

Resource Consent submission

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Applicant details

Name of applicant Ewen Pirie, on behalf of the lake Waituna control association
Activity location Coastal bar between Waituba Lagoon and the sea.
Application number APP-20211669

Submission details

My submission relates to the whole application

Yes

Details of my submission

- I regard the ecological health of the lagoon as a high priority but feel the Lagoon technical group has become too focused on Rippa and has forgotten that the catchment is not in its original state and that the flushing effects of opening the lake are important and necessary for the positive health of the lake.
-I am in support of options that are being put forward for the closing of the lake at certain times of the year as this would be

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another good tool in the toolbox for managing the Lake.
-If the consent is not granted and the lake level is raised then there will be a negative effect on our farms with more erosion of feeder creeks due to the higher water levels and vegetation being submerged and dying and destabilizing the banks. This will also in turn create more subsurface drainage to be blocked and create water logging of soils and create the potential for pugging from livestock which in turn will create more sediment running off paddocks from over land flow. These effects will further degrade the lagoon.

-Land values will be affected if this consent is not granted because of the reduced earning capacity the land will have in future due to reduced yields of pasture and crops because of water logging. Due to our debt loading a reduced land price will have a negative affect on our business which would put unnecessary pressure on the system and reduce our effectiveness to invest in positive solutions for our farms and our catchment.

-We will be more limited in how we can operate which could limit the earning capacity of our business which in turn will directly effect 27 families that are associated with our wider business.

-My preference is for Ewen Pirie and the Lake Waituna Control Association to continue to hold the lake opening consent. With the knowledge and skills they have, they have proven to be the best caretakers of both the lagoon and the surrounding land owners. They have skin in the game both financially and morally and are always available, not just from Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm which we seem to get from any organisation from the city. These same organisations have proven to be elusive when members of the Control Association have attempted to contact and meet them which gives me no confidence that they will have a balanced view regarding the outcomes of the Lagoon. I feel they will not care enough about the families and businesses that are effected by the decisions that are made at the Lagoon. Ewen Pirie and the Lake Waituna Control Association will and have the track record to prove it!

No

No

Submission uploaded

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

Outcome sought

I wish Environment Southland to make the following decision To support the application.

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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 Association.

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

Confirmation

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

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