves Development Fund.

I support this proposal.

#### Reasons:

- Little has been done to replace or improve amenities on the beachfront since construction of the seawall in 2013.
- Two years of time and effort on the part of volunteers and council staff, plus \$30,000, have already been
  invested in the developing the Waterfront Concept Plan. This will be wasted if the project stalls.
- Working drawings for Stage 1 will be completed in June ready for implementation at the beginning of the 2016/17 year.
- Public consultation has indicated positive support for the Waterfront Concept Plan and its implementation.
- The project fits the purpose of the Reserves Development Fund- to improve recreational facilities. The
  waterfront is the most popular recreational area of the town, a draw card for visitors and Hokitika's special
  asset.
- \$100,000 is necessary to achieve the landscaping work for the Stage 1 (beachfront). Any less will
  compromise the design and continuity of landscaping on the beachfront.
- Laying the foundation of the Concept Plan by landscaping will provide a framework for further initiatives
  which could be carried out by community groups or council (such as barbecue areas; picnic shelters; play
  equipment; seating; sculpture etc).

# Name: Vulla Bradshaw Organisation: Preferred Contact details (email or address): Juliabradshaw@x+rq.(o.nz Phone Number: 027 320 8788 Signature: Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?:

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<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 5:12 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 17:11 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Helen Lash

Organisation (if applicable): Franz Josef Community Council Postal address:

PO Box 86 Franz Josef 7856

Email: franzjosefcdo@xtra.co.nz Phone Number: 027 261 6750 Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

Regarding the new WWP for Franz Josef:

- \* council did not provide enough information to the ratepayers of Franz Josef for them to support the proposed rating structure of the new plant.
- \* not just those connected to the WW scheme benefit from it a district rating scheme needs to be assessed as an option for funding
- \* council have been collecting a capital contribution from Franz Josef for waste water currently around \$70,000pa therefore the ratepayers are paying twice
- \* will council be paying a per pan rate for the public toilets in the township?
- \* councils preferred option of funding the WWP is not sustainable for existing businesses and will potentially discourage growth & investment
- \* should this plant be funded over a longer period?
- \* with having limited funds in councils reserves, council should have gone for a higher government subsidy around 75%, particularly in light of increasing tourism numbers.

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This community asks council to provide all essential information regarding the proposed new Waste Water Plant to this community so that other financial and management scenarios can be assessed and considered.

#### Regarding the public toilets in the Franz Josef township:

Funding for the cleaning of these has not been assessed for over 5 years. In peak tourism season, (December to 31st March) the four toilets are servicing up to 15 x 45 seater buses per day plus all other road traffic. For April May, these bus numbers drop back to 9 - 10 per day, from June through to September 1 down to 5-7.

These toilets are currently funded to two cleans per day although this last season a third clean was granted by council from February to March.

Franz Josefs public toilets would be some of the worst in the South Island (excluding Greymouths). For the volume of tourists passing through this township utilising this facility, they are a disgrace and an embarrassment. Franz Josef is meant to be the jewel in Westlands crown. This last season, DOC permitted useage of the toilets at the their former I-site which assisted with the numbers but did nothing to benefit the cleanliness of the public toilets.

These toilets need 3 cleans per day for December minimum stepping up to 4 or

5 cleans per day from January through to end of April, reducing back down to perhaps 2 per day for the winter months. The contract for the cleaning of the toilets needs to stipulate the times of the cleanings also as they are

currently cleaned at 5am and 4pm which is a joke when you consider the hundreds that use the loos between those hours.

# Rubbish receptacles in the township:

As the tourist numbers increase in the township, so is the rubbish being left in the streets. The double rubbish recycling bins council had installed some years ago are all in the very southern end of the township which means the bulk of the township is lacking in rubbish receptacles. We would like council to assess whether some of these can be relocated to more serviceable areas in the township.

We thank council for their considerations.

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 May 2016 5:39 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 17:39 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Margaret Silcock Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address:

151 Fitzherbert Street

Hokitika

Email: msilcock@kinect.co.nz Phone Number: 755 6595

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

I oppose the proposed Select Owner Policy on the grounds that microchipping of dogs became compulsory in July 2006. Any dogs born before 2006 do not need to be microchipped.

I also oppose the proposal that in order to obtain Selected Owner status that the dog must be neutered. My dog is entire but he is on a leash when not on my property.

I had Selected Owner status under the previous conditions and my current dog met the previous conditions. Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?: No If yes, do you want to make a joint case with another party?: No Do you require a language interpretor in order to present at the hearing?: No Would you prefer to present via an audio or audio-visual link?: No

From: Neville Manson <nevillemanson@xtra.co.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 5:40 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Submission on the Draft Annual Plan

Attachments: 2009.jpg; 2015.jpg

This submission relates to the proposed storm water upgrades and in particular the proposal to install two pumping stations at Kaniere in year six of the program. The submission supports the proposed program in general, but with some reservations regarding Kaniere.

In order to make a more informed submission, I had requested via the council booth at Agfest and more recently via the council website, the location of the two proposed pumping stations and a copy of the consultant's report on which the proposal is founded. Regrettably, neither request has been granted. I therefore have to assume the locations are to serve the two area's I know to have suffered serious recent flooding. These being the area on Kaniere Road in the vicinity of the Kaniere Hotel and the low lying area further east on Kaniere Road between Kaniere & Bridge Motors and the Kaniere Primary School.

I do not support pumping stations with their ongoing operating and maintenance costs unless all other alternatives have been addressed. In both cases and the Kaniere Hotel area in particular, I do not believe this to be the case. The root cause of flooding in this area has not been addressed. Flooding of a family members property in 1991 and 2015 resulted from flood waters percolating through dredge tailings from a dredge pond to the northeast of the area. The family member has lived at this locality since before the dredge mined the area and cannot recall water flows through the tailings prior to the 1991 flood. Drainage of the various small dredge ponds scattered throughout the tailings has traditionally been through the coarse tailing gravels and along the western perimeter of the tailings into the dredge pond at the Kaniere domain and exiting via the Shenandoah Creek. Over the space of several years this drainage path has been significantly modified, the most significant probably being the filling in of the dredge pond at the Kaniere domain, I believe in the late 1970's. Notwithstanding this, the tailings continued to drain into the Shenandoah Creek. In more recent times considerable changes have occurred at the Westroads yard, with the yard expanding into the tailings up to and into the dredge pond at the eastern end of the yard. These activities and the attendant restriction of surface and sub-surface water drainage have raised the water table under flood conditions, to the point waters take the path of least resistance through the tailings onto the lower lying areas behind and along the south western edge of the tailings. Storm water drains in this vicinity are inadequate to cope with this water influx regardless of the fact there is still considerable drainage head to the river, even in extreme flood conditions. Water which cannot drain via storm water is effectively held in by the much higher Kaniere Road.

The root cause of this flooding is the restriction to the outflow of the dredge pond behind the tailings, either by surface flow or through the tailing gravels caused by Westroads activities over a number years. The dredge pond has been partially filled. The volume of tailings material between the dredge pond and the flood prone area has been reduced by approximately forty percent. The attached Google Earth images of the area clearly demonstrate the degree of this modification between 2009 and 2015. (Earlier 2006 images have not been used for comparison because they are poor quality)

Before any consideration is given to installing pumping stations, Westroads should be required to address and correct the effects of their activities at no expense to the rate payer and now, not in six years' time. This would mitigate the flood risk immediately. Extreme events may still pose some risk, but with reduced flood volumes expected due to reduced or no flow through the tailings, this would more appropriately be addressed by increasing storm water pipe diameters.

I believe the Google Earth images below and attached are self-explanatory so do not intend to speak in support of my submission.

**Neville Manson** 

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From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 7:35 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 19:35 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Ray Mudgway/Nigel Orr Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: PO Box 80 Franz Josef

Email: franz@jagescape.co.nz

**Phone Number:** 

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

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average)

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From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

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Sent: Wednesday, 4 May 2016 8:17 p.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Wednesday, May 4, 2016 - 20:16 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Duncan Hamilton Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: 10 Richards Drive

Hokitika

Email: cdkk@xtra.co.nz Phone Number: 755 7756

Submission: I support the proposal

Type submission here:

I support most of the proposed changes to dog registration fees and structure. I dont agree that to meet the criteria of a selected dog owner the dog needs to be neutered as many responsible dog owners would meet every other criteria and their dogs will not create extra work for the council.

Good owners can breed dogs for useful purposes. I have bred five other operational search dogs out of a total of 19 working SAR in the country dogs to quote an example.

Personally I will be applying for my dogs to have working dog status as they are working dogs although I live within the town.my dogs are Search and Rescue dogs. As recently as 2/5/16 we were in Franz Josef searching for a missing tourist. We have been operational for ten years. Some of my colleagues in other areas have been getting free registration as recognition for their voluntary service. I am happy to contribute to the dog regime but should be recognised as a working dog handler/owner.

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

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**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2016 4:32 a.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Thursday, May 5, 2016 - 04:31 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Logan Skinner

Organisation (if applicable): Resident

Postal address: PO Box 44

Franz Josef

Email: skinnerlogan@yahoo.co.nz

Phone Number:

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

Franz Josef Waste water plant.

I do not support the proposed local funding model for the Franz Josef waste water ponds. I support a district wide rate.

The proposed funding approach is:

- not equitable
- inconsistent with councils other funding policies
- the proposed rating method does not reflect benefit /use
- not all users are captured by the rate
- councils approach will damage tourism district wide.

#### Inequitable

The funding of the ponds replacement from a rate only on the connected Franz Josef rating units is inequitable for the following reasons:

- The Franz Josef community has paid a significant amount into the general
- fund for waste water over the last 20 plus years, these funds have been spent elsewhere in the district and now the community has been left with no reserves to contribute to this works despite the past significant contributions.
- Most years Council has funded depreciation, the depreciation funds should

be made available to the Franz Josef community to part fund the works.

- The LTP issued only last year did not propose that the treatment ponds would be funded only from local residents. Given the size of the project this is a significant departure from the 10 year plan only in year 2.
- There has been no past discussion or consultation on this funding approach, this should have occurred as part of the LTP.
- As council has stated in the past the Franz Josef community has

contributed more to the council funds to WDC than the value of works it has received. If the community needs to self fund the treatment ponds with no support from the wider district then all rate payments from the community need to be ring fenced for investment only in Franz Josef when that investment is needed.

Inconsistent with other funding approaches If the Franz Josef treatment plant is only to be funded by the Franz Josef community why is the council not taking this approach with all of its facilities in the District. If the proposed funding approach is taken for Franz Josef other communities have the right to expect they will have to fund all capital works and so all payments for water, waste water and other council services need to be ring fenced for each community so they have some funds in reserve (or accumulated depreciation) when significant capital contributions are required. If the proposed funding approach is taken, I request all Franz Josef rates are ring fenced for only Franz Josef projects.

If the proposed funding approach is taken, what will happen to Franz Josef rates when the loan has been repaid, will residents then be entirely exempt from contributions to any district wide waste water fund and only need to contribute to costs specifically related to Franz Josef?

How is this funding approach consistent with the councils past statements and policy of a district wide contribution to a vibrant community and not paying for services?

Rating mechanism

The proposed rating mechanism does not represent use or benefit of the ponds.

If there is to be a local rating system the most equitable approach would be water consumption, a restaurant will use more water a day than a motel with its small number of toilets in constant use and a kitchen consuming a significant amount of water. A motel will pay significantly more than a restaurant towards the cost as it has more toilets, most of whom will go unused days at a time over the Autumn, Winter and Spring and even when in use will only be only flushed a few times a day. Accommodation providers are particularly negatively affected by the proposed rating method as they have a large number of low use toilets. Some Accommodation room types have less than 30% occupancy and normally only have 2 people in the room, the cost will be the same for this connection as a house with 5 people doing washing, cooking and flushing one toilet and occupied year round. The council had funds for water metres in Franz Josef and miss spent this on a water system that was not commissioned for the season, never went to tender and does not address the stated problem of limited water at the intake during dry spells. Given the significant money that is involved it is unacceptable for council not to rate on an equitable basis. Rates allocation

The proposed loan is to replace the treatment facility and not the pipes to the treatment facility however council has not proosed to rate all pans in the community, who ultimately use the treatment facility.

There is no clear justification for why a 20 room motel in the town should pay \$11,780 (2018 est. of \$589 x 20) for the capital works on the treatment plant where a motel out of the town which will cart its waste to the same plant to be treated will pay nothing or a small token dumping charge. The capital works is for the treatment plant, not the pipe to it. Only charging those directly connected for a facility the entire district uses is not equitable and encourages development outside the main township – a planning principal that the council has opposed in the past.

#### Damage to Westland Tourism

As stated numerous times by various coast wide and district wide organisations Tourism is an important industry in the district and "may"

be a future driver of employment and growth. Based on visitor numbers the Glaciers and Franz Josef are the key attractions in the district, encouraging tourists to spend 2-4 days of their limited holiday time on the West Coast. The Glaciers are disappearing, foot access onto the ice has been lost, the current viewing access is getting further back from the Glaciers and the general tourist experience is significantly worst than 10 years ago. If Franz Josef is not to end up a ghost town, like many in the district who relied on logging, we need to insure the town remains an attractive place to visit for Tourists and the cost of visiting is competitive. This proposal will both damage the towns competiveness as an international destination and encourage more ribbon development further to the North of the town. This proposal will make it less likely we can build a compact town easy for visitors to walk around and enjoy. This proposal will put off development in general, making it less likely the town can build the critical mass to survive as a destination as the Glacier retreats. If Franz Josef and the Glaciers do not remain key tourist attractions the entire district wide tourism will suffer.

There appears to be a misconception from those not in the Tourism industry that costs can be passed to tourists due the mistaken assumption their demand is elastic, that tourists need to come down the West Coast and that there will always be more tourists. There are many world wide examples of areas rapidly falling out of favour with international tourists and abandoned and half built hotels and restaurants. The Tourist trade is not well distributed around NZ with many other areas fighting to attract the limited time and money of the Tourists we are lucky to have visit us.

I hope in 5 years time we don't look back as say this was the third and final nail WDC put in the coffin of West Coast Tourism, the other two nails being the failure to adopt the town plan and half implemented Fault Rupture Avoidance Zone. These council actions has left high profile parts of the town with boarded up shops and derelict buses along with unsightly houses as maintenance has been stopped. The best case is WDC is putting off investment and damaging small businesses and lowering the long term growth potential of the district, the worst case is that Tourism will go the way of logging on the West Coast with more ghost towns being created and the population declining.

Lack of consultation

As reported in past council documentation, there was a known flood risk to the ponds and yet council staff with no community consultation decided to under insure the treatment facility.

There has been no past discussion with the community that the ponds would be funded from a local rate and not the general rate. Had the under insurance and the funding approach been known to the community the LTP would have received significant submissions on these facts.

Council has not provided the community with essential information requested about the treatment ponds and costs. For the above reasons I support the continuation of the district wide funding model for waste water treatment that the community has been paying into.

Regards

Logan

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2016 4:57 a.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Thursday, May 5, 2016 - 04:56 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Logan Skinner

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: PO Box 44 Franz Josef

Email: skinnerlogan@yahoo.co.nz

Phone Number:

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

Rating Information Database Accuracy

The current rating information database has not been adequately maintained and has led to incorrect rates strikes in the past – specifically where a rate or charge is based on a properties use.

The Mayor has publically acknowledge that properties use (commercial, rural

etc) has not been adequately maintained and committed to addressing this as part of the consultation process when rates where moved from land value to capital value in 2015, this has not happened in a robust and complete way. Council staff have said that holiday homes and other businesses operating in a rural or residential area are in commercial activities yet these have not been identified using the websites and other readily available resources and charged commercial rates and tourism promotions charges etc. This creates an uneven playing field for businesses operating in the correct / traditional commercial areas.

It would seem negligent and possibly illegal for council to continue to strike rates based on data they know is not complete and accurate as this has been a known issue for at least one year.

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

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**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2016 7:27 a.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Thursday, May 5, 2016 - 07:26 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Adrian Waters

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: PO Box 21

Franz Josef Glacier

Email: Adrian.Waters@aoteaelectric.co.nz Phone Number: 0277282078

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

• Council did not provide enough information to us to support the proposed rating structure of the new Waste Water Plant for Franz Josef.

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- Not just those connected to the WW scheme benefit from it a district
  rating scheme needs to be assessed as an option for funding (a set fee is proposed for unconnected properties in the
  area)
- Working from the figures provided in the Consultation Document: Franz township With the subsidy (preferred council option) will double current rates

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  expect to receive a green light.
- We ask council to provide all essential information regarding the proposed new Waste Water Plan to this community so that other financial and management scenarios can be assessed and considered.



5 May 2016

To whom it may concern

# Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio (TROM) Submission-Westland District Council Annual Plan

I am submitting on behalf of Te Rünanga o Makaawhio, the legal entity which represents the hapū of Kāti Māhaki ki Makaawhio, who are manawhenua in the southern part of Westland.

Our legal identity is gained under the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu Act 1996 as one of its 18 constituent papatipu rūnanga and our area of authority covers a large area of the South Westland region, extending exclusively from Piopiotahi (Milford) in the south through to Poerua River in the north, with shared authority with Te Rūnanga o Ngāti Waewae from north bank of the Poerua to south bank of Hokitika.

Our submission covers four areas and we would like the opportunity to speak to our submission.

#### 1. TIMING AND OPTIONS FOR NEW FRANZ JOSEF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT

TROM are concerned about the current options being considered in the Annual Plan. We support the proposal to install a new system as soon as possible to ensure there is a properly functioning system able to deal with the treatment requirements and to ensure that there is no further threat of raw sewage being released into the river or the Marine Reserve area at its mouth.

We oppose the proposal to charge Franz Josef residents additional rates to recoup the costs associated with the new treatment system. Franz Josef is an iconic tourism attraction here on Te Tai o Poutini which benefits the entire Westland District and can only be accessed by SH6 and requires visitors to pass through Hokitika and other townships on route, or Haast and back up the coast.

However, option 2 which suggests the costs be borne by the entire district, is not the only option and we would propose the council considers the introduction of a visitor levy, charged across the district and utilised to cover infrastructural costs such as Franz Wastewater Treatment Plant. We do not believe the levy needs to be too high if considering the number of visitors to the region.

#### 2. 1080

TROM wishes to reiterate its opposition to the use of 1080 in any form in our rohe. We believe the WDC has a role to play in limiting its wholesale use for Pest control in its district.

Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio Inc, 56 Brittan Street, Po Box 225, Hokitika 7842 Telephone 03 755 7885 Fax 03 755 6885 Email susan.wallace@ngaitahu.iwi.nz www.makawhio.maori.nz

#### 3. HOLLYFORD TO HAAST ROAD PROPOSAL

TROM wishes to reiterate its opposition to the Haast-Hollyford road link proposal. Our position remains firmly opposed to a proposed route — from the Arawhata River in the north to near Wawahiwaka (Lake Alabaster) in the south that will cut right through the heart of our ancestral homelands.

As kaitiaki (guardians) of this land we owe it to this and future generations to ensure that the southernmost part of our rohe is not spoiled in the name of commercial gain. We recognise and understand the importance of tourism to the West Coast economy, as this is our home and livelihood too. However, some places are just too special. We don't need roads everywhere. Roads do not only bring tourists; they bring rubbish, pollution and open up new corridors for the spread of pests.

Roads also bring extra demands for infrastructure, and already this summer the West Coast is bursting at the seams with tourism, but with not enough toilets and rubbish facilities to service them and failing treatment systems that require urgent replacement.

The remoteness and the feeling of being alone in countryside that has scarcely known human contact already draws visitors to this area with the popular Ngai Tahu-owned Hollyford Track guided walks. It does need a highway slashed through the middle of it. This is the last bastion of South Westland and as tangata whenua we will fight to keep it that way.

#### 4. SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT' AND 'MAORI PARTICIPATION IN DECISION-MAKING' POLICIES

TROM wishes to draw Westland District Councils attention to its polices in relation to Significance and Engagement' and 'Maori participation in decision-making' policies in its Long Term Plan, noting that although these policies have been drafted for our local context, and reflect goals for a good relationship between Westland District Council and Westland Iwi and Rūnanga, the lack of any prescriptive procedures should not be interpreted as taking the foot off the need for good consultation and we require more regular and open communication. The opportunity for a dedicated manawhenua seat on the Council would provide an excellent vehicle to reflect true partnership.

Kai te mihi (Regards)

Susan Wallace

Tumuaki

For Te Rūnanga o Makaawhio

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From: Jessica Kowalczyk <jessicakowalczyk840@hotmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2016 10:27 a.m.

To: consult Subject: Waste Water

I oppose the proposed funding model for the Franz Josef water treatment plan, I support a district wide rate to fund the works.

The proposal to fund the works only from the Franz Josef community is likely to lead to higher costs for tourists and risk further reducing the likelihood of tourists visiting the district and town. Franz Josef is the tourism capital of the district and the entire district benefits from Franz Josef remaining attractive and affordable to Tourists who pass through the entire district when staying in Franz Josef.

This proposal will drive up rents and put off developers of staff accommodation which is already in short supply, the costs are likely to negatively impact businesses and also lead to less investment in the town and fewer employment opportunities.

Jessica Kowalczyk

From: Sent: Tim Jungke <Jungkeee@web.de> Thursday, 5 May 2016 10:29 a.m.

To:

consult

Subject:

WDC Submission

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Kind Regards,

Tim Jungke

P.O. Box 1

7856 Franz Josef

From: council@westlanddc.govt.nz on behalf of Westland District Council

<consult@westlanddc.govt.nz>

**Sent:** Thursday, 5 May 2016 10:34 a.m.

To: consult

**Subject:** Form submission from: Submission on the draft Annual Plan 2016/17

Submitted on Thursday, May 5, 2016 - 10:34 Submitted by user: Anonymous Submitted values are:

Name: Hayley Rendel

Organisation (if applicable):

Postal address: 50 Greens Road,

Franz Josef

Email: hayley\_rendel@hotmail.co.uk

Phone Number:

Submission: I oppose the proposal

Type submission here:

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