

Before the Hearing Panel

For the Queenstown Lakes Proposed District Plan

Under the Resource Management Act 1991

In the matter of Stage 3 of the Proposed District Plan

Chapter 39 WĀHI TŪPUNA Text and Mapping

Summary of Evidence of Carol Bunn on behalf of

Barnhill Trust Limited & DE Bunn & Co 3216, 3217, 3332, 3333, 3429

or collectively, the Bunn Family

08 July 2020

Kia ora koutou Tēnā koutou katoa

- 1 My name is Carol Bunn and I am Susan Cleaver's twin sister. I have been studying at Lincoln University for the past year and today, completed a Diploma in Organic Agri-Food Production through the (BHU) Biological Husbandry Unit. Part of the course requirements was to complete the Māori culture and society paper (**Te-Tu-a-Uri**), to familiarise students with **Tikanga** Māori values; complete academic research through studying an indigenous ecosystem, and present this at the local marae. (Coincidentally, I presented my paper on the same day as the initial **Wāhi Tūpuna** meeting in Frankton last year, on the 25th September 2019).
- 2 I chose the Arrow River as my topic for my research plan and presentation, as it has always been close to my heart. I felt like that it had a story to tell; other than the gold mining history of the 1860's. What unfolded for me was a journey of discovery - literally spanning the entire length of the river. Through this process I learned that the river's traditional Māori name was **Haehaenui** meaning "**big scratches**", which I thought was very appropriate, given the geological formation of the river through tectonic forces, the gold mining history, the matagouri and the gorse and briar that lines its banks today.
- 3 My research plan (which I have with me today) covers the length of **Haehaenui**, including its: location, geology and history, as well as its management, water conservation, aquatic ecosystems, flora and fauna, ecological threats such as water quality and levels, wilding pines, sycamore's and rabbits. Furthermore, I explored the **mahu whenua** covenants placed in the headwaters by Soho Properties.
- 4 Whilst writing my report, I experienced a profound sense of loyalty toward **Haehaenui** as well as a sense of loss for what I didn't know. I felt that, if we keep scratching away, there will be less and less to come after.
- 5 My conclusions for **Haehaenui** were that: many people value the Arrow River catchment. Some are exercising **kaitiakitanga/stewardship** to restore its indigenous ecosystems, some value its clean and clear water, some value it for the exotic autumn colours. Whatever the reason, it is important to view the river in its entirety; in a holistic way, so as not to diminish its **mauri**, to sustain its life force, vital essence, and special nature. Restore its **mana whenua**. My parting comments of my oral presentation were: "**Haehaenui: Let us flow this out for the good of everything**".
- 6 My family feel a deep sense of kinship toward both the **Haehaenui** and **Kawarau** rivers that bound the land (whenua) that we have been custodians of for the last 70 years. We value the land as our **tūrangawaewae** – our place to stand. I would like to reiterate that our family welcome discussion with the Kai Tahu regarding the **Wāhi Tūpuna** overlays.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa