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Subject: Submission on Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan

Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan

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My further comments:

We have a huge ecological tourist attraction and resource in the Hauraki / Coromandel that is not conducive to mining activity and would be destroyed thus also destroying the livelihoods of those who rely on the tourist dollars as an income.

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Proposed Thames Coromandel District Plan

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My further comments:

We are visitors on this planet Earth for such a short time only.

Exploiting its essence, structure and richness is short-sighted, impolite and nasty.

How would you like visitors to your place chop out parts of walls, damage ceilings or even hollow out bellow the basement?

Wouldn't you want to scream at them WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE!!!

HOW DARE YOU!!!

GO AWAY!!! LEAVE ME ALONE!!!!!!

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Signature:

M. A.

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Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan - November 2013 > PART II - OVERLAY ISSUES, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES > Section 8 - Historic Heritage: Archaeological Sites; Maori Cultural Sites; Historic Heritage Items and Historic Heritage Areas

Support

Oppose

Neutral

Which provisions do you like or want to change in the Thames-Coromandel Proposed District plan?

File 1057/86 Shell Bach opposing proposed heritage status

Reason for Decision Requested

I am the son of the owners of this bach (which we call the Shell house) and enjoy staying at the bach every year. The proposed heritage status on this bach is ridiculous, this bach is built to substandard workmanship and is in need continuous repairs. Up until a few years ago the roof was at 5 different levels, after being added to multiple times. We have now replaced the roof, it is now at only 3 levels. The garden (rotting fence with unwanted timber and other materials behind it) outside the main shell shell wall is one of the many things we will tidy up in the next few years. The rotting garden fence and base need to be removed and rebuilt, if this requires consent due to a heritage status an improvement simply will not be made. The 'Garden' will continue to be used as virtually a rubbish dump. We like the shells on the walls and would like to continue to enhance the aesthetics of the bach. We have talked about continuing the shells (or a similar theme) onto the presently bare walls on the North. Although a heritage status may allow such improvements we would not bother due to the enhanced consent process. If the heritage status went ahead this would result in the appearance and structural integrity of the bach to slowly degrade. Alternatively I will happily help my father in removing or painting the shells the prevent the heritage status being imposed.

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Support

Oppose

Neutral

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14.3 Policy 1b: The proposed policy to be replaced with: Mining activities shall not be permitted within the Coastal Environment of the Coromandel Peninsula. The Coastal Environment of the Coromandel Peninsula constitutes a significant social, economic, cultural and ecological value for the district and mining activities within the Coastal Environment are incompatible with the maintenance and enhancement of these values. Policy 1f: The proposed policy to be replaced with: Where avoidance is impractical, new mining activities shall not be permitted within the district. Policy 1g: The proposed policy to be replaced with: New mining activities should not locate near existing incompatible activities where adverse effects cannot be avoided or remedied. New mining activities shall not be permitted near or within the Coastal Environment of the Peninsula. Policy 3b: The proposed policy to be replaced with: Mining activities shall be located so that any residual risks to people, property and the environment, particularly soil and water contamination, are minimized. The contamination of the Coastal Environment through mining activities of any kind is explicitly prohibited.

Reason for Decision Requested

14.3 The proposed changes are self evident when considering the exceptional value of our coastal environment for the district and its residents.

Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan - November 2013 > PART VI - OVERLAY RULES > Section 34 - Natural Hazards: River Flooding, Coastal Erosion, Tsunami and Flood Defences Overlay

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Section 34 The omission to acknowledge and plan for sea level rise of at least 0.8m by the end of the century as directed by the government of New Zealand in the proposed district plan constitutes gross negligence in the duty of the council towards its rate payers and residents.

Reason for Decision Requested

It is profoundly disturbing that virtually no provisions are made in the proposed District Plan with regards to future sea level rise! The generally accepted range of predicted sea level rise due to Global Warming by the climate science community is in the range of 1 to 2m by the end of this current century. The Ministry of the Environment of New Zealand states on their website: "The Ministry recommends planning for the following projection of future sea-level rise: • For planning and decision timeframes out to 2090–2099, a base value sea-level rise of 0.5m relative to the 1980–1999 average be used along with an assessment of potential consequences from a range of possible higher sea-level rise values. At the very least, all assessments should consider the consequences of a mean sea-level rise of at least 0.8m relative to the 1980–1999 average. • For planning and decision timeframes beyond the end of this century an additional allowance of 10mm per year be used." <https://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/climate/adaptation/sea-level-rise.html> Other local governments in NZ have made explicit provisions to acknowledge projected sea level rise and the consequences this entails for their region and their planning. The Christchurch City Council in January 2014

released a report undertaken by Tomkin Taylor for the CCC. Tomkin Taylor cites in this report a table of "Summary of international sea level rise values for planning purposes (source: RSNZ, 2010)" with ranges between 1 to 2 meter for the remainder of the century and recommends to the council to assume a sea level rise of 1.0m for the next 100 years for planning purposes.

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/newsmedia/mediareleases/2014/201401081.aspx> Many of the infrastructures and settlements of the Coromandel Peninsula are threatened by sea level rise in this range. Already to-date, February King Tides just wash onto the top of Buffalo Road in Whitianga, even in the absence of a storm surge or low pressure system at that time. A sea level rise of one meter would allow the ocean to completely overwhelm the current coastal defenses of Whitianga and to inundate most of the town during King Tides. Much of Whitianga lays lower than Buffalo Road itself. Many other settlements in the district would not fair much better and sections of the vital road network of the Peninsula would become impassable and could in their current location not be maintained under a one meter sea level rise scenario. Many scientists hold a two meter sea level rise as plausible with a rise of perhaps 6 meters being suggested for the centuries ahead. Many structures planed and built today will have a reasonable use-horizon expectation that extends into the next century. Yet no provisions in the proposed District Plan of the TCDC are made to address any of these issues. The question therefore arises how the council will prevent liability to land owners and the rate payers for the omission of duty to factor sea level rise into the District Plan despite the clear evidence that Global Warming is happening and sea levels are rising and despite the clearly worded direction of the Central Government to do so. Instead the TCDC vexes about "uncertainties in the projection of sea level rise". However, under the proposed plan's own risk assessment rubric (Section 10, Natural Hazards) a Sea Level Rise of one meter would need to factor as an "Intolerable Hazard" as it is not only likely to occur, if not exceeded, within this century (100 years) and its consequences would certainly need to be deemed catastrophic for the affected areas in the district if not the district at a whole. It would appear that neglecting to address this significant risk, which the council's own rubric would necessarily have to label "intolerable", adequately in the District Plan, is constituting an act of gross negligence in the light of the evidence by council. The act of omission to acknowledge and plan for this significant risk would appear to put the council and by proxy the ratepayers into a position of potentially significant liability towards future losses incurred by those who invest into affected areas today, while relying on the false confidence into an absence of these risks that this act of omission suggests to the investors. The potential losses to property owners due to sea level rise will surly dwarf the liability matters that the "leaky buildings syndrome" has caused for some councils in the recent past by several orders of magnitude. As addressing this matter appropriately would require a revision of significant parts of the plan it is proposed by this submission that the entire "Proposed District Plan" be put on hold indefinitely until the council has obtained the required professional advice and guidance in this matter and has received and undertaken a thorough review of the plan under the prospect of a sea level rise of 1 meter by the end of this century.

Thames-Coromandel Proposed District Plan - November 2013 > PART VII - DISTRICT-WIDE RULES > Section 36 - Contaminated Land and Hazardous Substances

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Addition of a section dealing with contaminated sediments in aquatic environments is required.

Reason for Decision Requested

Due to the emergence of a significant (3 times NZAEEC guidelines high) contamination of the Coromandel Harbour sediments with Mercury (Prattel Delamore 2012, TCDC) it would appear the the council should look specifically into the significance of this contamination and its potential Eco-hazard and risk to the community through contaminated sea food intake.

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OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

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OBJECTIONS TO THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS:

MINING ACTIVITIES (14.3) – PAGE 2

NATURAL HAZARDS (34) – PAGE 4

MINING ACTIVITIES

(SEE ADDED OR AMEDNED POLICIES AS HIGHLIGHTED)

14.3 OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES

Objective 1a

Mining activities do not compromise or significantly adversely affect identified landscape, natural character or biodiversity values within the District.

Objective 1b

Mining activities provide economic, social and environmental benefits to the District, and avoid, remedy, mitigate or compensate for adverse effects on the environment.

Policy 1a

Mining activities shall avoid adverse effects on the **Outstanding Landscape Overlay**, **Natural Character Overlay**, and areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.

Policy 1b

~~Mining activities shall remedy, mitigate or compensate adverse effects on existing natural values within the Coastal Environment.~~

Mining activities shall not be permitted within the Coastal Environment of the Coromandel Peninsula. The Coastal Environment of the Coromandel Peninsula constitutes a significant social, economic and ecological value for the district and mining activities within the Coastal Environment are incompatible with the maintenance and enhancement of these values.

Policy 1c

Existing mining extraction activities shall:

- Remedy or mitigate land modification and adverse effects on the ecological, landscape,
- a) heritage, natural character, soils, water quality, cultural and amenity values of surrounding areas and on the amenity values of settlements; and
- b) Avoid natural hazard and instability risk; and
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- d) Avoid mobilisation of heavy metal and sulphide concentrates outside the excavation and fill area; and
- e) Limit heavy vehicle movements to a scale that does not compromise the safety of road users and the amenity values of the neighbourhood.

Policy 1d

Sites of mining activities shall be fully rehabilitated and able to be reused.

Policy 1e

New mining activities shall avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on existing coastal, rural, or local community amenity values.

Policy 1f

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New mining activities should not locate near existing incompatible activities where adverse effects cannot be avoided or remedied. ***New mining activities shall not be permitted near or within the Coastal Environment of the Peninsula.***

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Mining activities are not unduly constrained by subdivision, use and development.

Policy 2a

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Policy 3a

The identification, assessment and management of the potential effects of mining activities shall ensure that these activities avoid contamination of people, property and the environment.

Policy 3b

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Objective 4

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Policy 4a

Mining activities that are likely to destroy or damage the historic and cultural values of historic sites, archaeological sites and Māori cultural sites shall be avoided.

SECTION 34 – NATURAL HAZARDS

SEA LEVEL RISE

It is profoundly disturbing that virtually no provisions are made in the proposed District Plan with regards to future sea level rise! The generally accepted range of predicted sea level rise due to Global Warming is in the range of 1 to 2m by the end of this current century according to the majority opinion of the climate science community.

The Ministry of the Environment states on their website:

The Ministry recommends planning for the following projection of future sea-level rise:

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- For planning and decision timeframes beyond the end of this century an additional allowance of 10mm per year be used.

<https://www.mfe.govt.nz/issues/climate/adaptation/sea-level-rise.html>

Other local governments in NZ have made explicit provisions to acknowledge projected sea level rise and the consequences this entails for their region and their planning.

The Christchurch City Council in January 2014 released a report undertaken by Tomkin Taylor for the council. Tomkin Taylor cites a table of “Summary of international sea level rise values for planning purposes (source: RSNZ, 2010)” with ranges in the 1 to 2 metre range for the remainder of the century and recommends to the council to assume a sea level rise of 1.0m for the next 100 year for planning purposes.

<http://www.ccc.govt.nz/thecouncil/newsmedia/mediareleases/2014/201401081.aspx>

Many of the infrastructures and settlements of the Coromandel Peninsula are threatened by sea level rise. Already to-date, February King Tides just wash on to the top of Buffalo Road in Whitianga, even in the absence of a storm surge or low pressure system. A sea level rise of one metre would allow the ocean to completely overwhelm the current coastal defences of Whitianga and inundate most of the town during King Tides, which is lying lower than Buffalo Road itself. Many other settlements in the district would not fair much better and sections of the vital road network of the Peninsula would become impassable and could in their current location not be maintained under a one meter sea level rise scenario. Many

scientists hold a two meter sea level rise as plausible with a rise of perhaps 6 metres being suggested for the centuries ahead.

Many structures planned and built today will have a reasonable use-horizon that extends well into the next century. Yet no provisions in the proposed District Plan of the TCDC are made to address any of these issues. The question therefore arises how the council will prevent liability to land owners and the rate payers for the omission of duty to factor sea level rise into the District Plan despite the clear evidence that Global Warming is happening and sea levels are rising and despite the clearly worded direction of the Central Government to do so.

Instead the TCDC vexes about “uncertainties in the projection of sea level rise”. However, under the proposed plan’s own risk assessment rubric (Section 10, Natural Hazards) a Sea Level Rise of one meter would need to factor as an “Intolerable Hazard” as it is not only likely to occur, if not exceeded, within this century (100 years) and its consequences would certainly need to be deemed catastrophic for the affected areas in the district if not the district at a whole.

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Submission on Proposed TCDC District Plan 2014

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I submit my concerns over the following:

1. The proposed coastal walkway from Hot Water Beach to the Purangi Estuary
2. The ease of restrictions which could allow mining on conservation and coastal land. (Sections 14 and 37)

The reasons are as follows:

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I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

Sally-Jane Armstrong 22 February 2014

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My further comments:

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Submission Form

Form 5 Clause 6 of the First Schedule to the Resource Management Act 1991

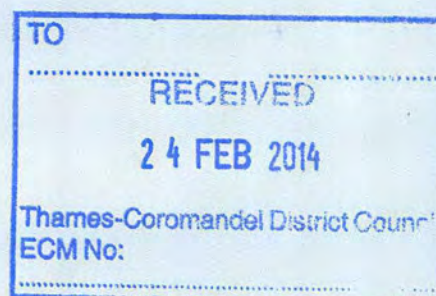
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Your Submission

The specific provisions of the Proposed District Plan that my submission relates to are:
(please specify the Objective, Policy, Rule, Map or other reference your submission relates to)

Road widening - Thornton Bay

My submission is:

(clearly state whether you SUPPORT or OPPOSE specific parts of the Proposed District Plan or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons for your view)

I support oppose the above plan provision.

Reasons for my views:

The road does not need widening. It is a 50km zone + would make it dangerous rather than safer if widened.

The decision I seek from the Council is that the provision above be:

Retained Deleted Amended as follows:

There are many other areas along the coast which need widening - get the priorities sorted.

Proposed District Plan Hearing

I wish to be heard in support of my submission. Y N

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing. Y N

Signature of submitter M J Clark / mclark Date 18-2-2014

Person making the submission, or authorised to sign on behalf of an organisation making the submission.

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I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that -

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