

Resource Consent submission

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Applicant details

Name of applicant	Mr E Pirie on behalf of the Lake Waituna Control Association
Activity location	Coastal bar between Waituna Lagoon and the sea.
Application number	APP-20211669

Submission details

My submission relates to the whole application	Yes
Details of my submission	<p>The granting of the consent application (subject to the conditions proposed by the applicant) will be beneficial for the following reasons:</p> <p>Ecological and Cultural</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Granting the consent will enable habitat for o Dabbling waterfowl such as Mallard, Mallard grey hybrid and Shoveller Duck. These most significant waterfowl gamebirds in

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the region.

o in excess of 15 trans-equatorial migratory species – principally waders (some such as Godwits being a taonga species)

o local wader species Stilts, Oyster catchers etc

o Local terrestrial fauna and flora not accustomed to high water levels and extended flooding hydro-periods

o For Ruppia spp. that struggles to flourish in deep light limited water

o The migration and recruitment of diadromous acclimatised fish species – Brown trout

o The migration and recruitment of culturally important diadromous indigenous species of Tuna namely Long finned and Short finned Eels, Galaxias spp. (some of which are in regional and national decline)

o All species extant by virtue of saline flushing that prevent build up nutrients that have adversely affected lake trophic status over the years

Economic

- Granting the consent will enable the continued productivity and therefore economic viability and market value of neighbouring productive farm land.

- Provides certainty for the future with respect to modelled climate change predictions in coastal Southland rainfall and extreme rainfall event. In essence, future proofing against farm productivity by preventing inundation

- Local roading and bridging infrastructure are future proofed against increased rainfall and rainfall events

Recreational

- Granting of the consent will ensure access for recreational fishing and the sustainability of the Brown Trout fishery (regionally and nationally notable)

- The granting will likewise ensure access for recreational game bird hunting and the sustainability of acclimatised game (water fowl species mentioned above).

International

- The Ramsar Convention designation on the Lake Waituna system occurred under the existing use of the time i.e. its reputation and recognition occurred when the outfall regime was established and operating. The granting of the consent merely confirms practice of the regime that has existed for some considerable time and if anything may support compliance with the designation.

Berm and Bank (lake edge stability)

The granting of the consent will mitigate against wave action on the unstable/unconsolidated steep batter gravel berms. This should also mitigate migration of finer sediments and subsequent benthic deposition and smothering in the bed of

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the Lake.

No

I am a trade competitor of the applicant (for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991)

No

Outcome sought

I wish Environment Southland to make the following decision

To support the application.

Why I wish Environment Southland to make this decision

ES should grant the consent in its entirety as per the application by Ewen Pirie on behalf of the Lake Waituna Control Assn.

Hearing details

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

No

I wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application

Yes

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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