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**SUBMISSION FORM****Submission on a Notified or Limited Notified Application for a Resource
Consent**

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Wish to **SUPPORT** / **OPPOSE** / submit a **NEUTRAL** submission on (circle one) the application of:

Name: E R Pire

And/or Organisation: Lake Waituna Control Association

Application Number: 20211669

My reasons for my submission are: (State the nature of your submission and give clear reasons. Continue on attached pages if necessary)

This is a combined submission from a family group and friends of game bird hunters and anglers, who have a shared history Lake Waituna dated from 1907. We represent 5 generations. At present within our extended group we have two members who have had 58 and 56 game bird opening days and 5 year olds who have experienced their first angling opportunities. Significantly as a result of our extensive experience with Lake Waituna we as a combined group have developed an in depth knowledge, respect and appreciation of the wetlands environment.

We fully support the Lake Waituna permit submitted by the Lake Waituna Control Association.

We believe the current trigger water levels for opening the Lake are adequate.

The current levels maintain access and safety for those that facilitate the Eastern End of the Lake. Above 2.2m at Waghorn's Bridge the water level is passable only to some vehicles and at 2.5m it is impassable. A 2.0m and above reading at Waghorn's Bridge makes game bird hunting on the Little Lake at the Eastern end of the main lake become very hazardous. With strong prevailing winds the main lake water is pushed into the Eastern Lake making water levels change dramatically.

Of real concern to our group is the effect higher water levels has on vegetation and Reserve ground conditions. In recent years the higher water levels have inhibited the growth of some plants. Particularly the rushes – area of rushes have been lost due to a prolonged periods underwater. Stronger wave action caused by higher water level have scoured the base of rushes to expose their root systems.

Scouring of the peat bank to the east of traditional lake openings over many years has been significant. The erosion is caused by wave action created by the prevailing wind when the lake level is higher. We are concerned that any increase in water level consent height will only accelerate the loss of land into the lake.

A result of higher water levels is also seen significant layers of silt been deposited in the Reserve. Around the Little Lake at the Eastern end of the main lake from the last lake opening reserve ground was were sloppy with silt. It took weeks for the silt to be washed off the vegetation. The silt coverage is a significant development in recent years. Higher water levels will further spread silt throughout the reserve area. We are not aware of any recent monitoring of this situation.

A further reason we support the Lake Waituna Control Association consent application is our combined history. We as a group have a clear conservation ethic which through years

of consultation and neighbourhood discussion we have mutually shared with the Control Group. We are united in our thinking.

The practical knowledge of members of the Lake Waituna Control Association cannot be dismissed. They are the people who have the knowledge of tides, weather and water levels who have successfully opened the Lake for years. We believe they and their application cannot be dismissed, such is their knowledge.

We are pleased to note the 2017 permit has had additional requirements included in the present application by the Lake Waituna Control Association. We believe these new conditions will further enforce protection options if required for the benefit of the Lake. For example 'Lake Opening for the purpose of providing fish passage' (7 (a) page 3. This inclusion relates to the Diadromous fish.

We want the Council to make the decision to support the Lake Waituna Control Association's consent application. Their application embraces a historical and practical knowledge of the lake, a consultative background in which community and recreational users are included.

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We wish the Council to make the following decision (*Give precise details, including the nature of any conditions sought*)

I, **am/am not** (*choose one*) a trade competitor* of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991).

**If trade competitor chosen, please complete the next statement, otherwise leave blank*

I, **am/am not** (*choose one*) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

- (a) adversely affects the environment; and
- (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

I, do/do not (choose one) wish to be heard in support of my submission.

I, do/do not (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I have served a copy of my submission on the applicant. Yes No

Signed

 

Date

12/7/2022

If you have any queries about this form or its purpose, please contact the Consents Division of Environment Southland (03) 211 5115 or 0800 76 88 45.

Notes:

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