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Re: Submission to the ODC on their Statement of Proposal in response to the joint request by Te Arawhiti and Te Whanau a Apanui

My name is Jason Kehely, in my submission I am responding to the Statement of Proposal as it relates to Whanarua Bay.

Background:

My parent bought our property at Whanarua Bay in 1996 which is Lot 4 located down adjacent to the beach. We frequent the place regularly and have 3 generations currently using the property.

1<sup>st</sup> Proposal:

That Opotiki District Council proposes that seven parcels of land at Whanarua Bay be transferred.

It does not concern me that Lots 68, 69, 70 and 3 DP 6108 are transferred.

Part of Lot 71 is literally on the State Highway. It is obvious to me that NZTA have not been notified as an affected party, otherwise I am sure they would object. This again shows little foresight from the Council. Once again the transfer of Lot 71 does not concern me.

Our concern is the transfer of Lots 66, & 80 which directly affects us and most of the Whanarua Bay residents. The current vehicle access through Lot 66 is imperative. Without this we are land locked. The transfer of this Lot is absurd and should not happen full stop.

Many people use Lot 80 for access to the beach be it for fishing, walking, kayaking and swimming.

Prior to having access over Lot 75 which is adjacent to Lot 80 the local Iwi fenced the boundary between Lot 75 & 80 which denied us access to the beach for 2 years.

With transferring Lot 80 I feel it is just a matter of time before we are once again fenced off.

2<sup>nd</sup> Proposal:

Opotiki District Council proposes that the Urupa on Lot 80 should be vested in Te Whanau a Apanui as a separate title of land and no longer having reserve status.

I am happy for the headland which is well known as a Urupa to be transferred.

3<sup>rd</sup> Proposal:

Opotiki District Council proposes that the Recreation Reserve Lot 66 and the remainder of Lot 80 are vested in Te A Apanui and reclassified as Historic Reserve.

I have pretty much covered this in reply to the 1<sup>st</sup> Proposal. To summarise Lots 66 & 80 especially should not be transferred. The vehicle access over Lot 66 is imperative

and access to the beach has always been provided and should continue to be provided for all Whanarua Bay properties. These lots should stay as "Recreation Reserve" at the very least.

4<sup>th</sup> Proposal:

Opotiki District Council proposes that Te Whanau a Apanui would be the sole administering body for the Reserves.

I strongly reject the proposal as we currently get very little (next to nothing) for our rates. The Council should retain and administer the Reserves being an unbiased entity.

Summary

I disagree with Proposals 1, 3 & 4 but agree with Proposal 2.

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