

Form 5 Submission on notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation  
Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Whakatāne District

Name of submitter: **Pearly Mark**

This is a submission on the following change proposed to the plan: Whakatāne District Plan,  
Plan Change 2 - 23 and 45 Keepa Road

Trade Competition: **Pearly Mark cannot gain an advantage in trade competition through  
this submission.**

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are [give details]:

**Submission is:**

I oppose the proposed plan change from industrial to residential and wish to have it  
amended to Community and Cultural Zone with underlying Residential.

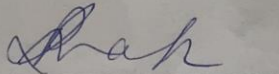
I wish to have it amended as such based on the existing Maori Freehold Land, Te Hokowhitu  
a Tu Marae, the occupied houses and the contaminated sites of land that are recorded  
within the property boundary of the subject land.

**Reasons**

I am a descendent of Ngaati Hokopu. Te Hokowhitu Marae has not only been my home, but  
the home and meeting place of my whanau from all over New Zealand. I want it to be the  
home of my children and mokopuna into the future, where they can share the same  
experiences as I did as a child. I believe that if the proposed development was to go ahead,  
my children would not be able to make as much noise as they want to as I often did as a  
child. They would not be able to play outside the marae until midnight, without receiving  
noise complaints and dirty looks from the residents who are being kept up. They would not  
be able to feel as if they are escaping the city; instead, they would be in the middle of it.

These experiences shaped me as the person I am today, connecting me to ancestral land and  
to my whanau. If the proposed development were to go ahead, my children would not be  
able to grow up with these same experiences as I did. I do not want them just to be stories  
of the way things once were.

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a  
hearing.



Signature of submitter (or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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