

Submission in Opposition to the Proposed Resource Consent for Remedial Works

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Submission on Resource Consent Application – **APP146952**

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I wish to formally oppose the resource consent application for the proposed remedial work on the basis of several critical shortcomings:

1. Lack of Engagement and Consultation:

- There has been insufficient or non-existent consultation with affected communities, stakeholders, and mana whenua, particularly in relation to sites of cultural, historical, and environmental significance.
- Genuine and early engagement is a core requirement under the Resource Management Act (RMA) and council best-practice guidelines. This has not been demonstrated in the current application.

2. Impact on Known and Recorded Sites of Significance:

- The proposed work will directly impact known and recorded sites of significance.
- There has been no transparent or adequate process for identifying, protecting, or mitigating the effects on these sites, which contravenes the principles of sustainable management.

3. Environmental Aspects Lack Proper Assessment:

- The application fails to include comprehensive environmental impact assessments, as required by local and national policy frameworks.
- No clear remediation or protection measures are outlined, and the proposed methods do not reflect best-practice sustainability or ecological management.

4. Council Reports Lack Evidence of Protection or Sustainable Practices:

- The documentation provided lacks any verifiable evidence of sustainable practices, impact monitoring, or post-project ecological restoration.
- This raises serious concerns about the project's long-term effects on the environment and community values.

Closing Statement:

I respectfully request that the council decline this application unless and until:

- Full and transparent consultation has taken place,
- Independent environmental and cultural assessments are conducted,
- Adequate mitigation or protection measures are included in line with the RMA and Te Mana o te Wai principles,
- And the project can demonstrate sustainable, evidence-based practices that safeguard the affected environment and cultural sites.

Ngā mihi,

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On behalf of Ngāti Rahurahu and Ngāti Manga