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Landscapes Schedules

Verbal Submission

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PA ONLY Hawea South North Grandview: Schedule of Landscape Values

You have read our submissions and we as landholders have made it clear that there is capacity for development around the lake in a number of forms. We don't want to be restricted by visual effects only.

Lake Hawea has big vast landscapes with lake and mountain backdrops and from our place the visual affects are most often assessed from SH6 people travelling viewing them in a car at 100 km an hour, across the lake across the lake (3-8 km away) from a bike track or the other side or from a boat if you out on the lake.

Current the decisions made regarding onl as to whether a development occurs is heavily weighted on being able to see it the visual affects it has. These landscape values provide a mechanism to support decisions and therefore it is very important that they are not limited and are aligned with the locals visions.

I believe the process doesn't put any weight on the merits, or considerations of the landholders or community and it certainly doesn't make decisions based on sustainability or the future needs of a growing population and it certainly is not practical.

As landholders custodians or guardians of the land we have experienced the onl process. It had been a very grueling experience, costly, stressful and totally impractical. In a number of occasions we had no submitters against us, the council landscapers supported our application but the application was still rejected by the commissioners. We pursued at great cost to us and you as ratepayers and eventually after mediation and months and months of going back and forth the application was approved.

These landscape assessments are what the commissioners, the out of towners landscape architects base their evidence and decisions on.

As a landholder with an ecotourism degree, who is invoved in agritourism, regenerative tourism, farming, had been involved in shaping Lake Hawea, involved in the destination management plan, on the lake hawea stakeholders group, round the lake catchment group. Adjoining me is Richard who is 3rd generation farmer, is currently on hunters for conservation, the lake hawea guardians committee. I have joined the Lake Hawea Association. We know our role going forward is to be more involved in the community. We are members of Wanaka chamber and Wanaka tourism and attend the Wao summit year after year. Both our tourism business are Qualmark enviro gold. We have won farm environmental awards And he list goes on. We are also one of the biggest employers in Lake Hawea.

When involved with shaping Lake hawea we had discussions about What hawea looked like in the future. There were discussions about future development extending the lakefront so that more people could enjoy the views, having a horseshoe affect that was typical of other lakes. With the growing population I would say this is inevitable. Maybe not in my lifetime.

Do the landscape values take into account our districts future. They assess what we have now and they assess if there is capacity for development.

Do these landscape values compliment the projected population growth and the future needs of the community. Have that looked at future tourism practices,

the changes that may occur with future farming. Have that looked at community needs recreationally?

Do these values allow the informative decisions to be made based on merit, sustainability. No they don't. The decisions are commonly getting made purely on visual.

Do they allow for innovation, creativity, change, round the table discussions with the people the people the people of our community?

Most of the assessment states little or no capacity. This is why as landholders, community members and ratepayers we were opposed.

Ben landscape architect has informed us that they have managed to reduce the no capacity a smidgen to look at a case by case basis.

These are vast landscape that can accommodate development on the lake if done in the right way. Lake Hawea is not an "ornament". It is not just to look at. It is a living landscape, people are part of it, farming and tourism is still looking to be the future use and the Landscape values need to accommodate our future generations needs and the people's needs. These values should not only be weighted by visual alone and should include round table discussion, input from the landholders, look at sustainability, regenerative practices. Assessments that cover cultural, social, economic, environmental benefits and impact and look into restorative processes.. People need to be able to get out and enjoy what lake hawea has to offer. Visual assessment alone is not the right mechanism. It doesnt protect our lake. It inhibits it.

The resource consent process is there to ensure any affects are mitigated. It works and making the landscape assessment so tough visually is an inhibitor.

Case by case we want it acknowledged that :

- we are not in the back blocks,
- consideration that we have a growing population and increase visitor numbers
- lake hawea is not an ornament – Just to look at.
- and activity/development around the lake should be encouraged if done in the right way rather than causing an expensive traumatizing experience.

People want to see a flourishing community. The onl landscape assessment plans need to reflect this and be more aligned with the people that live here. These assesments are too limiting.

Today i do not want to see a predetermined outcome. I want to see that you are listening to the landholders as a good plan is one that works with the landholders, the community not against them.