

Oral submission to DC Schmuck Application APP.039650.01.01 to Hearing Panel - Copthorne Hotel - Thursday 16 & Friday 17, August 2018

E mihi kau ana ki a korua nga kai-whiriwhiri i enei kaupapa, e kaingakau nui ana e te kai-tono i te takutai moana i Walls Bay, Opuua.

Greetings Hearing Panel deciding on an application for resource consents by the applicant, a commercial boatyard owner, to occupy and develop te takutai moana at Walls Bay, Opuua.

Thank you Melanie for presenting all the material in a coherent and logical manner. Your report is balanced and you have taken into account what submitters provided.

I oppose the application for resource consents because the applicant already has an access slipway across the public land to move boats from the water to his yard and back into the sea for commercial purposes. The applicant has a jetty and pontoon which uses public and tangata whenua space in the moana. These activities already impact on the ability of the public to use and enjoy Walls Bay and the reserve.

The area of Walls Bay must allow recreational use by tangata whenua and the public 24/7.

We have seen issues of lack of enforcement for resource consents already granted to the boatyard owner. We cannot see this again, at an even larger scale.

If these recent consent applications are granted this would be very disappointing for the general public and tangata whenua.

If you are inclined to grant this application, it is our concern that these consent activities will not be rigorously enforced and will have a negative impact on mauri of te moanatapua in Walls Bay.

We do not see the benefit in taking the risk, except to the individual boatyard owner.

We hope that this Hearing Panel, fully consider our concerns and submissions in opposition, and place the interests of the general public and tangata whenua above the interests of one individual.

Ko te tino tumanako, kia puawai, kia ora, te mauri o te moanatapua, moana tupuna a Pikopiko i Whiti i Opuua, mo nga uri whakatupu, a muri ake nei

It is our greatest hope and wish that the mauri (unique ecosystems/biodiversity of Walls Bay) is healthy and flourishing in this area of our sacred, ancestral sea of Pikopiko i Whiti, for future generations.

We have cultural and spiritual obligations and responsibilities to ensure that the moanatapua at Walls Bay, Opuua is maintained and enhanced for humans and all species whose home is within this sea - to enjoy and use

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