

**BEFORE THE HEARINGS PANEL
FOR THE QUEENSTOWN LAKES DISTRICT COUNCIL**

UNDER the Resource Management Act 1991

IN THE MATTER of a submission on the Queenstown
Lakes Proposed District Plan

BY **Lesley and Jeremy Burdon**
Submitter

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF LESLEY BURDON

Dated: 14 July 2020

MAY IT PLEASE THE PANEL:

Introduction

- [1] My name is Lesley Noeline Burdon of Wanaka.
- [2] I am asking that the Wahi Tupuna overlay identified on the Proposed District Plan (**PDP**) planning maps be deleted from our property at 1576 Makarora-Lake Hāwea Road (State Highway 6).
- [3] There has been no consultation with affected parties which is totally unacceptable as you know.
- [4] The approach by central government, Queenstwon Lakes District Council (**Council**) and Ngāi Tahu to put arbitrary lines on broad areas of land as Wahi Tupuna is not appropriate.

Property Owner Consultation

- [5] The fact that there has been no consultation between us, the landowners, before the notification is inexcusable. Consultation is a legal requirement and must be meaningful to be effective.
- [6] As landowners and having a title to our land we must be consulted as we do have property rights. Despite this, we have not been invited to be an active part of the process until the submission stage. This is wrong.
- [7] The relationship should have been a two-way process with the landowners and the Council, as the instigators of this process. I do not believe the Crown has the right to override the individuals as they have in this case. Freehold private land is sacrosanct.
- [8] This whole process has been a blatant attack on our family's property rights plus our plans for keeping the land in the family.
- [9] The Council needs to be accountable, and we need to know what the objectives for all this are, where is the authority for this, we have not seen it.

[10] Our land is already severely constrained by local government rules, which is a substantial financial burden. This process that has been sprung on us and is adding to our stress, we can only spend a dollar once, we have many strains on income as it is, we work hard for our returns.

Raising of Lake Hāwea

[11] Throughout the process, I have not heard any reference to the modification of Lake Hāwea.

[12] The raising of Lake Hāwea was a monumental change to our lake and its surrounds. The community of the day plus the present community have been highly upset by the process, and I understand there was no objection from Ngāi Tahu during that process.

[13] You must understand that like the rest of us many of the things we have enjoyed on the lake have gone, under the water, and we still have issues with erosion and flooding.

[14] We note that an appropriate suggestion could be to walk around the lake edge where possible on Crown land, but that has not been mentioned by anyone.

Conclusion

[15] We have a block of land 38 hectares with its own title, where our present dwelling is.

[16] During our tenure review process, when Ngai Tahu was present on the property, there was no expression of interest in our area of the property, so why now.

[17] I submit that the Wahi Tapuna overlay on the PDP planning maps is deleted on our land.

Lesley Burdon

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