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Re. Proposed Waikato District Plan -
Landscapes Hearing 21b
Submission No 301 - Liz Hughes.

This evidence supports my submission 301 re:
Proposed Significant Amenity Landscape on my property.

Introduction.

My name is Liz Hughes.

My property is,

17 Calvert Rd, Whale Bay.

My late husband and I purchase this property in 1992, twenty eight years ago.

My three children were raised here.

It is our family home.

This evidence is consistent with my submission on the P.W.D.P.

I have the following key matters relating to the proposed Landscape Amenity overlay.

Amenity values of Whale Bay.

My family and I are all active and keen surfers.

The ocean view, the smell of the clean, fresh salt sea air, the rumbling of the swells and the sounds of the many and varied birdsong are an utter joy and of great sensory value.

These things are priceless.

It is the nature of where I live and will always want to live and will hopefully one day be passed on to the next generation whose appreciation of it's glorious attributes are equal to that of mine.

Proposed Amenity Landscape Overlay

I disagree in principle to the proposed encumbrances designated to this overlay on my property.

I reside in a place of great natural beauty and in respect to that would never jeopardise any aspects of the natural Amenity Landscape values with the construction of any physical structure that did not display in concept or design, consideration, sensitivity and respect to this wonderful natural environment.

My property is discreet, setback and naturally sheltered and any further developed elevation would not be visible from the Coastal Marine Area and any other public access points.

Proposed Significant Natural Area

In regards to the identification of a Significant Natural Area on my property, I was approached by a representative of the W.D.C.

to ask if she and an W.D.C. Environmentalist could visit my property to make a more accurate assessment on the proposed designation of this title.

He concluded that the title of S.N.A. should not be allocated to my property and would be removed.

I would greatly appreciate confirmation of this as I have not yet received any.

Visual Orientation from our property

We do not look back towards the mountain.

Our vista is the ocean and the sweeping Te Aka coastline.

Our proximity to the sea and that whole Coastal Marine Area is my and that of my family's greatest treasure!

It is one of if not the greatest reason that we live and will always want to live here!

Adverse Effects on Amenity Values.

Whale Bay is a Cul de sac but with our with two world class breaks at it's end and the destination of a vast amount of surfers and tourists wanting to experience 'their piece of it' it turns into a bottle neck waiting to explode There is no parking to accomodate this.

The result is frequently chaos.

A lot of the visitor vehicles are vans or large camper vans and it doesn't take many to fill up the parking spaces available with the resulting overspill parked dangerously on the Whaanga Rd and the road back to Manu Bay.

This is a regular occurrence and renders access to properties inconvenient and dangerous as the road has been reduced to a 3 meter wide carriage way.

There is no public walkway from Whale Bay to Manu Bay to cater to the many tourists let alone the school children who have to get the school bus at Manu Bay and yet there is a designated walkway on the coastal plan between Raglan harbour and the Waikato Heads.

This does not seem to make sense.

Conclusion

Whilst realising that Council has to prepare a District Plan every ten years in an effort to manage and protect our beautiful environment, there seems little care paid to the consequences of an overall blanket statement approach which potentially undermines the private view, opinion and property rights of those who and for some, a very long time, have lived here in their / our very treasured environment, over that of public view point and use.

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