10th March 2014

Dear Mayor Leach and TCDC Councilors,

RE: Letter in support of my Submission on the TCDC Proposed District Plan

My name is Lisa Searle and I own a holiday home in Pauanui.

I **oppose** the various provisions for Visitor Accommodation throughout the Proposed Thames Coromandel District Plan ("Proposed Plan") as they relate to renting out of private dwellings/holiday homes.

There is no proven evidence that the consumption of local resources and the amenity effects on neighbours are any different with holiday rental holiday homes compared to properties used by their owner/family/friends.

The proposed changes will affect existing holiday home owners, as well as those that aspire to holiday home ownership in the Coromandel. In particular I believe the rules:

- Will decrease the income I receive from my holiday home – income I use to offset expenses such as rates and maintenance.
- Could reduce the value of my property as holiday home ownership becomes less desirable in the Coromandel due to the limitations imposed on holiday rental.
- Will mean less choice for tourists wishing to stay in the Coromandel, resulting in fewer visitors to the region, impacting on Coromandel businesses as result.
- Will not change the amenity effects arising from holiday home usage on the Coromandel

I seek the following decision from the Thames Coromandel District Council:

As Principal Relief

(i) Amend the definition of *"Visitor Accommodation"* in the Proposed Plan, such that the rental of holiday homes is specifically excluded from the definition.

Or, in the alternative, if the principal relief in (i) above is not accepted

(ii) Amend all references to the permitted activity conditions for *Visitor Accommodation* in the various zones throughout the Proposed Plan relating to *"6 tariff-paid customers on-site at any one time"* instead amending this to *"12 tariff-paid customers on-site at any one time"*, and delete any condition requiring the activity to be undertaken within an existing dwelling, minor unit or accessory building.

And, in relation to both (i) and (ii) above

(iii) Any consequential amendments necessary as a result of the amendments to grant the relief sought above.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

Proposed Thames-Coromandel
District Plan

THAMES COROMANDEL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submission Form

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

Your submission can be:

Online: **www.tcdc.govt.nz/dpr**
Using our online submissions form

Posted to: **Thames-Coromandel District Council**
Proposed Thames-Coromandel District Plan
Private Bag, Thames 3540
Attention: District Plan Manager

Email to: **customer.services@tcdc.govt.nz**

Delivered to: **Thames-Coromandel District Council, 515 Mackay Street, Thames**
Attention: District Plan Manager (or to the Area Offices in Coromandel, Whangamata or Whitianga)

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Submissions must be received no later than 5 pm Friday 14 March 2014

If you need more writing space, just attach additional pages to this form.

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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)

The specific provisions to which our submission relates, as laid out in the letter attached to this submission.

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:

Please refer to the accompanying letter which forms part of this submission.

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

Retained ☐ ***Deleted*** ☐ ***Amended*** ☒ ***as follows:***

Please refer to the accompanying letter which forms part of this submission.

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 [signature] ***Date*** 10.3.14

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

Trade Competition

Please note that if you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by Clause 6 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. ☐ *Y* ☒ *N*

If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission please complete the following:

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

a) adversely affects the environment; and

b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition. ☒ *Y* ☐ *N*

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My further comments:

I was raised in Colville and if I could have articulated all these points better in my own words, I would've. This submission PERFECTLY represents my thoughts and beliefs and I am diametrically opposed to ANY mining activities on this unique and vital Peninsula.

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I would like to thank the Council for this opportunity to submit on the PDP.

Yours sincerely,

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Submission 306

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