

Notice is given that a Submissions Hearing meeting will be held on:

**Date:** Wednesday 27 April 2022  
**Time:** 10.30 am - 12.30 pm  
**Meeting Room:** Takaka Service Centre, Golden Bay  
**Venue:** Topic: Port Tarakohe Fence Proposal  
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## Submissions Hearing

### AGENDA

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#### MEMBERSHIP

<b>Chairperson</b>	Cr C Hill	Grant Knowles (GBCB)
<b>Members</b>	Cr C Butler	Lenaire Crockford (MKM)

(Quorum 2 members)

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## **AGENDA**

**1 OPENING, WELCOME, KARAKIA**

**2 APOLOGIES AND LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

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**4 HEARING OF SUBMISSIONS**

Nine submitters wish to speak at the Hearing (schedule attached).

**5 CONFIDENTIAL SESSION**

Nil

**4 CLOSING KARAKIA**

### 3 REPORTS

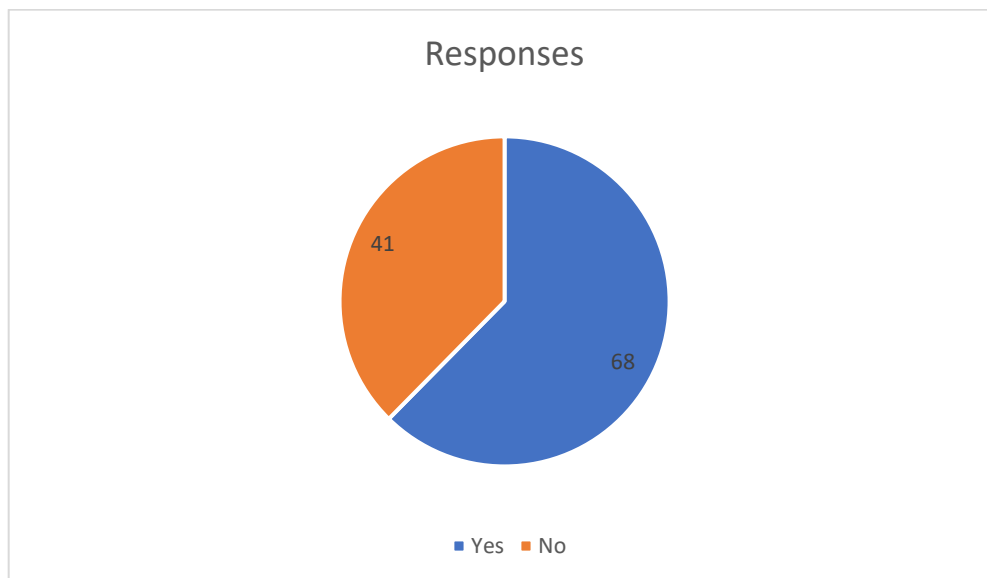
#### 3.1 PORT TARAKOHE - CONSTRUCTION OF A FENCE TO PROTECT NESTING LITTLE BLUE PENGUINS

Decision Required

<b>Report To:</b>	Submissions Hearing
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	27 April 2022
<b>Report Author:</b>	Nick Chin, Enterprise Portfolio Manager
<b>Report Number:</b>	RSH22-04-3

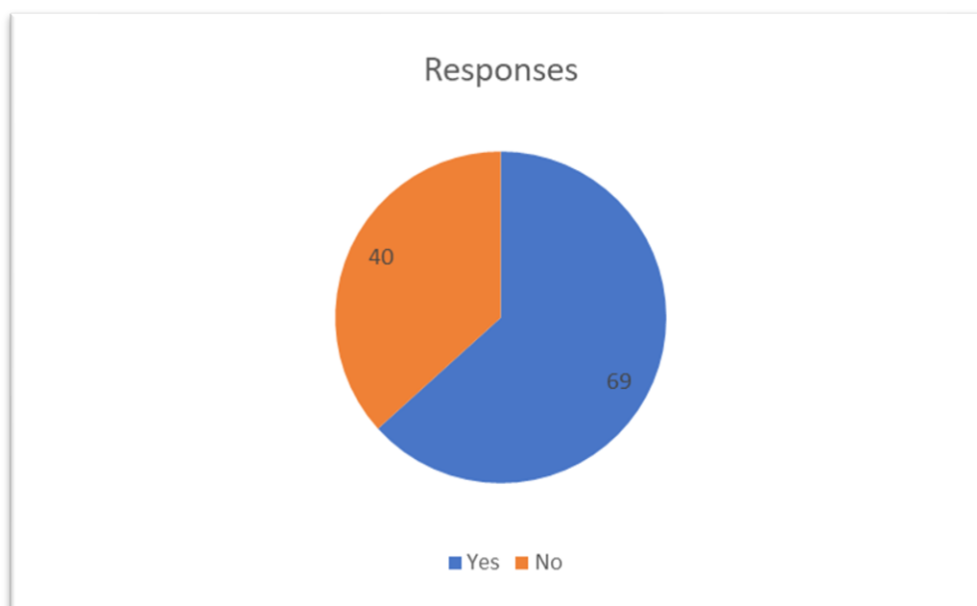
#### 1 Summary

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to assist the Submissions Hearing and Deliberation Panel (the Panel) to hear submitters and deliberate on the submissions received on constructing a fence to protect nesting Little Blue Penguins at Port Tarakohe, following the public consultation.
- 1.2 The Panel can then make recommendations to Full Council on whether to construct a permanent fence on the western arm of Port Tarakohe to limit public access while the Penguins are nesting. Including what access arrangements or other measures should be incorporated into the outcome.
- 1.3 There were 109 submissions (see **Attachment 1**) received by the closing date. The assessment of the views and preferences of the community is not a numbers game. The panel will need to assess the content of the submissions, alongside other information including relevant legislation and staff advice, and form their own view on what an appropriate outcome to recommend to Full Council would be. That view should take in account the relevant matters raised by submitters.
- 1.4 An overview of the submissions is as follows:
  - In response to question one: “Do you agree with the proposal to construct a fence across the western arm of Port Tarakohe to protect penguins?”, 68 submitters selected yes (62%), and 41 submitters selected No (38%).



*Figure 1 Response on constructing a fence*

- In response to question two: “Do you agree with the proposal to control and restrict access to the penguin colony during the breeding season”: 69 submitters selected yes (63%), and 40 submitters selected No (37%).



*Figure 2 Response on limiting access during the nesting season*

- 1.5 Staff have prepared a submission summary and also grouped the submission comments by theme to assist the deliberations (see **Attachment 1**).
- 1.6 Nine submitters wish to be heard at today's hearing.
- 1.7 The submissions against the construction of the proposed permanent fence and limiting access tended to focus on the public rights for access to the reserve area for fishing and

visiting the site. Council has options around how access to the area (through the proposed fence) is managed and a graduated approach is possible.

- 1.8 The submissions in favour of erecting the fence and restricting access focused on wildlife protection, growing the colony, engaging in further research and limiting public access.

<b>2 Draft Resolution</b>
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**That the Submissions Hearing and Deliberation Panel:**

1. receives the Port Tarakohe - Construction of a fence to protect nesting Little Blue Penguins report RSH22-04-3; and
2. receives and considers the submission on the proposed permanent fence to protect nesting Little Blue Penguins; and
3. recommends to the Full Council, that Council approves the construction of a fence on the western arm of Port Tarakohe primarily to protect the nesting Little Blue Penguins subject to the following measures;
  - i) that the administration of entry into the fenced area is managed by a third party or community group.
  - ii) *(Anything else the Panel may recommend)*
4. notes that the Submissions Hearing and Deliberation Panel's recommendation will be presented to Full Council for consideration and a decision on 19 May 2022.

**3 Purpose of the Report**

- 3.1 To report on the submissions received for the proposed construction of a fence on the western arm of Port Tarakohe to protect nesting Little Blue Penguins; and
- 3.2 To provide advice to the Hearing Panel on the content of the submissions to enable the Panel to deliberate on the submissions and make a recommendation to Full Council on whether to approve the construction of a fence and if so under what conditions.

**4 Background and Discussion**

- 4.1 This report provides the Panel with the submissions received on the proposal to approve the construction of a fence on the western arm of Port Tarakohe to protect nesting Little Blue Penguins. Staff have provided information to enable the Panel to deliberate on those submissions. Staff have also prepared a summary of submissions and grouped the submission comments by theme to assist deliberations.
- 4.2 The Mōhua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Trust (the Trust) has proposed that the Council build a permanent fence, including a locked gate, on the western arm of the Port to protect nesting penguins and prevent unsupervised public access during the nesting and fledgling session, which is June through to February each year.
- 4.3 Since approximately 2011, Little Blue Penguins/Kororā (penguins) have been encouraged to nest on the western arm of the Port. The penguins are listed as a protected species under the Wildlife Act, which is administered by the Department of Conservation (DOC). With a growing colony of penguins, there is increasing pressure to protect them from dogs and human interference.
- 4.4 Limited consideration, if any, has been given to the long-term impacts of encouraging this growing activity on the wider operations of the Port (commercial and recreational) or the maintenance of the arm.
- 4.5 This area proposed to be fenced off has also been a popular fishing spot with local fishermen for many years. This recreational activity is conflicting with the environmental wildlife objectives of the Trust.
- 4.6 A plan has been developed by the Trust requesting that the Council fence off a portion of the northern tip of the Port's western arm, to protect the penguin nesting area. This was first submitted to the Council in 2019, as part of the development of a proposal to the Provincial Growth Fund (PGF) to support the commercial development of Port Tarakohe and allow it to support the expanding seafood industry in the area.
- 4.7 The plan to build a fence was subsequently incorporated into the business plan for the funding application to the PGF for development of Port Tarakohe. The funding proposal was unsuccessful, and the fencing was subsequently deferred.
- 4.8 The Trust wrote to the Council in October 2021 indicating that, in their view, there is an urgent need to fence off the nesting area to help prevent penguin mortality and visitors disrupting penguin nesting and fledgling process. The Trust has provided an updated draft fence plan for the panel's consideration, which involves controlling public access to the northern portion of the western arm at the Port.
- 4.9 This proposal was also raised at the September 2021 Port Tarakohe Advisory Group (PTAG) meeting. At that time, most advisory group members were unaware of the proposal, as no meaningful consultation or engagement with them had yet taken place.

- 4.10 The proposal to go out and consult with the public was approved by the Strategy and Policy Committee on the 3 March 2022. The consultation period ran from 14 March – 14 April 2022.
- 4.11 Encouraging the growth of the penguin colony has the potential to be a significant tourism attraction to Golden Bay but will have long term implications for operations at the Port. In particular the planned expansions.
- 4.12 An interim measure has been taken to improve protection for the penguin colony during the current nesting and fledging season. Council staff have installed an unlocked swing gate and erected signs on the western arm. More recently, a remote camera has also been placed in the area. The Trust has advised in their view these interim measures have not deterred adverse behaviour by members of the public. The initial interim measures have only been in place since mid-November 2021. An assessment of their effectiveness and any modification to improve the desired outcomes has not been undertaken yet.
- 4.13 The Department of Conservation has been approached and they have advised that the interim steps taken are reasonable to protect the penguins. Despite this, the Trust are still reporting that the nesting boxes are still being tampered with, waste and rubbish are being left and untethered dogs are entering the area.
- 4.14 The Council has a range of options to control access through the proposed fence. Any costs to manage undertaken by Council would have administrative and operational implications and require rates funding. If access was managed by the Trust, then those costs would be lower or could be avoided. The options are:
- 4.14.1 Council controls access to the public engaging with the Port Manager to get a key. This could end up being problematic and administratively time consuming for the Port Manager. The Port only has two staff, and the operations of the Port are increasing. Also, Port staff are there limited hours Monday – Friday, and would not be available weekends to administer this option to the public.
- 4.14.2 Council engages the Trust to control access. This would be more beneficial for both the Trust and Council; however, firstly the Trust will need to consider if they wish to manage public access, but also if a member of the public contacts the Trust wanting to enter the area, the Trust must have the resources and manpower to be able to act in a timely manner.

## 5 Submissions

- 5.1 There were 109 submissions (see **Attachment 1**) received by the closing date.
- 5.2 An overview of the submissions is as follows:
- 109 submissions were received in total. In the analysis of responses and in response to question one: *Do you agree with the proposal to construct a fence across the western arm of Port Tarakohe to protect penguins?* 68 submitters selected yes, and 41 submitters selected No.
  - In response to question two: *Do you agree with the proposal to control and restrict access to the Penguin colony during the breeding season?* 69 submitters selected yes, and 40 submitters selected No.
  - The majority of submitters who selected 'Yes; did so, and voiced concerns for:
    - Penguin Protection, conservation, and for the ability to continue further research
    - Concern that people were tampering with existing nesting boxes



- Concern that untethered dogs were being taken into the area
  - Concern that people were playing loud music, partying and disturbing the penguins, especially during the breeding session.
  - That penguins were being killed or disturbed to a such a degree that they were deserting their nests.
  - The majority of submitters who selected 'No' did so, and voiced concerns for:
    - Public land should be available for public use and not be restrictive.
    - Losing a prime generational fishing area.
    - That the western arm was manmade with Golden Bay volunteers for the pleasure of community use.
    - That the area should not be restricted to the public, and that the Trust should focus on ongoing education.
    - Other options should be used such as, patrolling of the area, signage and cameras.
    - That the Little Blue Penguins have many and various nesting spots within the Bay throughout the coastline and that the overall population in the area is healthy.
    - That the Penguins shouldn't have been encouraged to nest there in the first place.
- 5.3 Staff have prepared a submission summary and also grouped the submission comments by theme to assist the deliberation (see **Attachment 1**).
- 5.4 Nine submitters wish to be heard at today's hearing:
- Angela Lees
  - Dr John Cockrem
  - Cynthia McConville
  - Suzy Hall
  - Linda Jenkins
  - Kelcey Chandler
  - Duncan Cavaye
  - Heather Wallace
  - Robert Kennedy

The Hearing Schedule has been attached for your convenience. (**Attachment 7**)

Issue	Perceived impact	Staff comment
<b>The Public should not be restricted from Reserve Land. Loss of a generation fishing area</b>	The public will not have access to the western arm of Port Tarakohe at all.	<p>This is not the case; the access will be restricted during the breeding session which is June through to February. Even during the breeding season, the public may contact the Trust and obtain a key, which will give them entry. This will allow the Trust to educate people entering the area, but also, impose accountability for the people that do obtain a key to enter.</p> <p>Access to the eastern arm of the Port will be improved with better parking in the next couple of years. The eastern arm has no restrictions and offers a similar amenity to the western arm.</p>
<b>Protection of the Penguins should be enforced through restriction of dogs in the area and installing cameras</b>	It will reduce the disturbance of the penguins, while allowing the public to still have access.	As an interim measure the Council has installed 'No dogs allowed' signs, a gate and a camera to the area. It has been too early to know if these interim measures are working. No recent fatalities or interference have been reported to Council. Unfortunately, this does not eliminate tampering with the nesting boxes or leaving rubbish and waste in the area. The cameras may capture adverse behaviours; however, prosecution is often too late, and the damage to the colony is normally done.
<b>The Public are disturbing nesting penguins during the breeding season, causing them to abandon the nest.</b>	That the public are allowing untethered dogs into the area, and that nests are being tampered to a point that the penguins are becoming anxious, aggressive or abandoning their nests.	Again, it is unsure if the interim measures have helped discourage this behaviour, these measures were implemented in mid-November 2021, so it is too soon to really know.
<b>The Public are leaving rubbish and excrement in the area.</b>	This is causing a danger to the penguins, including fishing lines being left, which the penguins can get tangled up in.	Staff would have to investigate this. If the public are leaving rubbish and excrement. Then possibly the implementation of a camera (which is very recent, less than a month), could be advertised, in a hope to deter this behaviour.

## 6 Submission Hearing Purpose

- 6.1 The Panel must consider the submissions received, weighting the views presented, deliberate, and decide whether to recommend proceeding with approving the construction of

the fence. The Panel could also recommend changes to the proposed wording in the resolution, if there are any matters, they wish Full Council to consider.

- 6.2 The Panel's recommendations will be presented to Full Council for consideration at its meeting on 19 May 2022.

## 7 Options

- 7.1 There are three options resulting from the consultation process that has been undertaken.

These are:

**7.1.1 Option One: (Recommended)** Based on the analysis of the data and the information received from the Trust, the interim measures that the Council have taken are not deterring adverse behaviour at the colony site. Staff are recommending that the best option is for the Panel to recommend the construction of a fence to protect the nesting Little Blue Penguins to Full Council. Concomitant advertising that access will still be available to the public through the Trust will allay concerns.

**7.1.2 Option Two:** Retain the status quo with the current measures and do not recommend constructing the permanent fence at the western arm of Port Tarakohe, based on an assessment of the comments made by submitters, and recommend to Full Council that the construction of the proposed fence is not granted at this time.

**Option Three:** Continue with the interim measures that the Council has put in place. The measures have only been in place since mid-November 2021, this has not been enough time to analysis whether these measures have been truly effective.

Option	Pros	Cons
<b>Option one:</b> Recommend to Full Council that the permanent fence be constructed. (With or without amendments).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fledgling and penguins' mortality will be reduced.</li> <li>Access to a key will maintain public access if required, but also ensure educational advice is provided and details are retained.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The public will have restricted access to the area.</li> <li>The perception from some members of the community could be that the restrictions are unnecessary, and the construction of a fence is a waste of rate payer money.</li> <li>There would be a cost to Council to construct the fence, but also for ongoing maintenance.</li> <li>That the growing colony and conservation opinion could interfere with the operations and development of the Port.</li> </ul>
<b>Option Two:</b> Do not recommend to Full Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There would be no extra cost to Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Poor optics by the majority and disharmony that</li> </ul>

Option	Pros	Cons
the construction of a permanent fence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allay concerns that the public is being restricted from a Reserve area.</li> <li>• It has been acknowledged that even without a permanent fence on the western arm, the penguin population continues to grow.</li> </ul>	<p>Council is not doing enough to protect the wildlife.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased penguin mortality.</li> </ul>
<b>Option Three:</b> Stay with the status quo and continue with the interim measures.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There would be no extra cost to Council.</li> <li>• The interim measures could be working as there has been no recent reports of penguin fatalities or tampering.</li> <li>• The public do not feel restricted by these measures.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interim measures have not been in long enough to know if they are working.</li> <li>• Increased penguin mortality.</li> </ul>

## 8 Consideration of Financial or Budgetary Implications

- 8.1 The Mōhua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Trust have pre-purchased the materials for the fence.
- 8.2 Depending on the substrate, construction costs have been estimated at up to \$20,000. Annual maintenance costs are estimated to be approximately \$1,000. It is noted that the fence will be built on an exposed isthmus in a corrosive coastal environment, and exact maintenance costs are difficult to quantify at this stage.
- 8.3 Staff believe the fence construction and maintenance costs, do not fall under the Port's commercial operations. This will therefore increase the level of rate funding required for the Port.

## 9 Significance and Engagement

- 9.1 There has been a medium level of interest and feedback from the Golden Bay Community on the proposal to construct a fence. Though the submitters that have shown an interest are quite passionate both for and against. Overall, the number of submitters is relatively small when measured against the Golden Bay population and the wider district. The Panel members should in their deliberations also take into account their understanding of the wider views and preferences of the community.
- 9.2 The hearing provides a further opportunity for the Panel to understand and receive further feedback and representations from those submitters wanting to be heard.

- 9.3 Hearing submitters, deliberating on all submissions received and making a recommendation to Full Council is a critical part of the process to consider whether to approve the construction of the proposed permanent fence and control public access to the area.
- 9.4 Manawhenua ki Mohua (MKM) have previously indicated their agreement in principle to the proposed fence and access controls.

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
1.	Is there a high level of public interest, or is decision likely to be controversial?	Medium	This proposal will be of medium significance to residents and visitors to Golden Bay because it seeks to protect a vulnerable and protected fauna.
2.	Are there impacts on the social, economic, environmental or cultural aspects of well-being of the community in the present or future?	Medium	The proposal is to control access to a penguin colony nesting area during the breeding season (June to February). Council can take a staged approach to restrictions, and thus managing the impact on the colony. If approved, the fence proposal is likely to have a positive impact on environmental wellbeing. However, the fence proposal may have some negative impact on the wellbeing of people wanting fishing access to the area during the breeding season as they will be required to obtain a key to enter the area.
3.	Is there a significant impact arising from duration of the effects from the decision?	Medium	Although the proposed fence would be permanent, fishing access remains available on the eastern arm and on the western arm by registration.
4.	Does this activity contribute or detract from one of the goals in the <a href="#">Tasman Climate Action Plan 2019</a> ?	No	
5.	Does the decision relate to a strategic asset?	Low	Port Tarakohe is listed as a strategic asset. However, while further encouragement of the Penguin colony will impact on future Port operations and operating costs, it will not stop

	Issue	Level of Significance	Explanation of Assessment
			the Port being used for its intended purpose and the proposal does not impact on the Council's ownership of the Port.
6.	Does the decision create a substantial change in the level of service provided by Council?	No	
7.	Does the proposal, activity or decision substantially affect debt, rates or Council finances in any one year or more of the LTP?	Low	As outlined above, there is likely to be a small ongoing cost on ratepayers for maintenance of the fence.
8.	Does the decision involve the sale of a substantial proportion or controlling interest in a CCO or CCTO?	No	
9.	Does the proposal or decision involve entry into a private sector partnership or contract to carry out the deliver on any Council group of activities?	N/A	
10	Does the proposal or decision involve Council exiting from or entering into a group of activities?	N/A	
11	Does the proposal require inclusion of Māori in the decision-making process (consistent with s81 of the LGA)?	Medium	The panel includes a member of Manawhenua ki Mohua, as part of the recommendation process.

## 10 Policy / Legal Requirements / Plan

- 10.1 Consultation on the proposal to restrict access is required by section 23 of the Reserves Act 1977.
- 10.2 The land is zoned Recreation under the TRMP which has an objective of enabling public access. The erection of a fence may frustrate this objective depending on the conditions imposed as a result of the Reserves Act processes. Accordingly, there may need to be a review of whether any Resource Consent is needed following any decisions made by the Panel and then Full Council.
- 10.3 Section 40 of the Reserves Act provides that the Council will administer the reserve to ensure the use, enjoyment, development, maintenance, protection and preservation of the reserve for the purpose for which the reserve has been classified. Accordingly, the Council must ensure the use and development of the Port land is for harbour works, which reflects the classification under the Vesting Act. Council is permitted to fence the reserve for the proper management of the reserve. There is nothing in the Reserves Act to indicate that another purpose (or effect) is prohibited so long as the statutory purpose is preserved, and the Port operations is not in any way compromised by the fence.

## 11 Next Steps / Timeline

- 11.1 Following hearings and deliberations, a copy of this report and the minutes of today's meeting with the Panel's recommendations, will be referred to Full Council on 19 May 2022 to enable the Council (in its capacity as administering body of the reserve and also in its capacity as the Minister of Conservation's delegate) to make the final decision on whether to grant the construction of the fence.
- 11.2 Following the Full Council meeting, staff will notify all submitters of the Council's decision and what it means via email.
- 11.3 If the Panel recommends to the Full Council that the fence is to be constructed and that is agreed in the May Full Council meeting, the Property and Enterprise Manager will action all documentation and commence the process to give effect to the Council's agreed resolution.

## Attachments

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## Submission Responses, listed by Subject

ID	Submitter	Opinion	Summary
<b>1. Do you agree with the proposal to construct a fence across the western arm of Port Tarakohe to protect penguins?</b>			
31109	Mr Dave Edwards	No	Public land should be kept as public land
31161	Mrs Laura Manson	No	I do not agree with building a fence at this stage. I feel it could be controlled with signage and fines to prevent dog attack. I believe that people fish from these areas- a fence would prevent that.
31162	Mrs Maria Armour	No	You are stopping people being able to fish off the arm, we just took our daughter fishing there few weeks ago nowhere else we got anything, but that area is where we actually got recommended to go and daughter actually caught a good fish
31168	Mrs Raewyn Tavendale	No	Everything is being fenced off. I'm not against protecting wildlife but the humans as in little people need access to be able to fish and enjoy. Everything is becoming thou shalt not
31169	Mr James Persson	No	waste of money!
31178	Mr Daimon Johnson	No	A terrible idea. that land was gifted to the people of golden bay. Not the birds. I have used that spot for fishing for 20 years and have taken all my 5 children there many times to fish. The public and the birds can happily coexist there.
31182	Mr Paul Deavoll	No	You cannot just keep blocking the public from public grounds. Everyone needs to respect the environment and learn to live in harmony with it, doing the right thing, not just being blocked. If you follow this to the end NZ would end up with a fenced coastline with no public access in case something is disturbed. Perhaps the nesting site should have been established somewhere else or nature not played with and never in fact established at all?
31214	Mrs Karen McCleely	No	As much as we love the wildlife and penguins, I can't help but think what about the people who fish of the rocks to feed their families or the handicapped people who like to go down there a look out to see and the boats? I think the money could be better spent in the bay
31220	Mrs Kate Windle	No	Defiantly not



31221 Megan Stowell	No	Please note I DO NOT agree with fencing off this area. Regards Megan
31223 Ms Lola Clouston	No	No
31224 Mr Michael Orange	No	Unnecessary, we have coexisted with penguins for generations, there are a group of people in the bay dead set on locking people out of areas to fuel their own egos.
31228 Ms Jude Gillies	No	<p>I have watched with interest the development of nesting boxes and encouragement of the breeding colony at the port but, I would ask, why? Having grown up in Oamaru and closely followed the development, mgt and enhancement of the colony there, I question the value of the Port Tarakohe colony. I have been boating in and out of Tarakohe for some 30 years and watched with interest not just the promotion of the colony but also the dead and maimed penguins that get washed up on Pohara Beach, most often sliced by what would appear to possibly be a propellor blade, or just possible blunt trauma impact.</p> <p>I have been kayaking and paddle boarding around the Pohara - Wainui coast for decades and note the number of penguins not only in the water during the day but the tracks leading ashore tucked among the rocks and bush from Pohara Beach to Anapai (my regular boating coastline).</p> <p>Given nesting korora go to sea at dawn, just as fishing boats of all descriptions also go to sea out of the port, and the korora come ashore at dusk, when evening fishers return, why did anyone think it was ever a good idea to encourage the korora to nest in the port? The port, as we know, is an artificial rocky habitat, but there are far better, safer and natural habitat opportunities all along the coast from Limestone Bay (between the band rotunda) at Pohara and all the way to Totaranui and beyond.</p> <p>Encouraging the penguin colony at Port Tarakohe was, to me, a classic case of human-centric perception of the penguins' needs - all the better for people to watch the penguins! Well, the penguins are better off away from boats of all kinds and they don't need people watching them to thrive. They need people, dogs and boats to stay away.</p> <p>Stop encouraging the penguins at Port Tarakohe, I say.</p> <p>One of their most favoured local nesting places is up the little creek at Pohara Valley - they swim up the stream under the road and waddle up into the bush to nest.</p> <p>What would serve the penguins better would be penguin proof fencing along the seaward side of the road from Limestone Bay to Ligar Bay so the poor wee penguins aren't squashed on the road as they try to scurry across. Deflecting them from crossing so they stay on the seaside where, from Port Tarakohe to Ligar Bay, below the monument, they flourish, as they do on the Tata spit headland. If you are familiar with what their tracks look like, you can see lots of them from kayaking or paddling on the coast around that area.</p>

31236 Ms Louise Amitrano	No	
31241 Ms Kelcey Chandler	No	How about an educational sign that asks please don't fish during the time the little guys are returning... and please keep kids and dogs contained and possibly a blind where kids and their parents can watch them and spend the money on a hidden camera that shows one nest during nesting season. People want to coexist but educate first before locking out!! The future of the wildlife is in teaching our children respect and admiration for it not locking them away from it.
31249 Mr Rangi Gardiner	No	This is a manmade generational fishing area. I've fished there 1000s of times and have never seen a problem and think this is just another lazy conservation approach. We need an exclusive approach and allow customary fishing rights and to take my grandchildren down there like I did my own children and my grandfather who took me there. As stated, this is not their natural habitat and they have been encouraged to nest there for only 10 years.
31265 Mr Gerald O'Connor	No	This would limit access to fisherman and families who use this arm to surf cast off the end.
31266 Mrs Judith O'Connor	No	There are far more important things to spend our precious dollars on
31272 Mr Noel Baigent Baigent	No	
31323 Mr Steve Penny	No	This is overkill and unnecessary ratepayer expense. If there are problems relating to disturbance from humans and dogs then this would be better addressed by clear signage and heavy fines for activities impacting on the colony, such as nest box vandalism and nuisance dogs (which would only be brought there by people). This is an important recreational site for tourists and local fisherman. It is one of the finest places in the bay (and probably the only place onshore) for watching the sun go down while sheltering from an easterly or southerly wind, getting away from it all, and catching a snapper for supper. The fence would also be an eyesore.
31329 Mrs Alison Menary	No	
31331 Mr Ross Jackett	No	This area is not natural and was constructed with rate payer money. It is bad enough that there is a barrier arm at the start of this area. It is not only used by boat owners. There is plenty of room around the coast for Penguins. Are you going to build fences everywhere? \$20,000 is too much for a fence and gate.
31332 Mr Duncan Cavaye	No	I have received great support from the community in highlighting the folly of this proposal. This is public reserve land and used by the public for walking, picnicking and fishing etc. The very construction of this arm was completed by volunteer local labour and to now shut locals out would be a travesty. Such changes to public use should never be considered, based merely on the whim of a pressure organisation making council feel it must be the "right thing to do". The road is paved with good intentions that prove poorly thought out, misleading or unsubstantiated. Such as claims regarding the vulnerability

		<p>of the existing thriving colony simply because there is possible penguin interaction with other users. Considering their habits this would be a fairly rare occurrence one would think.</p> <p>A senior contact in DOC has also supported my view that such a fence is unnecessary, and the penguin trust is aware of this position, yet it persists.</p> <p>In GB we have been gracious in accepting the burgeoning costly signage that now blights beaches and carparks. The messages are clear and unmistakable. This fence is now an intrusive unnecessary step too far and indeed peddles a motherly protectant ideology of nature from a distance or in this case behind a fence. It sets a precedent that residents are seemingly incapable of responsibly co existing with any of our wildlife species despite this being the case for decades. I've seen no quantitative data on any affects upon our local penguins and wildlife only subjective hyperbole from the trust members.</p> <p>I hope TDC make the correct and responsible decision on this matter.</p>
31352 Gary Baigent	No	<p>no, it is a vital recreational facility given to golden bay for our use in perpetuality.</p> <p>it is a vital fishing area, not everyone has a boat and kids have little to do in gbay.</p> <p>it is a monitoring and education problem, not a very strong blanket ban approach.</p> <p>its great viewing area too.</p>
31398 Ms Sada Ishwara	No	<p>It is absolutely not necessary. I find overprotection on penguins unnecessary. We have oversized signs some of them being electric. We have higher priorities such as dealing with poverty rather than dealing with penguins.</p>
31402 Ms Carole Fourrier	No	
31408 Ms Rachel McNicholl	No	<p>I disagree with this as you have already shut out the elderly and disabled from been able to use the arm to watch the boats come in and out have a picnic lunch down there and go fishing. I thought that this world was about equality and by fencing this area we aren't doing this</p> <p>Maybe you just ban dogs from this area thank you</p>
31413 Mr Roy Thomas	No	<p>Good place to take kids fishing we should be making it Easier for people to get out and be with nature not sitting it off. We need to learn to live together with nature.</p> <p>Think should be no dog zone though</p>
31424 Mrs Judy Ray	No	<p>I love the penguins but to protect them the whole coastline of NZ would need to be fenced. Port Tarakohe is only a tiny piece. There is becoming so many regulations in the community, and we are having more and more put on us. How can we take our Children, Grandchildren fishing, even sitting quietly and watching the penguins come up the rocks for the night, is such an amazing experience. Please do not take away somewhere that is safe for families to go. I'm sure penguins and humans can live alongside each other.</p>
31442 Paul Marcussen	No	
31466 Ms CJ Webster	No	<p>Penguins often chose to nest under houses etc. they are not disturbed by humans. I was one of the</p>

		<p>volunteers who first established nesting boxes at Tarakohe to give them safer places to nest than crossing the road. Trapping wild cats, stoats and rats makes sense for this intensive area but not keeping humans out - we are not the threat. I'd support a 1.5m high fence with a self-shutting gate and signage - stating what is happening in the area. Education is of far more use than shutting up an important local place. Many people use this area to fish - as so much of the coast here is very tidal the harbour arms are important for folk without a boat. The east arm is becoming more and more commercial - I worry it too will stop allowing public to access in the future when the marina area is changed to the western side. By only allowing the penguin Trust people access there it will cause lots of resentment. Many people fish there, and the penguins still choose to nest there - they cope or aren't bothered. I worry too the Penguin Trust will then try to charge people to go view the penguins - but they are free birds not for someone to make money from. This is the rumour I've heard here anyway.</p>
31489	Ms Olivia Ma'a	No
31535	Mrs Karen Pringle	No
31538	Linda Jane Keegan	No
		<p>It depends.</p> <p>Have other methods of education, patrolling education "officers", signage been tried? Is there a way to achieve the same outcome (protection of penguins, especially during breeding season) without a fence?</p> <p>If other methods have been tried without desired effect, then yes, I support the construction of the fence. With the caveat that ongoing education become part of the Trust's mission with a hope to the fence not having to be permanent.</p>
31590	Mr Ben Smith	No
		<p>It's protecting a manmade object how stupid the penguins will probably just get stuck in the fence and die that way</p>
31618	Mr Gareth Lamb	No
		<p>No, I strongly disagree with the proposed fencing off this area.</p> <p>We have lived in Pohara for 6 years and walk the port with my son on both sides, teaching fishing and showing him many of the things I learnt from nature when I was a boy. We are always on the beach, and we spend many hours around this area. I have never seen one penguin on the road, or on the Pohara or Tarakohe beaches.</p> <p>The only place I have seen them is in the water when we are out boating and maybe if you're lucky you might hear one call around dusk from that nesting area. It seems an overkill to be fencing this area when already you cannot drive into that area without paying nor can you take a dog in there off lead, (deters most people for a start) so where is the issue?</p> <p>I have seen rodents (maybe ferrets) around the Yacht Club at least once and maybe that maybe a better</p>

		<p>place to focus your attention to help protect the penguins. Not to mention how ugly a fence would look out on those points.</p> <p>Where is the data and information to exactly why we need to fence off more of our community asset? Before the port was all fenced off, we could enjoy walks all around the wharf for educational purposes and relaxation, buy a coffee on the old ship and be part of the place and now you want more fences. I love nature and the wildlife and truly spend more time than most in it, around it and caring and looking after it and I cannot see the benefit of this fence, nor do I wish to see people freedoms further eroded. Please listen to your conscience and let the simplicity of nature look after and care for herself.</p>
31675 Dr Helen Serabian	No	I don't see the building of a fence necessary.
31682 Mrs Rose Windle	No	<p>We strongly disagree to this proposal to fence the public off from this area, and as harbour users, we notice there are often families fishing off the western arm and enjoying themselves. This is a legacy left from the Tarahoke Cement Works and feel it should be for public use. it astonishes us that a penguin colony has been fostered in a shipping and boating lane. We live at Tata Beach and the noise of the penguins in the bush at night indicate to us there is already a thriving colony of penguins.</p>
31816 Ms Teri Sawers	No	<p>Firstly, all congratulations to the Trust for the amazing volunteer work that they've done supporting our penguin population. Re the fence itself, you've only offered a yes/no choice, my feedback is a 'maybe', as I 50% support a barrier of some kind, but have unanswered questions and some reservations. Including whether some additional or alternative measures could address the issue.</p> <p>I think it's a bit complicated because it's public land and a working port that is only going to grow in years ahead. My first question, which the TDC and Trust representatives haven't yet answered, is what is the extent of the predator problem?</p> <p>What stats/counts are there on attacks from dogs/stoats/rats/feral cats and specifically dogs? How many attacks and deaths have there been on the western arm, in combinations with deaths on the roads and in other GB breeding locations? Are the trapping lines catching nearly all the stoats/rats? The proposed fence would only stop dogs and their owners, but not these other predators.</p> <p>From visiting the current gate site, it does seem that a taller gate, specific signage about the 'why' you can't take your dog, and more boulders on either side, could block most would-be visitors as barriers. Many of the walkers with dogs in this area are from the 'motorhome compound' who are in retirement age - mostly not up for clambering over rocks or barriers. Providing 1-2 tie-up posts for dogs outside the barrier would give the owners somewhere to safely tether them outside the gate?</p>
31818 Ms Suzy Hall	No	
31828 Steven Wilkinson	No	
31101 Genie Em	Yes	I think it's a fantastic move to install a fence and locked gate at Port Tarakohe to protect our breeding blue

		penguins. Any move towards protecting native wildlife of all forms is to be encouraged in NZL.
31105	Ms Tamara Cartwright	Yes
31106	Mrs Vanessa Conwell	Yes I think it's great that council are working with the community group on this
31107	Mrs Jessica Fraser	Yes
31108	Dr Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando	Yes
31121	Mr Mike McManaway	Yes Yes, it should be a privilege not a right for humans to use the arm.
31127	Ms Gita Krenek	Yes
31131	Mr Bruce Williamson	Yes
31132	Mr Martyn fisher	Yes
31133	Mrs Linda Jenkins	Yes Yes, I agree with the proposal. The blue penguin colony at Port Taranaki is one of the few successful port-based breeding colonies in New Zealand. It is well established and provides important research opportunities, the outcomes of which provide vital insights into blue penguin behaviour and habitat. It is through this research, in collaboration with other breeding colonies, that threats can be identified and remedied. According to DOC the conservation status of little blue penguins / Korora is "At Risk - Declining". Every effort needs to be made to secure a safe future of the Port Taranaki colony so that the little blues can survive and thrive there and so that this research can continue to make a significant contribution to the understanding of the little blue species.
31144	Ms Beth McCarthy	Yes
31158	Ms Laura Baker	Yes Yes, our kororā are a taonga worth protecting.
31159	Ms donna butler	Yes absolutely. Birds need more protection on golden bay beaches as well.
31163	Mrs Venini Tindling	Yes
31164	Ms Gay Hamilton	Yes
31166	Mr Christopher Bennett	Yes
31167	Ms Lis Pedersen	Yes We fully support this concept and are delighted the process has finally begun. Little Blue Penguins are challenged by dogs and vehicles in Golden Bay and their numbers are in decline. This is one important way we as a community can lessen the impact of urbanisation on our wild neighbours.
31170	Mr Dylan Maxwell	Yes

31172	Mrs Julia Fuge	Yes	
31175	Ms Marian Vlaar	Yes	
31176	Mr David Whiteford	Yes	
31180	Mrs Katie Hames	Yes	<p>Penguin fencing was included in the Port Layout plan as part of the Port Tarakohe Proposed Development plan.</p> <p>Council previously considered the recommendations of a Hearing Panel appointed to hear submissions on the Port Tarakohe Proposed Development and Draft Business Case, and then adopted the changes as proposed to include the output from community consultation. (Full Council Agenda- Thursday 29 August 2019 Ref 1.6)</p> <p>Recommendation amendments to proposed Port layout included fencing to protect Little Blue Penguins and potential provision of a roosting area for shorebirds.</p> <p>Council is currently updating the business case and should include these recommendations in the updated version. There seemed to be overwhelming community support in protecting the penguin colony.</p> <p>My three children love the penguins. When we go fishing from Tarakohe, we see hundreds of penguins out fishing in the deeper water. The work of the Mohua Penguin Trust to increase the population is wonderful and seems to be working.</p> <p>I have seen kids (and adults) when we are fishing off the rocks at Tarakohe looking into and disturbing the penguin boxes which is not ideal. Fencing off the area would help protect the penguins and stop this behavior during breeding season.</p>
31181	Ms Stefanie Kuenstle	Yes	Fences are one of the most effective conservation tools in New Zealand to protect our toanga species.
31183	Mr David Penrose	Yes	This is a great idea and should be supported by the Tasman District Council.
31188	Mrs Jean Gorman	Yes	<p>I think a fence is necessary because dogs are an especial danger to the birds, which are not fast on land. Dog owners can be some way off when a dog smells the penguins and goes to investigate. Penguins used to nest all along the rocks of the coast at Tarakohe. The building of the port and road cut off their nesting sites in the days before anyone considered the environment. We can afford them a nesting site on one small corner of the port breakwater; the breakwater is not a docking area.</p> <p>I have visited the port many times over the last 45 years. The wildlife is a big tourist attraction, but people's natural reaction is to get closer, and they do not realise their effect on the birds. A fence is a good idea.</p>
31217	Ms Carol Soutter	Yes	
31234	Mrs Britta Steude	Yes	It would be a lovely world if you could just ask the public not to interfere, but sadly this is not sufficient.

31239	Ms Henriette Fleischer	Yes	I think it would be fair for humans to give up a small part of the huge area that we already occupy/alter/spoil with our human activities to the detriment of wildlife. Golden Bay is blessed with large amounts of wild, open spaces for people to enjoy and this would be a very small concession with a big pay-off for the struggling little Blue penguins. The Little Blue Penguin Trust has done an admirable and excellent amount of work to support the survival of these wonderful creatures in what is their rightful habitat and deserve our support and co-operation. A fence is absolutely necessary. I have personally witnessed people coming onto the breakwater at night with their dogs for recreational purposes as little blues penguins were landing and trying to gain access to their nesting boxes. I saw how my own human presence affected their behaviour and shudder to think what the presence of dogs, loud music, partying, drunken behaviour, all of which does happen there, would do to that natural behaviour. We definitely need to protect these creatures by ensuring they have a totally safe and protected nesting environment at least in one place in Golden Bay.
31243	Mr Marcus Benecke	Yes	
31259	Mrs Patricia (Trish) Palmer	Yes	A fence is a visual reminder that the area is protected, providing firm boundaries, thus ensuring there's no excuse for incursions.
31268	Ms Roslind Gold	Yes	
31300	Mr John mckie	Yes	Yes, they need protection
31301	Mr Norman Matthews	Yes	Makes sense
31303	Mrs Sally Quickfall	Yes	I have no problem with a fence being built but the one being proposed is an eyesore and does not need to be so excessively high to achieve what is wanted.
31305	Ms Catriona Baillie	Yes	Experience shows in the Bay and elsewhere that some people are unable to read notices about behaviour, controlling dogs etc. Any extra protection for the penguins I would welcome.
31317	Mr Patrick Steer	Yes	
31319	Patsy Garrett	Yes	
31320	Ms Thora Blithe	Yes	The penguin colony needs protection from interference, since there are still too many irresponsible people about. Particularly protection from dog owners.
31321	Ms Pamela Groves	Yes	After all the work the Trust has done to provide nesting boxes for the penguins, it is important to protect them from people and dogs. So much interesting data is now being collected on these birds.
31327	Nic Wooding	Yes	As the arm of Port Tarakohe is artificial anyway I see no issue with the construction of a fence or similar to



			prevent any disturbance if nesting. As the birds have now been encouraged, I imagine successfully to nest there I can only see harm in them not being protected. The less visually intrusive the better if there is an alternative to the large fence pictured the better. If there is a better way to prevent dogs and humans to enter the area, then all the better regardless of cost. Nature first. it's worth it.
31330	Mrs Kathy Trott	Yes	I strongly support fencing off the western arm to enable the penguin colonel to breed without interference. We have taken away much of their breeding habitat so need to restore this for them
31333	Ms Nana Wolter	Yes	
31336	Mr Steven William James Fraser	Yes	
31342	Dr Adam Friend	Yes	He has a moral obligation to provide areas for native flora and fauna
31348	Dr Valerie Pollard	Yes	This is an excellent idea. The birds need protection from people and dogs.
31354	Kerryn Easterbrook	Yes	
31368	Ms Mala Om	Yes	
31372	Dr Inge Bolt	Yes	
31375	Ms Lis Pedersen	Yes	The Blue Penguin colony in Golden Bay is large and faces many challenges with traffic and dogs and human activity in general. I'm aware there is a lot of misinformed opposition to this fence in the GB Weekly, but it's such a small area to be fenced off - and it is high time we take our declining environment and species seriously and move beyond the human-centric ignorance of past generations. So, I hope TDC can be forward thinking and proactive in this regard.
31380	Ms Alison Holmes	Yes	
31383	Mrs Marian Milne	Yes	Fence should be there to restrict wandering unintentional access by dogs and pest and limit people access to protect the penguins and the habitat. I am concerned re the unsightly design but perhaps in time can be replaced.
31387	Ms Robyn Fullerton	Yes	I believe a fence to protect the penguins from human and dog disturbances is essential for their survival.
31465	Vicki Smith	Yes	It is a small inconvenience to humans and a huge bonus for wildlife to construct a fence on the western arm to protect the penguins - Many people do not control or are not aware of how quickly their dogs can kill or maim the little penguins (they are also strongly attracted to their smells). Hopefully the fence might also deter feral cats which are also a menace My hope would that the fence would be accompanied by predator control activity to also limit the impacts of rats and mice

31471 Mr Piet Leersnijder	Yes	
31477 Mrs Hemoata Grace	Yes	
31567 Mr Richard Cosslett	Yes	Yes. This is a nationally important study site, and a lot of energy and money has already been put in here.
31585 Ms Robyn Jones	Yes	
31597 Mr Trent Shepard	Yes	Keeping people and dogs out of that area will help the penguins breed. They are attacked regularly by dogs and non-native pests and need more safe havens.
31749 Ms Angela Lees	Yes	<p>(Photos Attached 14 Photos) As one of the small team of regular volunteers in this area, I have observed increasing incidences of nest box interference, rocks being jammed into entrances, removed off lids and left blocking access, and lids left open exposing nests to weather and predators. People have been caught by volunteers in the act of going along the colony lifting lids on each box and asking kids if they can see any penguins, children climbing over boxes to peer into entrances and their adult having to be asked to not let this happen.</p> <p>There have been repeated incidences of people fishing/walking with dogs off lead heading into and around this area in spite of the signage, being asked to please keep dogs on lead and away from the nesting boxes they are standing very close to, and in some instances, on. While initially obliging most are seen off lead again not long after. It has been reported by concerned people that dogs (generally smaller breeds) have been taken into the NO DOGS area. We have found penguins dead from suspected dog attacks, and chicks/eggs abandoned in boxes that have repeatedly shown interference. There has been bait cut and fish scaled on box lids, rubbish including bait bags, food wrappers, bottles smashed against rocks and stashed in bushes and rocks, nappies, faeces, toilet paper, dog poo bags, and long lengths of fishing line discarded. Some of this line has been caught up around adults returning to chicks and has resulted in entanglement around bushes and the nesting chicks. People don't see a lot of this because it is constantly being cleaned up by both volunteers and fisherman cleaning up others fishing rubbish. This has become an increasing regular occurrence as the area is becoming frequented by more people.</p> <p>Most are there to respectfully enjoy the area, some behaviors are due to ignorance, but many don't seem to give a damn and appear to view it as a 'right' to do what they please because it's a manmade structure the birds have made a home on. This is not the only fishing/walking area, and with plans to put increased car parking and a toilet block on the other side of the port, with closer vehicle access, it will still be possible to walk and fish at Port Tarakohe.</p>
31810 Ms Cathrine Olsen	Yes	
31812 Mr Phil Castle	Yes	
31816 Ms Teri Sawers	Yes	You've only offered a yes/no choice, again I'm in a 'yes but with some reservations' category. I understand

that the little blues are the only penguins that (some colonies) breed twice a year...but think restricting public access 9 months of the year is just too long and that some compromise could be discussed, such as restrictions for approx. half that time, i.e.. 4-5 months.

If there was to be a locked gate, I also support some kind of pass system for local regulars who fish from the end of this harbour arm and have done so for years on this public reserve land. Coming and going regularly from the port over the past four years with our Tarakohe-based Onetahua Waka Ama Club, we see many locals fishing solo or with family on both outside harbour arms and see the pleasure they get from their activity. Maybe it happens, but personally I've never seen dogs there with fishing people.

If there are issues with dog-owners refusing to leave their dog outside, my observation would be that these would primarily be from the motorhome area, as many of these travelers' have small to medium dogs and walk them along the harbour's western arm. If anyone is ignoring the clear signage, this is probably this constantly changing visitor population, so better signage / clear education or even a sign at the entrance to that camping compound would directly address this aspect of the problem.

Very few locals seem to bring their dogs to Tarakohe for exercise, as there are so much bigger and better areas all along the east side of the bay to choose from, and we all know about the penguin colony and the need to protect it from predators. How can we both protect the penguins but allow a degree of public access for locals, visitors and children to be able to peep at and learn about the penguins over the seasons?

Any other feedback:

I hopeful these comments and questions are useful as you read all submissions to help make decisions. Reading social media comments, a couple of weeks back, some folks were recommending 'busing' the penguins to the Tata Islands, which made me think of the two small Wainui headland beaches opposite the islands. Could those be new locations for the boxes/nests that (over time) would attract penguins away from busy Tarakohe to a safer home? With no dogs. There are many local and Tata kayakers who could be enlisted to check on them by sea.

31817 Heather Wallace	Yes
31822 Ms Cynthia McConville	Yes
31825 Dr John Crockrem	Yes
31827 Kate Widdowson	Yes
31832 Robert Kennedy	Yes
31833 Gene Klein	Yes

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**2. Do you agree with the proposal to control and restrict access to the Penguin colony during the breeding season?**


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31109 Mr Dave Edwards	No	
31162 Mrs Maria Armour	No	
31168 Mrs Raewyn Tavendale	No	
31169 Mr James Persson	No	
31178 Mr Daimon Johnson	No	The birds are fine there with public access and always have been.
31182 Mr Paul Deavoll	No	See above. People have enjoyed fishing from that breakwater for years, including holidaymakers, and at a time when fish stocks are returning to the Bay and fishing is popular and successful again, why take that away from people?
31214 Mrs Karen McCleely	No	People respect the penguins in general and don't go near them
31224 Mr Michael Orange	No	
31228 Ms Jude Gillies	No	Relocated the nesting boxes to other areas, e.g., below the monument, and control the pests there.
31236 Ms Louise Amitrano	No	
31241 Ms Kelcey Chandler	No	See above
31249 Mr Rangi Gardiner	No	I've been fishing there for nearly 40 years and have never seen a problem, they aren't bothered by my quiet presence. I'd agree with a dog ban.
31265 Mr Gerald O'Connor	No	Human beings are more important than protecting a few penguins. This submission is an effort by a few people to further restrict the activities of the natural inhabitants (the Humans) of Golden Bay in pursuing their right to public access and facilities and a pursuit of their sporting interests.
31266 Mrs Judith O'Connor	No	Again, a simple sign would remind the public to be aware of these things and the majority of us would be considerate
31272 Mr Noel Baigent Baigent	No	
31303 Mrs Sally Quickfall	No	This is just elitist, allowing one group to enjoy that area and the animals using the area. Restricting dogs to only being on leads with their owners during the breeding season would achieve the same thing and still allow all residents and ratepayers to enjoy the area. The next step is that one group will then control who can and cannot enter the area or have to pay to enter to observe our native fauna.
31319 Patsy Garrett	No	
31323 Mr Steve Penny	No	I have been a regular fisherman at the site for years, usually around sunset when the penguins return

		home, I have only on one occasion seen a penguin swimming home, which I effortlessly allowed it to do with no disturbance. I have never seen penguins when walking on the path at the top of the arm. It is my view that respectful humans and penguins can co-exist during the breeding season, as proven by the growth of the colony.
31329 Mrs Alison Menary	No	
31331 Mr Ross Jackett	No	Restrict is a word that doesn't work for public places
31332 Mr Duncan Cavaye	No	As stated above our position is that no local evidence exists that penguins are affected from the status quo position. This area is already restricted and gated only for responsible paying boat users. Apart from foot traffic from families and fishermen interaction, if any, is very limited. The construction of the proposed fence would be incredibly unsightly. A prison like atmosphere for what is now a beautiful public space. The trust appears to be overreaching its position and effectively the "tail is trying to wag the dog" on this matter
31352 Gary Baigent	No	no, it is a vital recreational facility given to golden bay for our use in perpetuity. it is a vital fishing area, not everyone has a boat and kids have little to do in gbay. fish is prohibitively expensive to the hard-working bloke. it is a monitoring and education problem, not a very strong blanket ban approach. its great viewing area too. people and penguins need to live in harmony. restrict the density of them if necessary, so less conflict between recreational usage and imported wildlife. the port was not gifted as a sole wildlife reserve.
31383 Mrs Marian Milne	No	I am keen to maximise the educational opportunity by creating an intentional entry to the area with acknowledgement of the special nature of the area. A locked entry I feel will create anger in some of the community used to free access to this arm of the marina. In time a lock may be included but these things should be done slowly to bring the community on board. A sense of beauty, wonder and special nature important. A plain steel gate won't really do the trick.
31398 Ms Sada Ishwara	No	I still do not feel it is necessary. It still fits in overprotection category.
31402 Ms Carole Fourrier	No	In between yes and no: depending how this is done. I am against stopping locals to use this area. A good deed of informative signs and maybe the threat of a camera could avoid penguin disturbance? Just an idea. I am for the co-existence of humans and nature as much as possible and studying other ideas than an expensive and restrictive fence. I witness sadly the disappearance of freedom in New Zealand at a very quick pace, a country which used to be though by many European more easy going and free than Europe or the USA. I am fully for the protection of the penguin, but not this way, by just kicking out humans. Maybe informing them more is better. Many do not think much and have to be told everything, this I witness every day in my job. When I

		start to put signs up, problems are reduced at 90 per cent. I agree we have to compromise, but not such a radical solution.
31408 Ms Rachel McNicholl	No	The birds are happy breeding as is why change it
31413 Mr Roy Thomas	No	
31424 Mrs Judy Ray	No	Nature is nature you will never stop a few penguins dying no matter how many fences, there is alot more danger lurking in the sea for them than on land
31442 Paul Marcussen	No	It is public space; I would much prefer explanation signage & NO dogs
31466 Ms CJ Webster	No	No because they can start nesting anytime from May and finish as late as December - effectively 8 months a year of no access when they don't mind (or at least cope with) the presence of humans. They also moult sometime soon after raising young so again are in the burrows during the day. If the Trust only want themselves (and potentially paying people) to have access it's for most of the year.
31489 Ms Olivia Ma'a	No	
31535 Mrs Karen Pringle	No	
31590 Mr Ben Smith	No	
31618 Mr Gareth Lamb	No	Please see above for this question too, breeding season or not the penguins will nest where they feel safe in nature with or without human interference.
31675 Dr Helen Serabian	No	The human impact, if any is minimal in this area.
31682 Mrs Rose Windle	No	We feel the area should be left open and educate the public by the means of signs. People can then enjoy this area with their young families especially the ones who aren't fortunate enough to own their own boat.
31101 Genie Em	Yes	Some humans are truly inhumane and may not be trusted not to interfere with our wildlife and some humans cannot control their animals (this includes their children!).
31105 Ms Tamara Cartwright	Yes	
31106 Mrs Vanessa Conwell	Yes	
31107 Mrs Jessica Fraser	Yes	
31108 Dr Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando	Yes	
31121 Mr Mike McManaway	Yes	Ideally people would behave well around Penguins, but they don't so the reality is the Little Blue's do

		need help.
31127 Ms Gita Krenek	Yes	
31131 Mr Bruce Williamson	Yes	
31132 Mr Martyn Fisher	Yes	
31133 Mrs Linda Jenkins	Yes	<p>Yes, access needs to be restricted during the breeding season to ensure that the little blues are not disturbed, and the chicks fledge successfully. They lay only 1-2 eggs per season, making every breeding season vital to ensure their future.</p> <p>Furthermore, access needs to be restricted during the moulting season (Jan/Mar) when little blues come ashore to moult. This is an annual event when they endure a catastrophic moult and replace old feathers with new waterproof ones. They come ashore for 2-3 weeks, are without food during this time and are particularly vulnerable to predation and disturbance.</p> <p>Furthermore little blues come ashore at other times between moulting and the breeding seasons to roost and rest.</p> <p>To fully support the colony access should be restricted year-round to authorised persons and scientists only.</p>
31144 Ms Beth McCarthy	Yes	
31158 Ms Laura Baker	Yes	Yes. NZ has the highest proportion of species at risk in the world. Although the kororā are not considered endangered yet, they are at risk from people and predators and need all of the help they can get, particularly during the important breeding season.
31159 Ms Donna Butler	Yes	absolutely
31161 Mrs Laura Manson	Yes	I agree that dogs should not be in this area during nesting. No unleashed/uncontrolled dogs should be allowed ever. I think cameras and signage and fines should be enough to protect this man-made area. A fine of \$1000 for dogs off leash should prevent owners from exercising dogs in this area.
31163 Mrs Venini Tindling	Yes	
31164 Ms Gay Hamilton	Yes	
31166 Mr Christopher Bennett	Yes	
31167 Ms Lis Pedersen	Yes	
31170 Mr Dylan Maxwell	Yes	
31172 Mrs Julia Fuge	Yes	

31175	Ms Marian Vlaar	Yes	They need all the protection they can get
31176	Mr David Whiteford	Yes	
31180	Mrs Katie Hames	Yes	For reasons noted above
31181	Ms Stefanie Kuenstle	Yes	The recreational value of the area is low compared to other close by areas in Golden Bay. The value for conservation however is significantly higher due to kororā nesting. Breeding season is a critical time for the survival of a species. Due to climate change penguins will face even greater challenges and stress, especially during breeding which highlights the necessity to keep all other stress factors for birds as little as possible.
31183	Mr David Penrose	Yes	The penguin's need to be left in peace during the breeding season
31188	Mrs Jean Gorman	Yes	Absolutely I do. Penguin numbers are very low compared to how many there used to be. There is a lot for them to contend with now: warm water due to climate change, large numbers of people in their habitat and they need all the protection we can afford them.
31217	Ms Carol Soutter	Yes	
31220	Mrs Kate Windle	Yes	Penguins are in so many areas around Golden Bay, most people respect them and we don't need to spend more money on them, put money into the port development instead. Sure penguins are cute, they are not endangered and are a pest on most people's properties. Keep it real and put money on real issues like housing for humans
31223	Ms Lola Clouston	Yes	
31234	Mrs Britta Steude	Yes	The loss of habitat for little penguins is significant. Closing off the end of the western arm will protect a small slice of the bay as a safe haven for the penguins to breed in. They do need safe breeding spots desperately. Having a closed area also allows for the installation of equipment for research projects which otherwise would not be considered.
31239	Ms Henriette Fleischer	Yes	If restriction all year round is not possible or desired by the community, I would support the restriction of access to the colony during the breeding season at least.
31243	Mr Marcus Benecke	Yes	
31259	Mrs Patricia (Trish) Palmer	Yes	These birds have lost considerable breeding habitat over the past century, particularly around Tarakohe/Pohara. Protecting their breeding for nine months of the year over such a small area seems a minimal reimbursement. Unfortunately, the irresponsible behavior of a few jeopardizes the freedoms of others, but in the end the bird's safety must have precedence over transient human pleasure.
31268	Ms Roslind Gold	Yes	



31300 Mr John Mckie	Yes	
31301 Mr Norman Matthews	Yes	
31305 Ms Catriona Baillie	Yes	Yes absolutely
31317 Mr Patrick Steer	Yes	
31320 Ms Thora Blithe	Yes	As above, we should not have the penguins being disturbed and killed.
31321 Ms Pamela Groves	Yes	The breeding season is when the penguins are most vulnerable. Restricting access during the breeding season will benefit the penguins and allow the colony to increase and thrive.
31327 Nic Wooding	Yes	If a fence is not placed, then a gate would also be good. If there are particular times when it is safe for humans to enter the area in breeding season (I honestly do not know enough about that aspect) then that is also OK. Dogs must definitely be prohibited from the area during that time.
31330 Mrs Kathy Trott	Yes	Large parts of the wharf are fenced for industry. I suggest fencing off a small area to protect penguins from unruly dogs isn't a lot to ask. Much work has gone into restoring this nesting area we need to support the trust in their endeavours.
31333 Ms Nana Wolter	Yes	
31336 Mr Steven William James Fraser	Yes	
31342 Dr Adam Friend	Yes	
31348 Dr Valerie Pollard	Yes	This is crucial to the ongoing safety of the penguins during breeding, when they are particularly vulnerable.
31354 Kerry Easterbrook	Yes	
31368 Ms Mala Om	Yes	
31372 Dr Inge Bolt	Yes	
31375 Ms Lis Pedersen	Yes	Living in Pohara, I'm near Port Tarakohe regularly, and I actually don't see people in this area very often at all. So, the loss of freedom of access for a few months to benefit penguin nesting will not affect people negatively.
31380 Ms Alison Holmes	Yes	
31387 Ms Robyn Fullerton	Yes	
31465 Vicki Smith	Yes	absolutely - all measures possible to protect these little taonga species

31471 Mr Piet Leersnijder	Yes	
31477 Mrs Hemoata Grace	Yes	
31538 Linda Jane Keegan	Yes	
31567 Mr Richard Cosslett	Yes	However, this may need to be all year, people are unaware of when this is, and often so are the penguins!
31585 Ms Robyn Jones	Yes	
31597 Mr Trent Shepard	Yes	There are plenty of other places for people to walk by the sea, so access to this spot isn't important.
31749 Ms Angela Lees	Yes	<p>(See attached 14 photos) Unfortunately, yes. Apart from the reasons previously stated, the penguins need to feel safe going to and fro from land to ocean. The path and more open areas are heavily used by both box and rock nest users to exhibit vital natural behaviors such as courting and mating, crossing to access nests, to feed and be fed, to socialise and bond, and for growing chicks to be able to have the space to move and flap so they are strong enough to fledge. This is not an Oamaru style situation with easy penguin access from the ocean, across a formed ramp and a lawn to boxes, however people expect to be able to go down to the Port area and see large rafts coming ashore at dusk. While this is a natural but misguided curiosity, there are effects from having dozens of people regularly walking and gathering at this time in an attempt to 'see' penguins. These include birds being unable to use the pathways to do what they need to do, and if they see people near where they want to scurry up the rocks, they seem to not come in. Little penguins are more likely to be seen and heard in other parts of the port and surrounding beaches than in the area designated to be fenced.</p> <p>While this submission covers only Korora, there are other bird species that will also benefit from the greater protection a fence can offer.</p> <p>There have been both oyster catchers and black backed gulls nesting, a small number of pied shags and a good number of spotted shags.</p> <p>Gannets, terns and other gulls also frequent the area, and there has also been sightings of black backed gulls and banded dotterels.</p> <p>While it saddens me that many responsible users, both local and visiting, may be restricted from accessing the area at key Korora breeding times, after observing an increasing volume in both foot traffic and adverse behavior in the last 2 years, this will only likely increase as humans increase. It is unlikely that we slow down our own breeding rate, and as we approach climate tipping point globally, with penguins being key indicators of the health of our oceans, monitoring them in a protected area and collecting scientific data will enable us to not only further understand our changing environment, but also that of other species that live intertwined in this ecosystem.</p>

31810	Ms Cathrine Olsen	Yes	
31812	Mr Phil Castle	Yes	
31818	Ms Suzy Hall	Yes	
31822	Ms Cynthia McConville	Yes	<p>SUBMISSION ON FENCING OFF THE PENGUIN NESTING AREA AT PORT TARAKOHE</p> <p>I am the founder and Chair of the Mohua (Golden Bay) Blue Penguin Charitable Trust. The Trust was formed in 2019 to protect the little blue penguins of Mohua and their habitat. The decision to form the Trust came about after seven penguins were found killed by a dog on my local beach.</p> <p>The penguin colony at Port Tarohe is of national significance (Department of Conservation) and Tasman District Council has a legal responsibility to protect these birds. I refer to the NZ Coastal Policy Statement 2010 Policy 11. Council is required to protect indigenous biological diversity in the coastal environment by avoiding the adverse effects of activities on this declining species.</p> <p>Our penguins at Port Tarohe are currently under threat from dogs and from local people and visitors to the Port. Penguins have been killed and disturbance to their natural behaviours are being disrupted.</p> <p>The Trust plans to build a Penguin Viewing Room and to have trail cameras installed for our five schools in Golden Bay. Without a fence neither of these planned projects will be possible.</p> <p>I wish to speak to my submission.</p>
31825	Dr John Crockrem	Yes	
31827	Kate Widdowson	Yes	
31828	Steven Wilkinson	Yes	Evening Only
31832	Robert Kennedy	Yes	
31833	Gene Klein	Yes	

31101	Genie Em	Go for Gold - Save our Blue Penguins.
31105	Ms Tamara Cartwright	Thank you ... protect these precious birds and other marine and bird life.
31107	Mrs Jessica Fraser	As long as they can get out of the area if they want to.
31108	Dr Barbara Bedeschi-Lewando	It's a no brained, yes and I hope there is wide significant support
31121	Mr Mike McManaway	My first ever submission to TDC (or anything really). Seems like a good process.
31132	Mr Martyn Fisher	TDC needs to do more to control dogs on the many beaches in Golden Bay where blue penguins have been found. There are "no dogs in summer" bans theoretically in place on several beaches but this ban is not enforced at all. We are frequent beach walkers and have lost count of the number of dogs running free on restricted beaches such as Pohara, Parapara, and Patons Rock this past summer. Perhaps the Dog control officer could do more frequent patrols in the penguin breeding season.
31133	Mrs Linda Jenkins	(See 5 photos attached) Little blue penguins / korora are the world's smallest penguin. Their habitat around the New Zealand coastline is under increased pressure from residential development and with it threats from predators such as uncontrolled dogs, feral cats, mustelids, car strikes, boat strikes, fishing nets and more. They have many challenges to face in order to survive. As a community we should ensure that we minimise these threats as much as possible and do all we can to enhance their environment to ensure their safety. Providing a safe haven at Port Tarakohe plays an important part in this and TDC can take the lead to ensure that this breeding colony continues to shine a bright light for these little blues and their research contribution for New Zealand.
31144	Ms Beth McCarthy	The security of this breeding colony is immensely important for the survival of the Little Blue penguin.
31158	Ms Laura Baker	Fully support this initiative and am encouraging of any moves to help protect wildlife in Mohua.
31159	Ms Donna Butler	would like to see restricted access for bird roosting sites..western end of parapara beach for example. too many motor and quad bikes on the beaches....
31161	Mrs Laura Manson	Yes, please restrict vehicle access to Golden Bay beaches during nesting time for godwits and other migrant birds.
31164	Ms Gay Hamilton	I fully support this measure to protect our native critters
31166	Mr Christopher Bennett	This is a very worthwhile activity which will be to the benefit of the Bay. As long as there is access to area when the penguins are not present, the loss of access to fishermen and walkers will not be significant.
31167	Ms Lis Pedersen	I don't believe the cost is relevant as my understanding is that TDC will not be paying for the fence, or at least not in full. Mentioning this price will make rate payers believe they are expected to pay for it and garner a negative response. Perhaps it's deflecting from the real need for a fence to protect the penguins.

31178 Mr Daimon Johnson	Could maybe restrict dogs from the area.
31181 Ms Stefanie Kuenstle	Kororā were once thriving in New Zealand, but their population is declining ever since settlers arrived. Besides of enormous pressure through predation, research has shown these birds are easily disturbed by humans. This is why we need to step up and take on kaitiakitanga for these birds. Having a breeding population calling Golden Bay their home extremely elevates the importance of Golden Bay in nature conservation. It is a massive opportunity for Golden Bay to become a place where people can connect with nature, learn about caring for others and taking responsibility for actions. Schools and local Iwi should get the opportunity to be more involved.
31188 Mrs Jean Gorman	The port and associated facilities have been built and extended over the years in the penguin's nesting area. I think a specially built area for penguin nests could be considered. Not in the port, where they are in danger of propeller-strike, but a little further along the coast in addition to the area they have chosen on the breakwater.
31214 Mrs Karen McCleely	There are lots of signs all around Pohara through to ligar bay I think that is enough.
31228 Ms Jude Gillies	Long live korora!
31234 Mrs Britta Steude	I would like council to consider a restricted access option too, ie giving any member of the public who wishes to access (eg fishermen) free entry by number key or card after a briefing by the penguin crew about what is sensitive behind the fence.
31236 Ms Louise Amitrano	There are plenty of other things that need doing before this - trying to save one species to the detriment of another is just silly. Why not just put cameras up and prosecute those who disturb the area like you do (or are supposed to do) with dogs. The sign that was supposed to be put on the beach at the western end of the golf course to advise dog owners to stop there still isn't in place.
31239 Ms Henriette Fleischer	Public access to the other breakwater on the other side of the harbour should remain assured as many people enjoy visiting the harbour and taking in the activities and views as a recreational activity. A sign at the fence directing people to this other breakwater would be a good idea. Council may also like to consider giving special permits to certain groups or individuals to gain access to the colony to view the penguins, supervised by someone from the Trust.
31243 Mr Marcus Benecke	The colony on the west arm needs to be protected from dogs and any casual damage.
31249 Mr Rangi Gardiner	You don't gather support by locking people away from public man-made areas. Any local knows this is the best fishing arm due to the boats that travel past the eastern arm. To lock it away from the generations of kids for fishing is a crime and goes against our customary fishing rights.

31259 Mrs Patricia (Trish) Palmer	As a fisher who uses the relevant Port Tarakohe arm reasonably regularly, it saddens me to lose a favorite safe fishing spot, which is also a good place to take novice fishers. However, I have transport and Google, so can find alternative spots from which to enjoy these food-basket and leisure activities. The little penguin has none of these resources, and this is their breeding home, not just a leisure spot of choice. There are times when the needs of taonga must be put above the desires of the human population. If TDC is serious about protecting our treasures, then this proposal is a no-brainer. Fishers and walkers will adapt and survive.
31265 Mr Gerald O'Connor	If these penguin lovers wish to build a fence, then it should be with their own money and then only with 100% Council approval (ie all Councillors in agreement). There is miles of coastline on which the penguins can nest. they do not need to be encouraged to nest in a recreational area. Any money to be spent by the Council should be on a footpath along the Pohara Straight - this piece of road is dangerous and if nothing is done then I feel the Council could and should be held accountable for failing to provide a safe environment in this area.
31266 Mrs Judith O'Connor	Protecting penguins is an important issue but not nearly as important as all the folk who have nowhere to live and no money to put food on the table
31272 Mr Noel Baigent Baigent	The penguins already have more area than they had before the harbour was built. This is one of the most popular walking & fishing spots in the East side of the Bay - almost every visitor to Tarakohe walks to the end of this breakwater. The penguins are quite safe where they are and as they only come out of their burrows at night, are not disturbed by humans. The penguins do not walk across the breakwater, they dive into the water directly below their nesting site. Time to think of humans for a change.
31301 Mr Norman Matthews	Access can easily be controlled by use of a card scanned at the gate. Cards to be available to all on request.
31303 Mrs Sally Quickfall	Other penguin colonies throughout NZ do not have such high fences, in fact most only have standard NZ farm wire fences and plantings. The rock walls give excellent protection for the penguins, penguin boxes can be made dog proof but dogs that are supervised and on leads would not be a problem. Last year the Mohua Penguin Trust told us how successful the breeding year was at Tarokohe for Little Blue penguins, and this was without any fencing. Many families enjoy fishing and walking in this area. Please keep it open for all users to enjoy. Education of how to care for the area, and its fauna is the way to go, not exclusion.
31305 Ms Catriona Baillie	If policing of restrictions is difficult, then at least please design and use strong, effective signs and police the signs occasionally for damage, removal etc. I appreciate the difficult task the Council has in this area and all that you do already.
31317 Mr Patrick Steer	We have to be proactive in protecting vulnerable species otherwise they will be gone, and once gone they

	are gone for good. There are plenty of places in Golden Bay to fish and walk dogs, so let's help the penguins.
31319 Patsy Garrett	I believe a fence may restrict uncontrolled dogs, but people should be allowed access year-round for the time being. I can see the fence being used as the beginning of a semi commercial activity (even if this is solely to further protection of penguins) to show case the penguins also and I'm not sure I like that concept as yet. Possibly cameras could be used to help identify people who allow their dogs to kill or injure penguins and TDC could be proactive in pushing prosecution of offenders. Everybody who goes in should know their responsibilities in regard to their pets. Some sort of signage reminding people to keep their dogs on a lease in that area should stay. Also, signage regarding the year's cycle of penguin activity would be useful so people can understand better the times for vigilance or times not to visit as much.
31320 Ms Thora Blithe	There are other colonies around Golden Bay which could do with more protection as well.
31321 Ms Pamela Groves	I am so impressed with all the work the Penguin Trust has accomplished in recent years providing nesting boxes around the Bay for them, doing surveys to find out where they nest, creating increased awareness of their presence. Providing a safe, undisturbed place for them during the breeding season will be a huge benefit for these birds who are facing so many other challenges across their range due to climate change and increased human activity. TDC should be proud to help support protections of these birds.
31323 Mr Steve Penny	I have never seen any dogs there (why would anyone take one there?) or any suspicious activity around the nest boxes. This proposal would be a great loss to me and many others who I meet respectfully enjoying the space. Such loss would need to be justified with empirical evidence of injury to the colony's success and proof that less onerous protection had tried and failed.
31330 Mrs Kathy Trott	I have purchased a number of boxes through the trust to provide safe breeding for the penguins in this area
31333 Ms Nana Wolter	I believe we humans should take a step back and let wildlife do its thing. We've been interrupting all wildlife and the extinction rates speak for themselves. If humans can't understand that and keep their distance then they should be locked out with a fence.
31352 Gary Baigent	i am part of the penguin trust but this is a step way too far. it sets a bad precedent for long term locals in Golden Bay too. plus, the quiet minority who will potentially be adversely affected by this will not have the time or opportunity to make submissions. note on our ancestral property, and thru our guardianship we have bred more penguins than anyone else in the bay and continue too.
31372 Dr Inge Bolt	Restricted Access should also extend to the moulting season. I'd be concerned that the size of the mesh (as per example photo) would a/ potentially get penguins caught. b/small enough to allow small dogs through (e.g., Chihuahua, foxy). Smaller mesh size

	<p>recommended for lowest 60cm of fence.</p> <p>I have recently treated a penguin for dog bite injury - the pressure (human/canine vs penguin) is very real - the penguin is currently still under treatment, prognosis is guarded.</p> <p>This leads a little into the conversation about exercise areas for dogs in GB. There are beaches, which present the above pressure and will do so more as penguin / seabirds increase. The areas outside of the beaches for off lead exercise of dogs is very limited. If better areas were available for exercising dogs this would be a very good strategy.</p>
31375 Ms Lis Pedersen	The Trust has raised \$25,000 in the past for the penguin signs, so they should be able to also raise funds for this fence - which would perhaps lessen some of the opposition if the money is not seen to be coming from rate payers.
31380 Ms Alison Holmes	Yes definitely. People can be so careless and ignorant of the damage they do with dogs and vehicles in sensitive wildlife areas. The only way to prevent it is to lock them out.
31383 Mrs Marian Milne	I congratulate the work of the penguin trust and the ladies who dedicate so much time to monitoring the penguins. Already much valuable information has been gathered and it is a joy to see this colony grow.
31387 Ms Robyn Fullerton	With the sad decline of all our native wildlife species I feel we have an obligation to protect those species we have remaining. Therefore, a fence to protect the little blue penguins at Tarakohe is vital
31398 Ms Sada Ishwara	I also propose taking out the electric signs by the public road.
31413 Mr Roy Thomas	Keep open to public close to dogs
31424 Mrs Judy Ray	I do understand what they are trying to achieve but what about human rights, taking away another recreation spot is going to cause a lot of anger. I call the Harbor my happy place and I have never seen any disrespect to any penguins. But I have seen a lot of happy families
31465 Vicki Smith	It is a small cost (to access) for a large gain (for our native fauna) and while not a rate payer I have visited this area and agree it would be a great bonus for the local nesting species
31466 Ms CJ Webster	Restricting dogs - either no dogs through the gate or only dogs on a lead allowed at any time of the year makes most sense to me - small terrier type dogs that could get in a burrow are the most likely to cause harm out there so a 1.5-metre-high fence will stop loose dogs. Education is long term far more effective than locking places up - help dog owners understand the consequences their hound can have on native wildlife - this will have an effect for the whole of the dog's life - much more useful.



	<p>I've trained my dog to have no interest in any bird species - he has sat and watched penguins here come ashore and go noisily into their nests - I know most people don't spend the time needed for this but fishing from this area is free, fun and important - it's something I really enjoy doing.</p> <p>Please don't let a few divisive people lock out the many locals who have enjoyed sharing the harbour arm with the penguins for many years so far.</p>
31538 Linda Jane Keegan	<p>Is information being provided to the public (by the Trust, DOC, or otherwise) on how and when to view penguins in order to not disturb them, nests and habitat? Even the best-intentioned people will still want to see penguins. What are the options around viewing platforms, viewing events, etc., to allow public access and viewing in a manner that will have the least impact on the penguins and their nesting site? Have these or other options been considered. If locals feel shut out, they will not be endeared to acting as true kaitiaki for the colony. Even if the fence is the only feasible option, there are at least some locals who will not appreciate feeling closed out, and these are the people whose support are going to be needed to help share the message (of protection) to visitors to this area. Has it been ascertained who the people are tampering with nest boxes? Are they local/visitors? I want to know what research has been done around this, and what options have been explored before really committing to whether I think there should be a fence or not. I feel like the information provided in this consultation document does not provide adequate background to make a decision on whether fencing is the best or right choice.</p>
31567 Mr Richard Cosslett	<p>This is very special for the youth of Golden Bay as a learning opportunity.</p>
31618 Mr Gareth Lamb	<p>Please keep us informed on all and any further steps, Thankyou</p>
31675 Dr Helen Serabian	<p>The Port Tarakohe has been gifted to the people of Takaka by the Cement company in the 60's for guardianship and enjoyment and I don't believe restricting its access in any way is in line with the original intent. I also don't believe there is negative human impact on the recent penguin colony during or after the breeding season. This area of the harbour should be left open to anyone to enjoy.</p>
31810 Ms Cathrine Olsen	<p>In view of the negative behaviour of people visiting the nesting area on the western arm (taking dogs, interfering with nest boxes, breaking bottles and leaving offensive litter including human waste), we believe the fence is necessary to protect the nationally important little blue penguin colony. A lot of work has been put into establishing this safe nesting area which is one of the few areas where they have a good habitat which can be easily protected. Their traditional nesting spots along the shore in Golden Bay are at significant risk for example from coastal erosion, dogs not confined on a leash by their owners, entanglement in fishing gear and disturbance from vehicles being driven and ridden on beaches.</p> <p>We do not wish to speak to the submission.</p>

31816 Ms Teri Sawers	I hopeful these comments and questions are useful as you read all submissions to help make decisions. Reading social media comments, a couple of weeks back, some folks were recommending 'busing' the penguins to the Tata Islands, which made me think of the two small Wainui headland beaches opposite the islands. Could those be new locations for the boxes/nests that (over time) would attract penguins away from busy Tarakohe to a safer home? With no dogs. There are many local and Tata kayakers who could be enlisted to check on them by sea.
31825 Dr John Crockrem	Submission attached
31827 Kate Widdowson	<p>(Photos attached to submission) I am retired Wildlife Ranger. I held a position as an Honorary DoC Wildlife ranger in the Catlins for 25 years. I also was privileged to hold an endangered species rehabilitation permit for penguins in our private hospital on our beach property where I held penguins for treatment and release.</p> <p>I held in my hospital YEPs, Fiordland, Snares &amp; Erect crested, Royals and Blues for treatment and release. I worked with local vets and DoC staff in Owaka and Dunedin. My area Doc supervisor was for most of that time Mark Townsend who is now stationed in Mokuteaka. We retired to Richmond 2007 and have given many talks and PDFS to schools and local clubs on the Catlins wildlife. I have been giving guidance to local tourist operators in Golden Bay on problems with Blue penguins.</p> <p>The Catlins coastline did not have any beaches that provide protection for Blues. All beaches excluding Doc Reserve land allowed dogs motorbikes and vehicles along the beaches, so I had to make my own protection plans for Blues. I found I could move some nests at nesting time to safer area and I was able to create a safe nest by using beach rubbish of wire and logs. As Blues are smaller than a dog, I was able to create a tunnel system. Which worked well.</p> <p>Blues landing times vary depending on where they choose to have their burrows. At Wiltshire Bay where there was traffic and dogs they landed after 10pm even is they were feeding chicks. but in quieter landings they would come in just after dark. Large landings like Oamaru they raft then land in large mobs for safety. If you put in a fence number will mob up and come in earlier. This will encourage visitors to gather to watch landing. You will be rid of dogs but then you will have large numbers to watch landing each evening. This would be something to consider. Also, will locals make boxes for burrows. Planting of natives is also something to consider. Signs are also another problem. A lot of people ignore signs but if there are large numbers of people gathering that's a deterrent in its-self.</p> <p>I held an average of 40 penguins each year in my hospital. Most of my problems were from the pressure of visitors disturbing Penguins especially during the moult and entering nesting areas, dog attacks, barracuda in the sea which we can't prevent. Deaths of chicks caused by parents not able to feed chicks and in later years we are experiencing disease &amp; virus problems.</p> <p>It would be nice to see fences at Port T</p>

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31832 Robert Kennedy



GOLDEN BAY BRANCH

SUBMISSION ON PENGUIN FENCE AT PORT TARA KOHE

The Golden Bay branch of Forest and Bird supports the proposal put forward by the Mohua Blue Penguin Trust to erect a fence to protect the penguin nesting area at Port Taroakohe.

We understand that the little blue penguin colony at the Port is nationally significant (Department of Conservation) and is now home to over three hundred penguins. The current threat status of these seabirds is “declining” and this is due to three factors – habitat loss, predation of eggs, chicks and adult birds by stoats, rats and cats and dog attacks. Dogs are the major predator of little blue penguins. Fencing off the penguin nesting area will help in preventing any more dog attacks and complement the trapping programme at the Port that is run by volunteers.

As the profile of penguins in the Bay has lifted, so too has the interest in people seeing penguins. This has drawn many people to visit the nesting area not just during the day but at night also. Penguins use the nesting area for socializing after dark. Intrusion by people with torches, looking for penguins inside the nesting area, is disruptive to the penguins’ normal behaviours. It is important that the colony is protected from people who do not understand the problems they are causing for these birds.

Forest and Bird support the science programme carried out at the Port by Professor John Cockrem, Massey University. The contribution these data make towards understanding more about our little blue penguins is leading the way for other penguin groups around New Zealand. Expensive scientific equipment must be secure from interference as must the trail cameras to be installed for the benefit of Golden Bay school children after the fence is built.

In summary, for the long- term benefit of our little blue penguins, controlled access to the penguin nesting area, through fencing, must occur.

We wish to be heard on this submission.

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31833 Gene Klein

Regarding the above fence installation, please bear in mind ... TDC will incur little expense and reap the benefits of providing/protecting a world class habitat for the endangered 'Little Penguin.'

When the Tarakohe marina upgrade is completed in the future, it will hopefully include a viewing site and ongoing data collection on behalf of the world's smallest penguins. It is expected to generate interest from visitors and schools hence, there may be the opportunity to receive/collect funds that could be shared with the TDC.

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## Photos relating to Submissions

### Submission 31133





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**Submission 31749 (14 Photos)**





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**Please return the submission form to the Council by 4pm on Thursday 14 April 2022.**

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KEY QUESTIONS	YES	NO	YOUR COMMENTS
Do you agree with the proposal to construct a fence across the western arm of Port Taranaki to protect penguins?		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Do you agree with the proposal to restrict access to the penguin colony during the breeding season (June through to February) each year?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		evenings only.

COMMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FENCE (attach additional sheets as required)

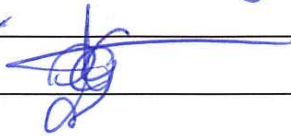
I disagree with the proposal to close off of parts of Port Taranaki, this is not a natural structure or historical breeding ground for penguins.

This area has historically been used by Golden Bay residents and tourists for fishing.

I'm strongly against the proposal of restricting people from any of Golden Bay's coastlines.

Why not use the budget for the "fence" and use it for educational signage, and if human tampering of nest is really a problem then use some of the budget to erect two security cameras to identify these culprits.

The majority of GB residents would not want to intentionally harm penguins, maybe rather than restricting human access how about banning dogs from that area, you do not need dogs to catch fish.



## **Submission in support of penguin fence at Port Taroakohe**

Dr John Cockrem

Massey University  
Palmerston North

I am a penguin biologist working with little penguins (kororā) at Port Taroakohe and other sites around New Zealand and am a Trustee of the Mohua Golden Bay Blue Penguin Trust. I support the proposal to install a fence to protect penguins and wildlife at Port Taroakohe.

### **Wildlife at Port Taroakohe**

Port Taroakohe is an important wildlife site in Golden Bay and in the Tasman District. The Port is home to native wildlife that includes little penguins, endangered reef herons, variable oystercatchers, red-billed and black backed gulls, spotted shags, little shags, large rays, and native skinks. Bird species that breed at the Port include little penguins, variable oystercatchers, and black-backed gulls. Variable oystercatchers, classified by DoC as at risk, nest on the ground and are vulnerable to disturbance on their nests by humans and dogs. Variable oystercatchers breed on the western arm breakwater at the Port. Reef herons are classified by DoC as nationally endangered and Port Taroakohe is an important site in Golden Bay for this species. Reef herons feed along the western arm breakwater at the Port.

### **Little penguins (kororā) at Port Taroakohe**

Port Taroakohe has the largest breeding colony of little penguins in the Nelson Tasman region and is a nationally location for the species. Nestboxes have been installed on the western arm and port arm breakwaters to provide safe breeding sites for the penguins. The area with the nestboxes is in the environment area that I suggested in my submission to the Port Taroakohe Proposed Development and Draft Business Plan in 2019. A summary of this submission, which received wide public support, is attached to the current submission.

Information from our studies of the penguins at Port Taroakohe is used for advocacy for penguins in Golden Bay and throughout New Zealand. Results from the studies are providing nationally and internationally important new knowledge of breeding patterns and feeding areas of little penguins.

Unfortunately, the penguin nestboxes are currently subject to disturbance from people and dogs, and the other birds that use the breakwaters and that breed there are also vulnerable to disturbance. The proposed fence will provide protection for the penguins and their nestboxes, and for electronic monitoring equipment at nestboxes. It will also enable future opportunities for education activities at the Port.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

## **Summary of 2019 submission on Port Tarakohe Proposed Development and Draft Business Plan**

Dr John Cockrem  
Massey University  
Palmerston North

I have 30 years of experience in penguin research and have worked with Adelie and emperor penguins in Antarctica, with hoiho (yellow-eyed penguins) in Otago, and with kororā (little penguins) at locations around New Zealand. The kororā is now my main study species. I am working at established kororā colonies such as the Oamaru Blue Penguin Colony, and am developing new kororā study sites so we can work with community groups to gather information that will help in the conservation of the penguins.

Kororā nestboxes on the western breakwater at Port Tarakohe were installed by DoC and community volunteers in 2009. The Port Tarakohe kororā colony is the best artificially created kororā habitat that I have seen in New Zealand and is the fourth largest mainland nestbox colony of kororā in New Zealand. We have an exciting opportunity, as part of the proposed Port Tarakohe development, to enhance this habitat to create a safe breeding area for the penguins and for variable oystercatchers. This will also provide environmental education opportunities and will allow for research to help kororā conservation. The outer arm of the western breakwater could be considered as an environmental precinct at the port. The eastern breakwater could be a recreational fishing precinct, with the proposed extension to the breakwater designed so that families can use this extension for fishing.

I propose the designation of environment and recreational fishing precincts at Port Tarakohe. These precincts are shown in Fig. 1.

### **Environment precinct**

The top of the western breakwater has kororā nestboxes, flax and taupata, and a flat gravel surface in the middle of the breakwater. The vegetation provides shelter for the penguins and the flat surface provides an important area for adult penguins to perform their territorial and mating displays. This flat area is also important for chicks which come out of their nestboxes once they reach the postguard phase about halfway through their development. At the moment, this area has open public access to people and to dogs and is not safe for the penguins at night. Once this area becomes known to tourists as a penguin site this will inevitably lead to disturbance of the birds as people try to get to them at night.



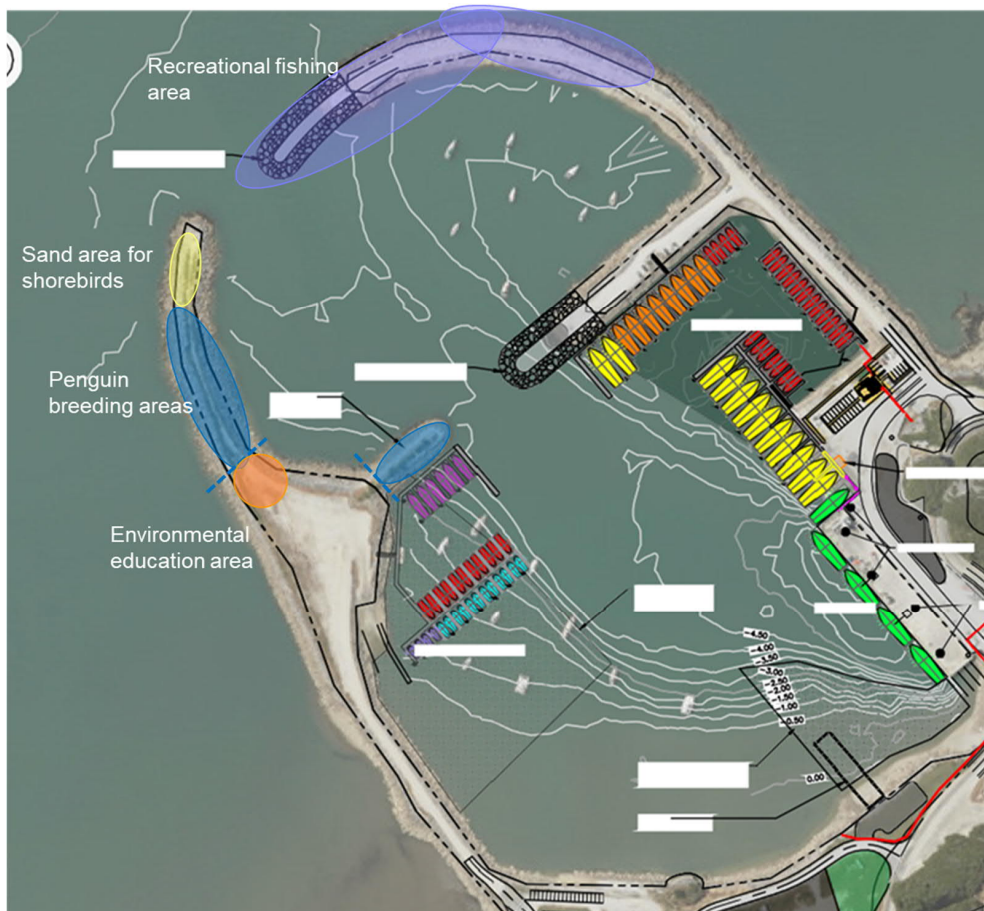


Fig. 1. Proposed environment and recreational fishing precincts at Port Tarakohe. The precincts are shown on Figure 1 of the Port Tarakohe Proposed Development and Draft Business Plan. The proposed environment precinct on the western breakwater could have a sand area for breeding shorebirds (yellow), the two current penguin breeding areas (blue), and an environmental education area (orange). The recreational fishing precinct on the eastern breakwater (purple) includes part of the current breakwater together with the planned extension of this breakwater.

Whilst we know that kororā are present at Port Tarakohe, we have no information on the breeding success or survival of the birds, and do not know where they go to feed. We can gain this information, which will help conservation of the kororā, by conducting studies of the birds that use the nestboxes. Planned expansion of mussel farming in Golden Bay might be neutral, beneficial or harmful to kororā foraging and survival. Research studies of kororā at Port Tarakohe will enable us to determine what effects, if any, increased mussel farming has on local kororā populations.

It is proposed that the two areas of the western breakwater that currently have penguin nestboxes are included in a new environmental precinct. The breakwaters can be made safe

for the penguins by installing a predator proof fence across the breakwater and restricting access to this area. The penguins would then be safe from disturbance. Once the western breakwater was safe for birds then the gravel surface on the top of the outer 20 metres of the main breakwater could be covered in sand. This would create a nesting area for shorebirds that was free from disturbance and from risks of inundation at high tide. This could become a nesting area for shorebirds such as tara (white-fronted terns), tarāpunga (red-billed gulls) and tōrea pango (variable oystercatchers).

An environmental education area next to the penguin nesting area on the main breakwater is part of the proposed environment precinct. A key role of this area could be to introduce people to kaitiakitanga and to Manawhenua Ki Mohua as kaitiaki for kororā and other manu (birds) in Golden Bay. Nestboxes could be built underneath a viewing shed so that, under controlled conditions, people could view penguins inside nestboxes. The area would provide educational information about kororā and about shorebirds.

### **Recreational fishing precinct**

The western and especially the eastern breakwaters are used for recreational fishing opportunities. The proposed extension to the eastern breakwater could be designed to provide fishing opportunities and the breakwater could be designated as a recreational fishing precinct. The extension could have platforms at different levels so that children could go fishing regardless of the stage of the tide. The top of the breakwater could be smoothed so that people could readily walk along to the fishing areas. The development of the port can lead to better recreational fishing opportunities than are currently available.

I wish to speak at the hearing in Takaka on Wednesday 7 August 2019.



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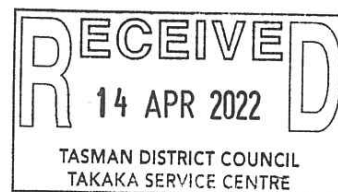
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KEY QUESTIONS	YES	NO	YOUR COMMENTS
Do you agree with the proposal to construct a fence across the western arm of Port Tarakohe to protect penguins?		No	
Do you agree with the proposal to restrict access to the penguin colony during the breeding season (June through to February) each year?		No	

#### COMMENTS ON OTHER ASPECTS OF THE PROPOSED FENCE (attach additional sheets as required)

People/Families with Children don't fish at night or at dawn when penguins are around  
 - Other penguins don't require fencing  
 - Ratepayers/us, I mean, think it's a waste of \$!  
 There are other things needed for people  
 It's against people's freedom to use  
 use the whole area for recreation.  
 One day when there's an ablation block  
 there's going to be less area for recreation  
 & turning & parking boats & trailers

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☒ I/we wish to be heard in support of my/our submission (hearings will be held by Zoom in April 2022).

**Please return the submission form to the Council by 4pm on Thursday 14 April 2022.**

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### Submission on Port Tarakohe Penguin Fence Proposal.

Friends of Golden Bay support the proposal to fence the penguin precinct at Tarakohe by the Mohua Penguin Trust.

Our support for this proposal is within our constitution

The objects of the society shall be

- a) To work for the protection and enhancement of the Golden Bay environment.
- b) To foster natural resource management in the Golden Bay district
- c) To liaise and cooperate with other groups or individuals with similar interest when deemed appropriate
- d) To undertake any other activity which shall be deemed by the members to come within the scope of these objects.

Friends of Golden Bay (FoGB), thank the TDC for their initiative in their consideration of this proposal and for their well presented submission information.

FoGB see protection of these penguins as a great opportunity for Golden Bay development as well as for the intrinsic value of these charming birds.

Opportunities are there for young people to learn about the natural environment and with a species that is extremely attractive to them and now could be easily studied with this proposal. We understand that there is already school resources funded by our community ready to go. To link this site with other coastal treasures we have in Golden Bay gives a unique experience not available elsewhere.

Opportunities also exist for the study of Korora by Massey university linking the health of the Korora as an indicator of the health of the environment. Already valuable information has been obtained supporting other initiatives, and which could potentially be so much more with protection.

Port Tarakohe must be shared. This sharing needs to extend beyond humans only. These birds have a relatively safe environment here, which could, with the fence, be even safer. Already the port has areas dedicated to recreational boaties, the marine industry, camping, fishing spots and plenty of people space.

We see protection of coastal species as an urgent priority in this climate change environment and places like this need the highest protection we can offer them.

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## Submission Tarakohe Penguin Fence.

I am a Trustee of the Mohua Blue Penguin Trust, focussing mainly on education. My support for this proposal focusses on the educational opportunities this provides for the general public, international learning, as well as the educational opportunities for younger people.

The general public have a great resource here that is not available in many places in the world. Where it is, there is a huge pride, as well as learning and employment for people. This site is unique in that it is a publicly owned property, easily accessible and able to be protected with little effort and expense. The hard work is already done and the growing evidence from the research here shows a thriving population of Korora. The information being learnt from the research here is groundbreaking and valuable.

There is room for the public to access the fishing and recreational opportunities available at Tarakohe on the Sthn arm. No one questions the access that is unavailable at the wharf used by the fishing industry and the camping facilities. Providing for a species that was once plentiful and occupied so much of Golden Bay, and were here before us, is a hope for a vibrant diverse future for our planet.

The MBPT is currently in the process of editing a resource for local schools. This has been funded by the Golden Bay Community Trust. Local children will benefit from a resource that will enable teachers to access the educational opportunities here, and to understand the Korora's place in the ecosystem along with other shorebirds of Golden Bay. Children are easily engaged with penguins as they are unusual and charming. In Golden Bay we have such a wonderful resource with our coastal birds, not available in such an accessible way anywhere else in NZ. Network Tasman have funded 5 trail cameras that will provide a link directly to schools for their studies. Theses need a secure site. Why not take this opportunity to capitalise on this.

The MBPT has dreams of a penguin viewing room along with other learning opportunities. This depends on the safety and security of the site. This fence would provide that.

I would like to be heard in support of this submission.

Heather Wallace -education support Mohua Blue Penguin Trust. ph. 03 5258298



### Hearing Schedule 27 April 2022

1	10.40 am	Linda Jenkins
2	10.50 am	Kelcey Chandler
3	11.00 am	Duncan Cavaye
4	11.10 am	Angela Lees
5	11.20 am	Heather Wallace
6	11.30 am	Suzy Hall
7	11.40 am	Cynthia McConville
8	11.50 am	John Cockrem
9	12.00 am	Robert Kennedy