

Good morning,

My name is Nick Clark my wife and I bought our land at Closeburn in 1975, we built our house in 1980, we still live there.

We have raised our 3 children and now have a 3rd generation living on the property.

I have been a field worker ranger for L&S and DOC for the past 39yrs. I have spent my entire working career developing and maintaining Rec facilities in the Wakatipu Basin from the head of the lake to Kingston from Skippers to the Kawerau Gorge.

I have a love and deep respect for the Wakatipu Basin which I call home.

Our property (now part of the #16 Punatapu area) has been transformed over the last 40yrs from 15acres of wilding pines to a mainly indigenous flora with a huge increase of Native birds due to our best control, we are extremely proud and protective off it.

I have asked to speak at this hearing because I strongly oppose the blanket coverage of large blocks of Private and public land under the proposed Wahi Tupuna section of the Proposed District Plan and several other issues that greatly concern me.

The Ngai Tahu Claims settlement 1998 claims to be a full and final settlement, Tipene O'regan stated the claim would not lay claim to private land.

Full and final means just that,Ngai Tahu can not keep coming back and making another claim in the hope of generating an income source.

Because that what it looks like to me the moment I say I want to do something on my private land, you say, hold on we'll get our planners to check it out, it could take a couple of months we may find something of significance be it physical or non physical but it will cost you. The moment you do that, charge me, you loose credibility, you are not a territorial authority,

you do not have the right to charge me, there is no avenue for recourse as there is with a local government authority, it's wrong. Why not do it out of your deep concern for your heritage, then you'll get my respect.

Sarah Picard QLDC S42a 5.7 To quote; Effects on cultural values are not limited to physical effects and in some instances adverse effects on cultural values may also be non-physical .

What about my cultural values my non-physical values

Freehold **title** is the **highest form of landownership in New Zealand** after the Crown and is also the most common. As the registered proprietor you own the underlying **land** and any dwellings on the **land**.

My wife and I strongly believe, we as the holders of the freehold title are the caretakers of this land and I want to hand it onto our children and to their children if they so choose unencumbered by the restraints placed upon it by Ngai Tahu who can't even tell me what their values are apart from the fact they want to charge me big dollars while they think about what cultural values maybe on our land.

I recommend the blanket Wahi Tupuna blanket coverage in the PDP be scraped and any sites of significance be identified and if some are on Private land a management plans is dawn up in partnership with the land owner, simple ah!! done and dusted.

Second point.

Can I highlight where my concerns are coming from, QLDC planners rejected or partially rejected 99% of public submissions

Sarah Picard in her report states Earth works raised the most opposition in terms of submissions relating to earthworks

No kidding

Read 5.6

5.6 It can't increase beyond what is permitted in Chap 25 and

of course it will increase if the 10cu m is applied

Read 5.8

We are not asking for the volume to be increased we want to stay with the existing volumes.

5.8 should read: If we decrease the existing permitted volume this would increase the number of resource consents and increase the costs.

Something we all want

This wording as it stands in the report puts a negative slant on staying with the existing volumes

I want to see the existing volumes as set out in Chapter 25 remain.

I have an issue over how this proposal has been drafted and presented. Kai Tahu's commercial consultancy firm have had a huge influence over the direction it should go.

The first we as ratepayer heard about this proposal was in Sept 2019, one would have hoped that those employed as public servants in QLDC would be looking after our best interests but I'm afraid this has not been the case we have been sold down the road extremely well and are now fighting for our rights as Ratepayers and private landholders.

Finally if there are any Ngai Tahu present today I would like to invite you to our property. Don't bring your planners or your Invoice book I don't have an EFTPOS machine present and I don't want bureaucrats present when I'm discussing things of the heart, they just won't understand.

We can have a wander around the hillside try and find some Artefacts or something of significance, I'll show you where my mothers ashes are scattered you can tell me why your ancestors would have wanted to drag their wakas 4.5 km up from the lake to mour them on a hillside.

We'll have a cup of tea some food have a chat and depart a little wiser and hopefully a little more tolerant of one another asperations