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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**SUBMISSIONS HEARING MEETING**

held  
**12.30pm - Waimea River Park Management Plan Hearing,**  
**Thursday, 26 June 2025**  
at  
**Tasman Council Chamber, 189 Queen Street, Richmond**

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The [video recording](#) of this meeting is available on the Council's YouTube channel

**Present:** Councillors M Kininmonth (Chairperson), K Maling, D Shallcrass and U Passi (Matauranga Māori expert)

**In Attendance:** Councillor (J Ellis), Group Manager – Environmental Science (R Smith), Project Manager (G Daly), Team Leader Rivers (D Arseneau), Executive Assistant – Environmental Science (K Scammell), Governance Support Officer (K Lathem) and Senior Governance Advisor (K McLean)

**1 OPENING KARAKIA, WELCOME**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

Nil

**3 REPORTS**

**3.1 Waimea River Park Management Plan Review Submissions Hearing**

Project Manager, George Daly and Team Leader – Rivers and Coastal Structures, David Arseneau, presented the report.

**Moved Councillor Maling/Councillor Shallcrass**  
**SH25-06-9**

**That the Submissions Hearing**

1. receives the Waimea River Park Management Plan Review Submissions Hearing RSH25-06-2; and
2. receives and considers all 61 submissions on the Draft Waimea River Park Management Plan received by 11 June 2025; and
3. declines to accept any late submissions on the Draft Waimea River Park Management Plan received after 11:59pm on 11 June.

#### **CARRIED**

- Attachment 1 Belinda Crisp - supporting information (1)  
Attachment 2 Belinda Crisp - supporting information (2)  
Attachment 3 Davis Sissons - supporting information  
Attachment 4 Stephen Sutton - supporting information  
Attachment 5 Ken Wright - supporting information  
Attachment 6 Rebecca Hamid - supporting information (1)  
Attachment 7 Rebecca Hamid - supporting information (2)

#### **4 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

##### **4.1 Submitter:** Victoria Reid (34991)

**Topic:** Ms Reid spoke about gender imbalance, inclusive and progressive steps (not regressive) and that she did not support the bridle path plan proposal.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

##### **4.2 Submitter:** Rosemary Lee-Oldfield (35051), on behalf of Wakefield and District Riding Club

**Topic:** Ms Lee-Oldfield spoke about safety concerns for horse riders and that she did not support the removal of horse tracks in the proposed plan.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions

##### **4.3 Submitter:** Stephanie Rathbun (35061), on behalf of LQE Trust

**Topic:** Ms Rathbun spoke about safety concerns and that she did not support the removal of horse tracks in the proposed plan.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

##### **4.4 Submitter:** Justine Lester (35092), on behalf of Nelson Tasman Riding Club Incorporated

**Topic:** Ms Lester spoke about the Council's recent support regarding 'pass wide and slow' traffic safety initiative and felt that the removal of the horse tracks in the proposed plan went against the recent support for rider safety. She confirmed that she did not support the removal of horse tracks in the proposed plan.

**Questions and Responses:**

- In summer, did horse riding and swimming occur across the river? – yes.

4.5 **Submitter:** Mike Glover and Andrew Bowron, spoke on behalf of Katherine McNabb's submission (35075) - Jet Boating New Zealand Inc Nelson/Tasman

**Topic:** Mr Glover and Mr Bowron spoke in support of keeping the three boat launch areas open.

**Questions and Responses:** in response to a question regarding the use of the three launch areas remaining open, it was confirmed that this was not able to be answered at the meeting but noted that their submission supported the use of the launch areas.

4.6 **Submitter:** Ellie Harvey & Bryan Heaphy (35098), on behalf of Nelson Motorcycle Club (1908) Incorporated

**Topic:** Ms Harvey and Mr Heaphy supported the plan and felt that it was an ideal location for a safe and controlled motorcycle recreation area, self-funded by the Motorcycle Club.

**Questions and Responses:**

- What size area would you need? - 10-15 ha
- What is the Motorcycle Club's membership? - 350 members.

4.7 **Submitter:** Maaike Faber (35047)

**Topic:** Ms Faber spoke about gender sport balance, shared trails with cyclists and motorcyclists. She did not support the removal of horse tracks in the proposed plan.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.8 **Submitter:** Stephen Sutton (35087), on behalf of Edens Road Fruit Limited

**Topic:** Mr Sutton spoke about commercial activities, commercial orchard land and flood protection. He confirmed he did not support the proposed berms plan and felt that it would not work.

Mr Sutton tabled supporting information.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.9 **Submitter:** Peter Burton (35119)

**Topic:** Mr Burton supported stopping the gravel extraction (except for flood management), vehicles in the riverbed and controlled vehicles on the berm lands.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.10 **Submitter:** Rebecca Hamid (35116), on behalf of the River Road Company Limited

**Topic:** Ms Hamid spoke about the eastern bank, 4WDs, Old Man's Beard and motor vehicle's risk to bird population.

Ms Hamid tabled supporting information.

**Questions and Responses:** there were no questions.

4.11 **Submitter:** Rhys Barrier and Tony Whistle (35113), on behalf of Fish & Game NZ

**Topic:** Mr Barrier and Mr Whistle spoke about pheasant and bird hunting and that they would like to see the plan support hunting in the River Park.

**Questions and Responses:** there were no questions.

4.12 **Submitter:** Ken Wright (35105)

**Topic:** Mr Wright spoke about pheasant game hunting and that he felt dogs (certified and trained) were required to retrieve the birds and that the protected Oak Trees were food for the pheasants. He suggested that officers reviewed the archaeological files and boulders proposed to be included in the plan.

Mr Wright tabled supporting information.

**Questions and Responses:** questions were asked regarding potential future poisoning of the Oak Trees, no response was received other than shared disappointment.

4.13 **Submitter:** Gillian Pollock (35055), on behalf of Forest and Bird Protection Society

**Topic:** Ms Pollock spoke about her support for Oak Trees to be banished, the promotion of birds, lizards and vertebrates, parking and dogs on-lead. She did not support hunting.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.14 **Submitter:** David Sissons (35080), on behalf of the Waimea Inlet Forum Working Group

**Topic:** Mr Sissons spoke about the mouth of the Waimea River, climate change and that he felt that the Waimea Delta needed to be protected separately from the River Plan. He supported most of the River Park Plan.

Mr Sissons tabled supporting information.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.15 **Submitter:** Drew Hayes (35080), on behalf of Downer NZ Limited

**Topic:** Mr Hayes spoke about gravel processing storage and staged areas as a critical part of the regions infrastructure and supply chain, uncertainty for commercial businesses and cost impacts. He asked that the plan allowed for the continuation of the gravel processing operations in the area with clear criteria and processes for lease renewal. Mr Hayes supported the River Park Plan.

**Questions and Responses:**

- Was Bartlett Plant owned by Downer? - Yes, the plant retired a few years ago and was replaced by an asphalt plant.

4.16 **Submitter:** Malcolm Edridge (35106), on behalf of Edridge Crushing & Screening Limited

**Topic:** Mr Edridge spoke about gravel extraction from the berm lands and the Waimea River and gravel leases. He proposed revised wording in the plan to read 'existing processing to continue with environmental safeguards put in place'. He supported the direction of the River Plan.

**Questions and Responses:**

- Regarding greater mitigation or consideration of environmental impact from the gravel works, what did you have in mind? - In the plan it states the movement of stock piles in the river area which we have mitigated that now, but also want to work with the Council to ask what their concerns were.
- River shingle will eventually run out, businesses will have to, at some point, move to another site? – Yes, a portion of our gravel processing is from the River Park itself but we also process other gravel from sources nearby.

4.17 **Submitter:** Bruno Brosnan (35111), on behalf of Fulton Hogan Nelson Limited

**Topic:** Mr Brosnan spoke about environmental outcomes, commercial operations, costs and the habitat restoration in the River Park area. He supported the River Plan to continue commercial operations in this area.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.18 **Submitter:** Belinda Crisp (34853), on behalf of Nelson Tasman Cycle Trails Trust

**Topic:** Ms Crisp spoke about compromise, the gravel section at Bryant Road and vandalism. She supported no vehicle access in the River Park.

Ms Crisp tabled supporting information.

**Questions and Responses:** There were no questions.

4.19 **Submitter:** Neil Deans (35088), on behalf of Ngāti Koata

**Topic:** Mr Deans spoke about cultural interests in the area, preservation, water quality and sediment management, lease income and reserve status. He supported the River Park Plan.

**Questions and Responses:**

- In response to a comment regarding income from the gravel extraction, funds should only be used for the management of the Waimea River Park, is that correct? – yes, it is a closed account and income from the berms is largely used within the River Park but one of the proposals was to keep the funds within the River Park in a closed account.

The meeting concluded at 2.36pm.

Confirmed as a correct record of proceedings by resolution on Enter date .