

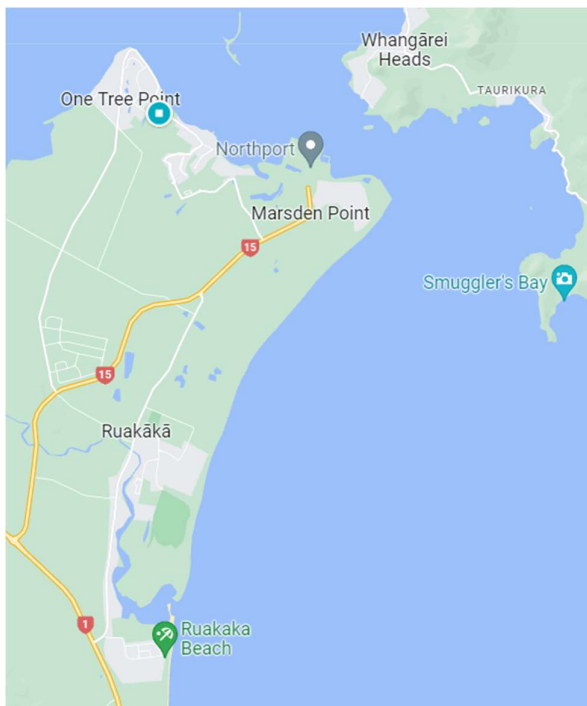
To whom it may concern,

I would like to put forward my real concern regarding the expansion of Northport.

Residential and commercial activities have always struggled to co-exist, and with the expansion of the port, I feel this may make co-existence much more difficult.

Currently, our community is already divided by Highway 15. There is no safe way to travel between One Tree Point / Marsden Cove and Ruakaka other than by car. Expanding Northport will make this only more difficult, due to increase in traffic and rail.

Children from One Tree Point have to catch a school bus to attend the high school in Ruakaka. Where this distance could easily be covered as a 15min bike ride.



To be able to thrive as a community, we need to work together.

Expanding Northport has commercial benefits, but in return I would ask that Northport contributes in providing safe and dedicated bicycle lanes to travel between the two areas north and south of Highway 15 so that increased traffic will not be an hazard for our community and will give the people who prefer to other means of transportation rather than a car to travel safely.

Kind regards

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