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Proposed District Plan Hearing Panel
Thames Coromandel District Council
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Hearings 16-18 December

Thames Coromandel Proposed District Plan – Submission by Dr. Olivia Livingston Macassey

Dear Panel,

Please accept my apologies that I am unable to appear in person at this Hearing, but I ask that this letter be tabled:

I would like to emphasise the following points noted in my primary submission, as I believe that they were not captured in the Summary document.

- Section 37: **Mineral extraction should be publically notified.** I ask for the creation of a rule requiring notification, given that mining represents a significant resource management issue for Council.
- Section 14: I ask for **the removal of requirements to restrict other activities in preference to (currently unknown) mineral deposits in Section 14.** Policy 1a should be amended to include the Amenity Landscape Overlay. Change to Section 14 is needed to ensure a “fair go” for other industries such as Real Estate, Silviculture, Horticulture, and Farming.
- Section 32: I request **that Areas of Significance on private land should be mapped.** This would enable more comprehensive management and protection by Council.
- Section 37: **Amend Table 3 to prohibit surface mining and underground mining** in the Rural, Conservation, Industrial, Recreation Areas and the Coastal Living and Residential Zones.

I support the prohibited status for mining in Section 37, and the spirit of Objective 3, Section 14. However, the District Plan will need to be more specifically strengthened in order to best support the interests of all citizens and ratepayers and to retain the unique character of the District.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of Thames Coromandel District Council staff during this process.

Thank you for your time.

Yours Sincerely,
Dr. Olivia Macassey.