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Support or oppose Oppose

Reasons for support or oppose To institute another blanket ban on an activity widely enjoyed by the lower socio economic population of Opotiki is short sighted and divisive. The views, opinions, and needs of the wealthier residents and/or non resident ratepayers have consistently outweighed those of the groups that are directly affected by these decisions. I do not own nor ride a motorbike but disagreed with the blanket ban on the beaches which predominantly affected a particular group. Why could the Council not incorporate an area where the youth could ride their bikes? Yet the wealthier residents are still able to use the beaches with their 4 wheelers and buggies. Now the horses are to be banned. Has an investigation been conducted into the deliberate fence and gate cutting? Are we supposed to overlook the drive to reclaim the leased paddocks earmarked for further development? You are elected to represent the population of Opotiki. The whole of Opotiki, not just a preferred and more vocal and politicised minority. If there is an increase in fires in the district will the response be a blanket ban on all lighters and matches? Stop making decisions that further the division among the residents and use this as an opportunity to incorporate the needs of all of your constituents you claim to represent.

Wants to Speak to submission/feedback No
