

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 Sullivan**

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 Sullivan 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

Hearing submissions I wish to be heard in support of my submission:

- I am a descendant of Maria Hahuru Patara one of the original land owners who gave the site for Te Hokowhitu a Tu marae.
- I am currently the Treasurer for Te Hokowhitu a Tu Marae Committee.
- I am a Trustee for Te Hokowhitu Marae. (Rangitaiki Parish 28B 3C 1 Maori Reservation)
- I am the person whose role is taking bookings for activities at the marae. I can supply evidence of the bookings to demonstrate the frequency and variability of the kinds of activities we enjoy providing for at Te Hokowhitu a Tu marae. We hold our own activities and we provide a venue for other people's activities also. Activities include tangihanga, celebrations, educational workshops for schools and tertiary institutions, screening documentaries of significance to our hapu community and healing workshops with spiritual and physical healers from across New Zealand.

We have held these kinds of activities since 1923, when our meeting house was first constructed – and these activities will continue to be available at our marae, at our discretion, in perpetuity.

Being decision-makers for access to our marae for these kinds of activities underpins our identity, culture, tradition and relationships with our ancestral taonga, including Matauranga Maori, and it is important that these important values and interests are recognised and provided for into the future. Any imposition on our rights to enjoy these activities at our marae and ancestral lands, would be a more than minor adverse effect on our relationships with our ancestral taonga.

- I am responsible to manaaki (look after) our whanau (family) and manuhiri (visitors) who visit Te Hokowhitu a Tu marae.
- I am one of the kitchen co-ordinators- a position that had been handed down to me 35 years ago. As part of this role, I have to ensure that the mana of our marae is kept strong by providing nutritious and nourishing meals and also ensuring that whanau and manuhiri are kept comfortable during their whole stay. This position requires you to make sure that the tikanga and kawa are upheld by

communicating what the expectations are from the marae perspective and to communicate what the role of the manuhiri would be. Quite often we, the helpers and myself, will arrive at 5am and then leaving at 1am the next day.

- I am now also an elder of the marae and in that position I help out in the wharenui where at some of our gatherings it is common that our hui can finish at 1am, especially on the poroporoaki nights during a tangihanga.

It is important that the future generations carry on this practice of manaakitanga as it is very vital to our hapu as our hapu is well known for this practice. I fully support the Community and Cultural Zone; however, if the Residential Zoning, in its current form, is approved it will become more and more difficult to practice this due to limitations in regards to possible parking space for not only the whanau but also for our manuhiri, our manuhiri currently use the Maori owned land next to the Marae and the roadway and it would therefore limited who we may have at our Marae.

It is therefore important that Council works with us to ensure the regulations it installs into the district plan, recognise and provide for the matters of national importance under s6(e) of the Resource management Act 1991, which are reverse sensitivity issues that can be provided for in district regulation.

I am an owner in:

- Rangitaiki Lot 28B No 22 {Rangitaiki Lot 28B 22} Keepa Road, Piripai under Ahu Whenua Trust
- Lot 28B No 2E No 2B Parish of Rangitaiki (being Lot 2, Lot 4 and Lot 5 Deposited Plan 398781) {Rangitaiki Parish 28B 2E 2B} Bunyan Road, Piripai under Piripai Lands Trust.
- Rangitaiki 28 L Keepa Road, Piripai and Trustee under Emere Apanui Stewart Whanau Trust
- Lot 28B No 3C No4 Parish of Rangitaiki {Rangitaiki Parish 28B 3C 4 Keepa Road, Piripai, Te Keepa Tawhio Lands Trust
- Rangitaiki Parish 28B2B2A2D Keepa Road, Piripai, Te Keepa Tawhio Lands Trust
- Rangitaiki Parish 28B 2D 2B 2D Keepa Road and Trustee under Ngairo Trust
- 77 Keepa Road, Piripai, and Trustee under Emere Apanui Stewart Whanau Trust
- 81 Keepa Road, Piripai, and Trustee under Emere Apanui Stewart Whanau Trust
- 129 Keepa Road, Piripai
- 133 Keepa Road, Piripai under Te Keepa Tawhio Lands Trust
- 135 Keepa Road, Piripai under Te Keepa Tawhio Lands Trust.

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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