



Tēnā koe Caraline,

Thank you for informing Tūhourangi Tribal Authority (TTA) of the submission for the construction of a private boat lifter and jet-ski lifter.

TTA opposes the establishment of the boat lifter and jet-ski lifter

TTA opposes this submission as this works does not align with the aspirations, needs and expectations of Hapū and Iwi as traditional owners of Ōkāreka. We will not support the private and exclusive build and use of structures - a boat lifter and jet-ski lifter - on the lake.

TTA support responses by Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) in former emails

Te Tūāpapa and He Mahere Taiao are two documents that are recognised by Crown entities, Bay of Plenty Regional Council and Rotorua Lakes Council that aim to help guide on matters of decision-making for our environment with particular regard to the Te Arawa Lakes recognised under the Te Arawa Lakes Settlement Act 2006.

It shall be recognised by TTA that these values, actions, limits and outcomes therein contained do reflect what we as a people will support or oppose with respect to the lakes within our tribal boundary, including Ōkāreka.

These 2 structures do not fit with the objectives and policies within He Mahere Taiao (Environmental Plan).

It is especially stipulated in He Mahere Taiao - Policy 7.2.6 – Within the Lakes A zone, boat lifters are to be considered a non-compliant structure.

This is further stipulated in the Lake Okareka Cultural Mapping Report under section 4.2.

As such, these Plans have statutory weight under sections 5-8, 35A, 61, 66, 74 & 108 of the Resource Management Act.

- 5 - Purpose and Principles of the Act
- 6 – Matters of National Importance (e) the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu, and other taonga
- 7 – Other Matters (a) = Kaitiakitanga
- 8 – Treaty of Waitangi
- 35A – Duty to keep records about iwi and hapū
- 61 – Matters to be considered by regional council (Policy Statements)
- 66 – Matters to be considered by regional council (Plans)
- 74 – Matters to be considered by territorial authority
- 108 – Conditions of resource consents

Other Legislations

1. Public Services Act s14.
2. Conservation Act s.4

The Treaty of Waitangi

The Treaty gives us the right to govern our own affairs and that the Crown is to provide protection of our taonga as well as provide for Hapū and Iwi as equal citizens in Aotearoa. Therefore, for an Act to give effect to the Treaty of Waitangi, Te Tūāpapa and He Mahere Taiao must be taken into consideration and give effect to.

Conclusion

TTA shares sentiments of TALT where we value lake structures that are for public access and use as they enable greater access for not only Hapū and Iwi but also public to the lakes.

Signed by TTA Trustees

