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Comments My name is Katelyn Goldsmith and I have been privileged enough to have grown up going to Whanarua Bay. In my submissions I will be going over some large concerns with the Statement of Proposal.

The first issue is having vehicular access for beachfront properties at Whanarua bay (Lot 66). I have been visiting Whanarua bay all my life as has my mother before me and have had the privilege of staying in the beachfront properties. My family own a beachfront batch and it is hoped to continue staying in the family for generations to come. I want the opportunity for my own children to have the same experience as me and enjoy the beauty of staying at the edge of a secluded beach. However access to the batch is critical for getting to our batch and also activities such as taking out the boat for fishing and exploring. Whanarua bay is a very special place to me and I love taking friends and extended family there, but without this access or if the access changes ownership I fear for how this experience will be changed in the future.

Another large issue I have with the Statement of Proposal is the lack of consultation with the beachfront property owners as stakeholders. These people are not all just holiday makers but people who are part of the community. It has also greatly saddened me to see the stress and worry this proposal has caused not just for my parents but for many other beachfront property owners I have talked to. The outcome of the proposal has the greatest impact on them so I believe they are vital in the decisions being made.

Overall Lot 3, 66, 68, 69, 70, 71 and 80 should be retained by the ODC with no transfer of ownership or management. There is other land that could be looked into by Te Arawhiti and Te Whānau a Apanui which would not have as large an impact on the community.

Thank you for hearing my views and wish that future generations have a chance to enjoy this beautiful part of NZ that I consider my second home.

Kind Regards,
Katelyn Goldsmith
