

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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- 1 I do wish to be heard in support of my submission.
- 2 If others make a similar submission I **would** be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.
- 3 I **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

[Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.]
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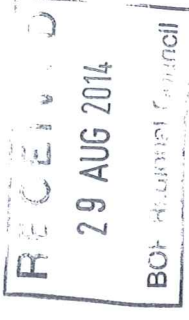
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SUBMISSION POINTS:

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
Part One Page 1 3.1	'Geographic Coverage'	Oppose	3.1 states - 'The Coastal marine area starts at mean high water springs and extends 12 nautical miles (approximately 22 km offshore)'	<p>I whakapapa to Tuhua through Te Whanau a Tauwhao and my whanau are shareowners along with 1200 other owners. I take my whanau to Tuhua every year for a period of rest and recreation because this is where we are from. Our Whanau also come together to exercise our kaitiakitanga at Tuhua by participating in working bees for maintenance and upgrading of the facilities at Tuhua. I was pleased that the Tuhua Trust Board were able to get back the 16 shares in the name of Elizabeth R from the Crown in 2006, so that the Island is owned outright by whanau who whakapapa to the Hapu of Te Whanau a Tauwhao. I was however disappointed in the bullish tactics of the Crown, after returning the shares previously to impose an authority by way of the Department of Internal Affairs over Tuhua. I maintain that we do not and have not ever needed a territorial authority over Tuhua. I understand that the Tuhua Trust Board were directed to produce a plan and have persevered over many years with the DIA to produce a plan known as the Tuhua District Plan that was notified on 31 July 2014.</p> <p>Tuhua is a unique and special island for our whanau, and our Hapu work together to maintain the Island in its pristine state. I have just learnt that the DIA are now devolving their authority to the Bay of Plenty District Council (BOPRC), which appears to be another level of bureaucracy to control a resource that is ours. That we are subject to the rules and regulations of an authority that will not ever take our sewerage away, clean up our water or provide fiscal support for projects (as is the case on the mainland) is noteworthy.</p> <p>We share the Island with the public who visit from October through to the end of April to enjoy the unspoilt environment of Tuhua. One of our Hapu aspirations is to have a purpose built marae located at Tuhua. This would be the realisation of a dream as a marae has not stood there for many generations. I am concerned that a new authority will stop this type of development that was discussed, and considered in the Tuhua District Plan 2014.</p>

				<p>I am not happy with the change of the territorial authority from the DIA to the BOPRC. I can see no advantage to BOPRC taking over after a lengthy and protracted process to produce a plan according to DIA guidelines. I would rather that we stayed with the DIA, even though they let us down by not advising of the change of territorial authority to BOPRC until very recently.</p>
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