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Support for closure of lane	Kirsty Barr	027 2005 111	kirstybarr1@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Swimming has no negative impact on the environment in anyway and has many positive health benefits (as well as inspiring others) A boat/skier has more flexibility as to where it can go, but swimming access can be more restricted. There are safety issues with having boats near swimmers. It is important to give swimmers (the more vulnerable in any conflict with other users) 'right of way' as it were, to give them more space and create more buffer between swimmers and boats. Being able to go for a swim in a lake without having to think about where you should and shouldn't be able to swim is a right (and privilege) that we rightly pride ourselves on in NZ. Extending the area for swimmers will still mean boats can be used, there are still plenty of options, and a big wide Lake out there for them to explore and enjoy. 	
	Duncan and Liz Ritchie	32 Norman Tce	021 1672897	dunquito@ihug.co.nz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> It is an absolute hazard especially with boozed up boats. I have seen a number of close calls there over the past 20 years and being a parent of a young child we think its really dangerous and why shouldn't we be able to swim in the lake below our house. They are also along with jet skiers extremely noisy. There are plenty of other areas around lake Wanaka for the water-skiers to go.
	Kevin Gingell-Kent		03 443 9722	bodyworkshop@vodafone.co.nz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I thoroughly endorse the proposal to extend the safe swim area in Roys bay and remove the rarely used ski lane there. The popularity of swimming in the lake has grown immensely since Challenge Wanaka and having a safe "long distance lane" would benefit all those swimmers in training. I have noted that area is also used during the hot evenings by more recreational users, they too would benefit from the removal of ski traffic.
	Jaime Hutter	14 Hikuwai Drive		jhutter@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I'm a frequent lake user in a variety of capacities, and I think the safety benefits of the lane's removal justify its closure. As a member of both the Wanaka Rowing Club and the Wanaka Lake Swimmers Club, I spend much of my leisure time on and in the water. Having a safe area for non-motorized activity has been a great change in Roy's Bay, and I firmly believe that an extension of the area will go a long way to both prevent accidents and to encourage members of the Wanaka community feel safe in the water. There's plenty of beautiful water out there, and I know it can be safely shared by all of us!
	Kay Hart	421 Aubrey Rd	027 3454336	kayhart13@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Boats in this corner of the Lake seem very dangerous to me, and best kept away from the swim/family area completely. Whenever i am in the water i am fearful of a boat if it is in sight, even though i wear a highly visible hat. It is a very large lake and there are already good access points for boats in other areas of the lake. When i completed the full 3.8km swim about 5 years ago, i had nowhere to train safely and swim. it is wonderful that we now have the swimming area. It would be 100 times better if we knew we could safely swim, without the interference of boats, along past Edgewater. I feel this is a far better use of the lake near to the shore, and not upsetting any/many boat users. I think we have all been surprised at the number of swimmers who now use the swimming area and also the stretch of water near to the Edgewater path along the lake.
	Jonathan Holmes			trekkers@hotmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I'm a triathlete based in Hawea Flat and would very much welcome a safer area for swimming in Lake Wanaka without the conflict between boat use and swimming in the same area. I witnessed last year a recreational boat user go straight through the area where a swimmer was, with both users having the right to use the same area of water it is just a matter of time before someone gets hurt and that someone is going to be a swimmer.
	Jethro Robinson			jethrorobinson@xtra.co.nz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I support the extension of the swimming area at the expense of the water skiing lane primarily as a safety reason as my family and I often swim in that area and would like it to be set aside for swimmers only.
	Anna Kate Hutter			annakate@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> This sheltered and shallow section of the bay has become a popular and preferred area for many swimmers, rowers, and other vulnerable laker users. The ski lane is a hazard that can be removed with little negative impact, as there are more appropriate, more accessible lanes in the bay. Removal of the lane will improve safety, reduce confusion, and enhance the nature of this particular section of the lake. It will help to affirm a unique area that has become well-loved and well-used by so many.
	Marjorie Cook	25 Aubrey Rd	021 02379376	marjoriecook66@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> In my experience as a swimmer, it is rarely used and there are many other launch areas and ski areas for boats etc. Swimmers regularly swim to The Rock outside Edgewater.
	Kate Jerram			katejerram@yahoo.co.nz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> If this was extended it means I would feel safe to swim to the rock and back by myself without worrying about boats.
	Lisa McFarlane			mcfarlane.lisa@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> As a frequent lake swimmer in spring, summer and autumn I vote in favor of removing the ski lane. My reasoning for this includes a rapidly growing number of swimmers using the swimming area especially around Challenge Wanaka triathlon in January. There are many areas locally that water skiers etc can use. Promoting use of the lake by recreational users such as swimmers, kayakers paddle boarders etc by providing a larger, safe zone will increase participation. Having the lake directly beside town is an asset and I believe that increasing the swimming zone will improve safety and awareness for all users.
	Clare Fitzpatrick	7 Hunter Crescent.		clare.fitzpatrick@otago.ac.nz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> I am an "out of town" with a batch in Wanaka and I regularly use the lake for swimming, even during the winter. I always swim in the designated swim zone but during the summer months it would be great to have more of the lake available to swim in safety particularly for training coming up to events such as Challenge Wanaka. If the swim zone was extended I would definitely make use of it in fact it would be great in winter to be able to swim over to Edgewater and have a hot drink on exiting the water.
	David Strang			apresvous@xtra.co.nz	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> As an older Wanaka lake swimmer I'd love to see the ski-lane removed from the western side of Roys Bay near Edgewater. This ski-lane seems to get very little use and if removed would make this area safe for swimmers of all ages to use. There are many beaches a bit further from town which are more suitable for water skiing.
	Andrew McLeod	12 Sycamore Place	03 443 8945	andrew.wanaka@gmail.com	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> There is currently only a small area of the lake available for swimming compared to the effective area available for all other powered and non powered users.

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				<p>2. The proposed extension, with closure of the existing ski lane, will cause only minimal disruption to a very small number of water skiers who from my observation make little use of this area.</p> <p>3. Open water swimmers are hard to see in the water and there are significant safety issues with the increasing numbers of swimmers who are enjoying this safe and accessible corner of the lake.</p>
Paul Bennison			bennisonpa@timaruboysschool.nz	1. Full support of extending swim area.
Stephen Brown			email.sbrown@gmail.com	<p>1. As a regular swimmer of Lake Wanaka I believe this proposal offers real value to the many swimmers who I know love this part of the lake to swim.</p> <p>2. The safety and peace of mind gained by this extension would be extremely valued and I believe lead to even more swimmers using this area.</p>
Logan Curtis			logancurtis@vodafone.co.nz	<p>1. I am a Wanaka resident who uses the lake on a daily basis right through the warmer part of the year and do a lot of open water swimming, especially in the area of the swimming lane and from there up towards Ruby Island.</p> <p>2. I have had a number of close calls with boats in this area, and now am very careful to swim with a group.</p> <p>3. I have noticed (through my goggles) is that it is a very shallow area out in front of Edgewater, scattered with a lot of large boulders, many not far under the surface when the lake gets low. Hence, I never take a boat in this area, and advise others not to either.</p> <p>4. There are so many great places to boat in Lake Wanaka, and this is not one of them.</p> <p>5. We have a lot of people swimming in the lake now, and lots of younger kids coming along on a Sunday morning to swim with the Lake Wanaka swimmers.</p> <p>6. It will give our young swimmers somewhere safe to learn this amazing sport</p>
Gwen Hendry			gwendolooony@hotmail.com	1. Safety for swimmers in this area is paramount as boats and water skiers have a greater range of alternative spaces to go.
David O'Sullivan	19 Kings Drive	021 296 8219	david259@gmail.com	<p>1. I have not seen the lane used outside of the Christmas and New Year holidays.</p> <p>2. When I have seen it used, its close location to the family swimming area has caused it to become a significant hazard, from boats parked outside the lane on the beach, to boats using the swimming buoys to zig zag between. I was working at Edgewater last summer and saw this on a number of occasions.</p> <p>3. Rocks in the area cause a significant and unavoidable hazard, especially in average and below average lake level conditions.</p> <p>4. The poor access to the lane from shore via vehicle causes poor boatmanship with people taking shortcuts to get access, both onshore and offshore. This leads to many boaties well exceeding the 5 knot/200 meter limit outside the waterski lane.</p> <p>5. This is a minimal use area, that could be far better used as family and sporting swimming areas, and non-powered boat zones, to promote common sense and safety. It should also keep swimmers and families out of the other more appropriate water ski areas.</p>
Nadia Ellis			nadia@cardrona.com	<p>1. I am one of many locals who train for the Wanaka Challenge each year and swim in the lake 2-3 times a week over summer.</p> <p>2. On numerous occasions boats have come very close to me whilst swimming along the bouys and it is extremely frightening.</p> <p>3. I'm sure in many instances this is due to the boaties being unaware of the swimming area.</p> <p>4. Removing the ski lane entirely would eliminate the confusion and ensure swimmers safety in the lake.</p> <p>5. I can't help but look at the size of the lake and wonder why the boats and skiers can't use another area.</p> <p>6. As lake swimmers our space requirements are relatively limited.</p> <p>7. At the moment the ski lane is a real hazard and it is only a matter of time until a swimmer is injured.</p>
Rebecca Brown-Thompson			rbrownbotanical@gmail.com	<p>1. Will provide more room to swim and help make it safer if we can keep the boats and jet skis out.</p> <p>2. They can see us and we can't get out of the way fast enough...or see them too late.</p>
Claire O'Connell			claire@wanakasigns.co.nz	<p>1. I have been open water swimming in the lake 12 months of the year for the past 5 years. I am a 10 year resident of Wanaka and have been using the lake with my children all of that time.</p> <p>2. During the Christmas holiday period, for perhaps 3-4 weeks of the year, it becomes unsafe at the Stony Creek corner of the lake because of the power boats and jetskis in this area.</p> <p>3. As an open water swimmer, we have a route of 1.1 ks which we swim, up the Edgewater side of the lake, as a training run.</p> <p>4. Boats from the Morrows Mead ski lane don't appear to make any allowances for swimmers.</p> <p>5. I feel quite strongly that there should be an area of the lake, of a reasonable size, where people can swim without having to look over their shoulder. Taking the ski lane out of Morrows Mead would be a significant step in this direction.</p>
Marg Galloway	665 Ballantyne Road		tractors@xtra.co.nz	1. Supports removal of water ski lane as it will improve safety for swimmers.
Jackie Boyd	21522556		jazeru@hotmail.com	1. Supports removal of water ski lane as will improve safety for members of Wanaka Lake Swimmers Club.
Steve Dickie	Wanaka Yacht Club		wanakayacht@gmail.com	1. Support extending swimming area to reduce potential for conflict between swimmers and boats.
Emberly Wetherall			emberly.wetherall@yahoo.com	1. Support extension of the swimming lane. Area is too rocky to be a safe ski lane, but a perfect area for extension of the current swim buoys. Many boats and jet skis on all parts of the lake leave swimmers with few safe areas for longer distance swimming.
Against closure of lane	Lex Cameron	21 Morrows Mead	lexcameron@xtra.co.nz	1. My self and family would strongly appose this change, we live very close to the ski lane and and with many others make considerable use of this area.
	Gray Family	25 Morrows Mead		2. If this ski lane is removed it would only add congestion at lake front and Eely Point lanes
	Hayman Family	29 Morrows Mead		[I have skied in Roys Bay for 40 + years].
Jan Caunter for:			jan.caunter@gcalegal.co.nz	1. The extension of the swimming area is supported, but not in a way that compromises a ski lane on this side of the lake.
Ross & Margaret Turner	22 Morrows Mead			2. An additional swimming area would be beneficial for swimmer safety reasons, but suggest that the swimming area extend to the lone tree' in the lake shallows.
Ross & Judith Young	14 Morrows Mead			3. To protect swimmers from boats, a minimum 50m buffer area between the ski lane and the swimming area should be put in place in which a 5 knot limit should apply.
Pamela Yoeman	16 Morrows Mead			4. No boats should be permitted past the line demarking the swimming area.
Barbara & Tony Johnson	18 Morrows Mead			
Trevor & Anthea McEwan	26 Morrows Mead			
Ross Turner	22 Morrows Mead		ross@rhodes.co.nz	<p>1. There is room for all recreational users in the area.</p> <p>2. This proposal is not for an "extension of swimming area" as the area in question is not close or adjacent to the existing area at the top of Roys Bay.</p> <p>3. There is no problem and no need for change.</p>
Hamish Rudhall	272738211		hamishrudhall@yahoo.com	1. If remove one area need to provide an alternative elsewhere - cites situation at Eely Point where swimming area was increased in size leaving little room to water ski.