



**Bay of Plenty
REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Submission on the Proposed Bay of Plenty Regional Coastal Environment Plan

Send your submission to reach us by 4.00 pm on Friday 22 August 2014

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SUBMISSION POINTS:

Page No	Reference (e.g. Policy, Rule, Method or Objective number)	Support/Oppose	Decision Sought Say what changes to the plan you would like	Reasons
78- 83	DD16		change map to wild	See Appendix
	DD17	oppose	change or delete	✓
	DD19	✓	add large scale clearance delete a, b, 1-11 &	✓
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APPENDIX TO SUBMISSION POINTS ON BOP REGIONAL COAST PLAN

I HAVE LIVED IN THE AREA FOR 19 YRS AND SEEN THE GRADUAL GROWTH OF MANGROVES INTO THE HARBOUR IN OUR BAY.

WHEN I CAME HERE MULLET WERE IN THE AREA AND WE HAD SOME WHITE BAIT IN THE CREEK.

THERE HAS BEEN NO SIGHTING OF BANDED RAIL EXCEPT 18 YRS AGO WHEN I SAW ONE ON THE EDGE OF A DRAIN.

BEFORE MANGROVES THEY WERE SEEN REGULARLY. WE HAVE A RESIDENT POPULATION OF BITTERNS WHO ARE SEEN ON THE EDGE OF DRAINS.

ALL THE TIME I HAVE BEEN HERE I HAVE SPENT A LOT OF MY OWN MONEY ON RAT POISON AND RECENTLY HAD POISON FROM BOP RC. I HAVE TRAPPED STOATS AND IN AUGUST SEPTEMBER LAST YEAR TRAPPED 38.

I STRONGLY OBJECT TO OTHERS FROM OUTSIDE OUR AREA TELLING US WHAT IS GOOD FOR OUR AREA. ALL IN THIS GROUP ARE FIRMLY FOR THE REMOVAL OF THE MANGROVES AND THE RESTORATION OF THE AREA TO WHAT IT WAS 40 OR 50 YRS AGO.

AT THAT TIME THE HARBOUR CONTAINED PLENTIFUL FISH, SHELLFISH, AREAS FOR BIRD FEEDING AND RESTING. NOW WE HAVE A STEADILY GROWING DEAD AREA OF HARBOUR BLOCKING DRAINS AND BUILDING UP DUE TO SEDIMENTATION AND MANGROVE MULCH.

WE ARE SICK OF OTHERS FROM TAURANGA AND WELLINGTON, MAINLY YOUNG PEOPLE WHO HAVE NO IDEA OF THE HISTORY OF THE HARBOUR AND ALL THEY DO IS TO REPEAT SOME OF THE CLAPTRAP FOREST AND BIRD PREACH. THESE PEOPLE HAVE NEVER TAKEN THE TIME TO SEE WHAT IS GOING ON LOCALLY AND TALK TO WE LOCALS. PRESERVING THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE HARBOUR IN ITS PRESENT STATE **IS NOT AN OPTION BUT A CONCERTED IMPROVEMENT IS!**

I FIRST WENT FISHING IN THIS HARBOUR IN 1936 WHEN ALL YOU NEEDED WAS A CORD LINE HOOKS PLUS A FEW MUSSELS OR HERRINGS OBTAINED FROM THE HARBOUR. SINCE THEN I HAVE REGULARLY HOLIDAYED AND FISHED, UNTIL COMING TO LIVE. NOWDAYS THE MUSSELS HAVE GONE BECAUSE OF PILLAGING IN THE 60S AND 70S OF A FEW PEOPLE WHO SOLD THEM THROUGH PUBS ETC IN NGARUAWAHIA, HUNTLY AND HAMILTON.

THE HARBOUR IS POLLUTED REGULARLY BY MASSES OF WEED WHICH WHEN SETTLED ON THE BOTTOM KILL ALL SHELL FISH. THUS DESTROYING FISH FEEDING AREAS. THE SEA GRASS IS PLUNDERED BY THOUSANDS OF SWAN THUS RUINING SMALL FISH HABITAT. MANGROVES HAVE TAKEN OVER HUGE AREAS THAT WERE USED FOR SHELL FISH GATHERING. REDUCING THE MANGROVES WILL GIVE THE HARBOUR A CHANCE TO RE-HABILITATE ITSELF TO WHAT IT WAS.

