

## Catherine Ongko

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**From:** Stephen West  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 4 April 2023 1:40 pm  
**To:** 'Info@queenstownearthworks.co.nz'  
**Subject:** Request for further information on resource consent application - proposed moorings for South West Marine Services - APP-20232992

Tēnā koe Craig

Thank you for applying for resource consent to place two moorings in Bluff Harbour and to occupy space in the coastal marine area. The application has been formally received. However I will need further information from you before your application can progress.

This email outlines the information I am requesting, the reasons for the request, your options and how they affect you. **Please read the points below carefully or have someone explain them to you.**

The following information is requested under Section 92(1) of the Resource Management Act 1991. I will need the information requested below to understand your proposal before I can make a recommendation on notification.

1. Please provide the maximum tonnage vessel that each mooring will be able to hold, and the tonnage of the vessels that you plan to station on the moorings. I am requesting this information so that our Harbourmaster can be assured that the mooring design is appropriate to the proposal.
2. Please provide the mooring engineering design and your proposed maintenance schedule for the moorings. This has been requested by our Harbourmaster to ensure that the mooring is adequate, and that it will be appropriately maintained.
3. A copy of the feedback from South Port NZ Ltd on the location of the moorings. I am requesting this information because it is mentioned on page 45 of the application, and I would like to confirm from their advice whether there were any issues with that location. I note that one of the proposed moorings is within the Bluff Port Zone, and one is just outside the zone.
4. Copies of the feedback from consultation with the parties (Te Ao Marama Inc, Department of Conservation, Invercargill City Council, South Port NZ Ltd and Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu) listed in Section 5 of the application (page 50). Please note, as far as I am aware, Te Runanga o Ngai Tahu is the only customary marine title applicant for the proposed area (C M Paul and NZ Maori Council having either withdrawn or been refused). It would be helpful to see what, if any feedback had been received.
5. Clarification whether you have consulted with the nearby marine farm operators (Hajca Ltd, Sanford Ltd and Southern Marine Farms Ltd) and Real Journeys (owner of the nearest moorings) about the proposed moorings and what feedback, if any was received. I am requesting this because of the location of the proposed moorings in a channel, and that marine farms sometimes require considerable space for movement of structures, and due to the proximity of the Real Journeys moorings, so it would be helpful to know if you have discussed the proposal with these parties.
6. Clarification whether any consultation has occurred (and if so the results of that consultation) with the Green Point Yacht Club, Bluff Yacht Club, the local fishermen's association, and other clubs or groups that may represent recreational users and fishing companies that may utilise that channel on a semi-regular basis. I note the discussion under sections 3.14 and 3.15 of the application (page 20) discusses effects on other people that use Bluff Harbour, and that you have followed the advice of South Port, which will be aware of many of those groups. However I believe that it would be appropriate for you to at least discuss the proposal with these groups.

You must, by 28 April 2023 either:

- Provide the information, or
- Agree to provide the information, or
- Refuse to provide the information.

Please consider what to do carefully. Your decision is important because:

- If you provide the information we will proceed with processing your application.
- If you agree to provide the information we will set a reasonable timeframe for you to provide the information by.
- If you refuse, or do not provide the information before the agreed timeframe we must publicly notify the application. Public notification means the public may make submissions on the application and there may be a hearing to determine it. Additional payments are required for notified applications.
- We can decline the application if we have insufficient information to grant it.

The time taken between this email and our receipt of the information will not be included in our total processing timeframes for the application.

Please contact me if you have any questions. I can be contacted by phone at Environment Southland Monday-Friday 8.00–4.30 on 0800 76 88 45 or this email address. Otherwise, if you need more information:

- go to [es.govt.nz/environment/consents](https://environment.govt.nz/environment/consents) or
- go to <https://environment.govt.nz/publications/applying-for-a-resource-consent/>

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