

Tabled at Hearing Wednesday 20 April 2016

BEFORE THE CANTERBURY REGIONAL COUNCIL

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991.

AND

IN THE MATTER Proposed Plan Change 6 (Wairewa)
to the partially operative Canterbury
Land and Water Regional Plan

SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OF BRYAN JOHN MCGILLAN
on behalf of
WAIREWA RŪNANGA AND TE RŪNANGA O NGĀI TAHU

19th April 2016

INTRODUCTION

1. Kia ora tātou my name is Bryan John McGillan.
2. I am a Resource Management Planner and Advisor for Mahaanui Kurataiao Ltd (MKT), a company that provides manawhenua environmental services for the six papatipu rūnanga in the Christchurch region. MKT is owned by these rūnanga and has a mandate to engage in resource management business on their behalf.
3. I am familiar with the Wairewa catchment. In summary:
4. Overall I support the recommendations made in the section 42A report on P C 6 Wairewa except where specific additions or alterations are requested.
5. The significance of Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth as both an area of Statutory Acknowledgement and a Customary Fishery needs to be clearly articulated. This is particularly so due to the expiration of the Ngāi Tahu Claims Settlement (Resource Management Consent Notification) Regulations 1999.
6. In my opinion the key issues for managing freshwater in this catchment today include:
7. Water quality and the impact of current farming practices resulting in bank instability, removal of riparian planting and the impact of this on nutrient inputs, sediment and faecal matter.
8. Water quantity with low flows impacting on ecosystem and ecological biodiversity particularly the Ōkana, Ōkuti and Tākiritawai Rivers
9. The cumulative effects of these issues on Te Roto o Wairewa and the Ngāi Tahu Manawhenua cultural values. In particular Mahinga kai and the exercise of kaitiakitanga.

10. **CATCHMENT OBJECTIVES & RECOGNITION OF NGAĪ TAHU VALUES**
11. The submission by Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and Wairewa Rūnanga requests consistency with the naming of the catchment. It is considered that it should state Te Roto o Wairewa/Lake Forsyth throughout.
12. The joint statement of expert planning witnesses prepared by myself and Mr Alastair Picken clarifies the areas of agreement and those of disagreement. It is hoped that this hearing will be able to progress any outstanding matters.
13. I contend that that the Ngāi Tahu submission is "on" P C 6 and that the purpose of the plan change is to achieve sustainable management of the catchment and give effect to the objectives of the Partially Operative LWRP. The role of the planning process is to seek relevant input from various parties and assess the merit of those submissions in achieving the Objectives of the Partially Operative LWRP.
14. Given that we are looking specifically within the Wairewa catchment it seems reasonable to focus on the issues specific to that catchment and the most effective, efficient and sustainable way in which to achieve those objectives, policies and rules.
15. In short Plan Change 6 in my view misses the mark of how any plan provisions are to effectively manage the very water quality, water quantity and Ngāi Tahu Manawhenua cultural values identified in the ZIP addendum.

B J McGillan



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