

# Resource Consent submission

To: The Chief Executive  
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## Applicant details

**Name of applicant** Te Runanga o Awarua  
**Activity location** waituna lagoon  
lisa.thorne@taylorplanning.co.nz  
**Application number** 20242456

## Submission details

**My submission relates to the whole application** Yes  
**Submission uploaded** waituna lagoon submission, Nan de Haan.docx (14 kb)  
**I am a trade competitor of the applicant (for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991)** Yes  
**I am directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the** Yes

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& our future



## Outcome sought

**I wish Environment Southland to make the following decision** To oppose the application.  
**Why I wish Environment Southland to make this decision** the lowering of the opening thresholds as stated in my attached letter.

## Hearing details

**I wish to be heard in support of my submission** Yes  
**I would consider presenting a joint case if others make a similar submission** Yes  
**I wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application** Yes

## Request for independent commissioner/s

**I request pursuant to section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991, that Environment Southland delegates its functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of Environment Southland**  
**I understand I will be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners**

## Confirmation

I will serve a copy of my submission on the applicant and I confirm all of the above information is correct

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August 31, 2024

to whom it may concern,

I would like to submit my view on the recourse consent application listed above,

As a sharemilker/future farm owner and Waituna lagoon catchment liaison committee member,

As I am at the early stages of my career, I hope that farming in my lifetime and my children's lifetime after me can coexist with the beautiful nature surrounding us the way it has done for centuries.

Therefore, I believe that the proposed opening threshold in the current application are too low, I believe the current levels should be closer to a 2.0 meter opening. Farming and humanity in general in the catchment is here, and for as far as I can see will be here for centuries. Therefore, it is imperative that we help the ecosystem mitigate the impacts of our presence, not only as a farmer but also as a member of society, we as humans have been, are currently and will be making an impact in many ways, and water flow and nutrient loading being of the biggest concern for the lagoon,

And in my belief for the lagoon to maintain its ecosystem, and help it clean up society's impact on this ecosystem, chiefly its water level and nutrient loading capacity it has to be opened regularly /Yearly for fish passage and releasing nutrients, and for flood management if the lagoon reaches a 2.0-meter threshold. And furthermore, as we have seen in the previous summer, not opening the lagoon can make it turn bad and have a major negative impact on the wildlife. In my belief this is directly related to not opening the lagoon at the lower levels required. Now as a future farm owner, I would only think it fair that if these suggested thresholds are not considered/ implicated and the 2.5 meter I would like for the applicants and government bodies to buy the flood affected farmlands of the people that own them at market rate so everyone is getting their stakes in this ecological balancing act treated equally. But it is my hope that this does not have to come to pass, Because I believe a healthy fresh lagoon In years to come is only possible with the lower opening threshold and a solid good working relationship between all parties concerned.

Kind regards

Nan de Haan  
Managing director of Rooster Dairy Ltd,  
Currently sharemilking on Section 53