

## **Plan Change 54: Submitter # 15 – Lorraine Rouse and Theo Bunker**

Kia ora, my name is Lorraine Rouse.

1. I am attending today to speak on behalf of myself and Theo Bunker. Together, we lodged a submission in support of Plan Change 54 as notified.
2. I am a descendant of one of the 50 people to whom the Crown committed land in the late 1800s at 'The Neck', between lakes Hāwea and Wānaka. The Crown introduced legislation to enable transfer of that land. This was passed by Parliament in 1906 as the South Island Landless Natives Act, or 'SILNA'.
3. However, my tūpuna did not get the land at 'The Neck' as promised.
4. In 1997, the Crown committed the Hāwea/Wānaka – Sticky Forest land to me and the other descendants of the people who did not get the promised land at The Neck.
5. As Monique King has said in her evidence for Te Arawhiti, the process to effect transfer of the Sticky Forest land to us is yet to be completed, but is in train.
6. I am also the appellant (alongside Theo Bunker) in an Environment Court appeal relating to the rezoning of the Hāwea/Wānaka - Sticky Forest whenua/land under the proposed Queenstown District Plan. That appeal seeks the residential rezoning of approximately 17.6 hectares of that whenua/land, which would allow the development of up to 150 residential houses. The Hāwea/Wānaka block is approximately 50 hectares.
7. While we don't have ownership of this land yet, we are concerned that the interests of the people who are the intended owners are taken into consideration and heard. We are concerned that in the absence of the intended owners having possession of what is rightfully ours, other parties will make assumptions about what is in our interests, or not take them into consideration at all.
8. The land, Hāwea/Wānaka - Sticky Forest, is to be transferred to the intended owners under the Ngai Tahu Claims Settlement Act 1998 as part of redress for breaches of the Treaty of Waitangi, committed against our tūpuna, and in particular the failure of the Crown to act in good faith, and fulfil its promises of providing land to enable our tūpuna "to live economically productive lives."<sup>1</sup> Those are the words of the Waitangi Tribunal in 2005 when it looked into the intentions of the Crown behind the land allocations to our tūpuna.
9. As described in the Plan Change 54 application, the Hāwea/Wānaka - Sticky Forest block is currently landlocked with no vehicle access and no legal access. The absence

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<sup>1</sup> Quote from the Waitangi Tribunal decision 2005 'The Waimumu Trust (SILNA) Report', page 89.



of that access exacerbates those grievances which we have inherited as their descendants. The provision of access to Hāwea/Wānaka - Sticky Forest through this plan change provides some resolution for this, and Theo and I are grateful to Northlake for its efforts in this regard.

10. We support PC54 and ask that it be approved with the recommendations drafted in the evidence of Katrina Ellis (the planner for Te Arawhiti) and the evidence of Tanya Ms Stevens (Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu).
11. We do not support the new rules which the Council officer has recommended in his report to manage traffic from the future land use of Hāwea/Wānaka – Sticky Forest.
12. Ms Stevens will speak to the Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu submission seeking that references to Sticky Forest are amended to “Hāwea/Wānaka – Sticky Forest”. I confirm that Mr Bunker and I tautoko (support) that request.
13. I am happy to answer any questions you have.

**Lorraine Rouse**

