



Taggarts/Rangiora Racecourse Mine Application

To Whom It May Concern.

I am concerned that Taggarts have thought to mine near a developing town, and so, **oppose their application**.

Taggarts base is near the Ashley River (just a little distance from where I live) and I would suggest that they have some other options which have greater merit than the Racecourse site they propose. Their staff have been asked not to discuss this matter.

A couple of floodbanks have been established in order to protect the emerging city of Rangiora from being flooded.

The braided river is constantly ‘topped up’ with gravel working its way down from the mountains. As this occurs the bed of the river builds up.
Endangered birds nest amongst the gravel and detritus during their breeding season.

There is a conflict between various parties as to which has predominant right to use the river bed, and their protection. The two most important parties in this multi-party discussion are the birds, and the human residents of the area. Taggarts become a third party.

If the birds were allowed part of the riverbed during breeding season, and to have that area undisturbed during that time; and in the rest of the season Ecan requesting Taggarts to create stipulated channels for the river to flow by removing gravel to perhaps a 2-3 metre depth during the “non-bird” season, and stockpiling it for later use, this would minimise the flooding danger to the town, give Taggarts an ‘unending’ supply of mining material, and give birds the respite they require.

Surely it is just a matter of negotiation, goodwill, common sense, and reasonableness?

I believe we have a responsibility as human residents of this good old earth, to take good care of the creation we are honoured to live within, to be considerate and thoughtful of one another as we go about our days – and leave the world when we leave it a more practical attitude to live by, and nature being helped to serve us well, whether it be birds, or gravel or whatever.

Yours Sincerely,

W.Trevor Wright.
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