

SUBMISSIONS IN SUPPORT

Submission No.	Name	Address
15-1	Te Aroha Land Company Limited C/- Brian Roulston	9 Cathedral Place Parnell Auckland
<p>Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports implementation of option 4.2 as being the best solution according to the evaluation in the section 32 Report, a pragmatic and sensible solution to the problems identified and it has the landowners support. <p>Decision Sought from Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept 		
Submission No.	Name	Address
15-2	Robin Reid	1627 Te Aroha-Gordon Road Te Aroha
<p>Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I write in support of the proposed plan change 15 as advertised. 		
Submission No.	Name	Address
15-3	Robin Reid	1627 Te Aroha-Gordon Road Te Aroha
<p>Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports option 4.2. Further to my original submission, the reason for my support is because it satisfies the landowners, it's their preference and it puts the emphasis on them to maintain the conditions as outlined in option 4.2. <p>Decision Sought from Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accept 		
Submission No.	Name	Address
15-4	Leon Garth Wastney	1047A Gordon Road RD1 Te Aroha
15-5	George & Mary Cowley	Gordon Road RD1 Te Aroha
15-6	Murray Cowley	Gordon Road RD1 Te Aroha
15-7	Lance Dearlove	1075 Gordon Road RD1 Te Aroha
15-8	L A Michels	RD1 Te Aroha

15-9	Dabau Kaur Singh-Heer	1157 Gordon Road RD1 Te Aroha
15-10	Balbir Singh-Heer	1157 Gordon Road RD1 Te Aroha

Submission

- Supports Proposed Plan Change Fifteen, Option 4.2. This alteration meets the objectives of both the landowner and the Council. The current zoning inaccuracies do not justify its inclusion in the Conservation Zone and this change removes inappropriate restrictions to the farming practice. Both economic use of land and good farming practice will be promoted by the rezoning of this pastoral land to rural. This change also provides protection to the mature indigenous natural bush vegetation which has been kept intact. It is the current landowners' intention to fence off these areas.

Decision Sought from Council

- Accept - That Option 4.2 be adopted.

Submission No.	Name	Address
15-13	Federated Farmers of NZ (Inc)	PO Box 447 Waikato Mail Centre Hamilton

Submission

- Supports option 4.2. This rezoning will provide the indigenous vegetation protection through the Kaitiaki (Conservation) Zone. The areas that are Soil Class VIIIe3 that are in pasture and are not correctly included in the zone as they are currently farmed. Corrections to the zonings will allow a more productive use of pasture land which currently has no values to justify its inclusion within the Kaitiaki (Conservation) Zone, and provide correct protection to significant vegetation and Soil that is Class VIIIe3.

Decision Sought from Council

- Support option 4.2

SUBMISSIONS IN OPPOSITION

Submission No.	Name	Address
15-11	Te Aroha Earthwatch (Peter Barker)	p.s.barker@xtra.co.nz

Submission

- Opposes the proposed plan change on the grounds that the Kaitiaki zone needs to be maintained and that arbitrary and un-consented modification of the land in the Kaitiaki zone works against the original intention of the zoning and the values it was seeking to protect.

Decision Sought from Council

- Decline

SUBMISSIONS IN SUPPORT/OPPOSITION WITH AMENDMENTS

Submission No.	Name	Address
15-12	Environmental Futures Incorporated (Martin Wallace)	RD2 Morrinsville
<p>Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opposes the proposed change: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inconsistent with the Part II of the RMA, are inappropriate in terms of Section 32 of that act and do not adequately achieve integrated management or control of effects on land and natural resources. The changes are inconsistent with the Regional Policy Statement, the Proposed Regional Plan and the Objectives, Policies and Rules of the District Plan. 2. The vegetation, natural features and landscape values of this property warrant protection by the Kaitiaki zone whereas Rural zoning would likely lead to degradation of the conservation values, biodiversity and natural character as farming beyond existing use rights continue. The pressure for further development would potentially erode the characteristics for which the Kaitiaki zone was conceived. 3. Rezoning any of the subject land from Kaitiaki to Rural zone is opposed and the proposed addition in option 4.2 of land from Rural zone to Kaitiaki zone is inadequate and should include all of the area suggested to be zoned from rural to Kaitiaki as shown on the Map for Option 4.1. 4. Extensive clearing has been carried out in the past in serious contravention of the rules. Further, the effects of the use of land (livestock pressure and development) subsequent to the establishment of any existing use rights are different and worse in intensity, character and scale and have further degraded the former qualities and characteristics of the land. 5. To agree to the plan change proposed, even the option that removes less area from the Kaitiaki zone than the option favoured by the landowner would be to send a public signal that conservation and the District Plan is not to be taken seriously and that breach of the rules will be rewarded. 6. It is not valid to rely on existing use rights as the recent aerial spraying that damaged and destroyed vegetation was carried out after the proposed plan was notified that included the subject land in the Kaitiaki zone. 7. In addition the Kaitiaki zoning of the Operative Pan is reduced from the Conservation zone in the former Transitional Plan and the extent of the former, particularly to the south of the property should be restored. <p>Decision Sought from Council</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain the existing Kaitiaki zone and add they grey hatched areas as shown on part Map 9 at page 241 of Appendix 4 of the Section 32 Report that are proposed as additions to the Kaitiaki zone and amend the proposed fire Line accordingly. 		

FURTHER SUBMISSIONS

Further Submission No. FS15-1	Name Robin Reid	Address RD 1 TE AROHA
Submission in Support/Opposition: 15-9 & 15-10, 15-1 to 15-13		
Original Submission Point Support submission 15-9, 15-10 and 15-1 to 15-13 which support opt 4.2.		
Support/Oppose Original Submission Supports		
Details of further Submission Considerable consultation and effort has been undertaken to achieve the current position. The strength of the proposed change lies with the owner's total support and desire to meet the integrity of the proposed change. The owners will bring about the desired change by supporting the proposed change. Without the support of the landowners the success of change could be rather protracted.		
Decision Sought from Council Support option 4.2.		
Further Submission No. FS15-2	Name Dabau Singh-Heer	Address 1157 Gordon Road TE AROHA
Submission in Support/Opposition: 15-11		
Original Submission Point "that the Kaitiaki Zone needs to be maintained" - Yes but further encroachment is unethical and unjustified. "...arbitrary and unconsented modification works against the original intention of the zoning and values it was seeking to protect". Not True.		
Support/Oppose Original Submission Oppose		
Details of further Submission I oppose the submission for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial consultation was not honoured or completed in the manner it was originally initiated. Further encroachment is therefore unethical and unjustified. • Land above Thompson's Track was voluntarily conceded into the Kaitiaki Zone without compensation, acknowledgement or consideration so further encroachment is unethical and unjustified. The owner has kept the significant areas since acquiring the property 16 yrs ago and recognised their significance then and now. • Farming history dates back 70+ yrs. • Historic annual aerial spraying of hill pasture and scrub infested with plant pests has been implemented to reduce the spread of weeds (management historically left to the owner and endorsed by EW Officers). Individual native trees have been kept intact and protected with larger stands not affected in anyway. Discussions with Council representatives were held before the spraying. • Manner in which this predicament has occurred, whether intentional or not, has resulted in a lack of confidence by owners in Councils matters, their planning, consultation, and implementation processes. Opt 4.2 is a collaborative effort by MPDC and the affected landowners to rectify this situation, restore relations and to ensure the sustainable core values of the RMA are withheld through owner responsibility. 		

Decision Sought from Council Adopt option 4.2		
Further Submission No. FS15-3		
Name Stuart & Joanne Morley		
Address 1268 Gordon Road TE AROHA		
Submission in Support/Opposition: 15-9		
Original Submission Point: All of the submission		
Support/Oppose Original Submission: Supports		
Details of further Submission: These people have already given land to Council with no recognition, and they are only carrying out general farming practices.		
Decision Sought from Council Option 4.2		
Further Submission No. FS15-4		
Name Magill Farms		
Address 1221 Te Aroha- Gordon Road TE AROHA		
Submission in Support/Opposition: 15-9		
Original Submission Point: All of the submission		
Support/Oppose Original Submission: Supports		
Details of further Submission: Its general farming practice and why should it be changed.		
Decision Sought from Council Option 4.2		
Further Submission No. FS15-5		
Name Dabau Singh-Heer		
Address 1157 Gordon Road TE AROHA		
Submission in Support/Opposition: 15-12		
Original Submission Point: All of it		
Support/Oppose Original Submission: oppose		
Details of further Submission Reasons for opposition are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •History dates back 70+ yrs of grazing this area. The owners of 16 yrs have used this area in the same character, intensity and scale. Fencing off native areas will further ensure their preservation and protection. No adverse effect of any of these activities, past or present, has been proved. •Economic effects of this land remaining in the Kaitiaki Zone are substantial. •Similar terrain and soil types are currently being farmed without adverse effects. •Land above Thompson's track was initially and voluntarily conceded into the Kaitiaki Zone without compensation, acknowledgement or consideration. Further encroachment is unethical and unjustified. The owner has kept the significant areas intact since acquiring the property 16 yrs ago and recognised their significance then and now. Opt 4.2 recognises this justification. 		

- "Noise" factor - Motorbikes, 4 wheel drives, hunters etc. A major destructive aspect to this area as it borders Thompson's Track - inevitable increase in recreational activities will increase adverse effects, therefore the area does not warrant Kaitiaki status.
- Historic annual aerial spraying of hill pasture and scrub infested with plant pests was implemented to reduce the spread of weeds (management historically left to the landowner and endorsed by EW officers). Individual native trees were kept intact and protected with larger stands not affected in any way. Discussions between owner and council representative were held before the spraying.
- Council and the owner have worked extensively and collaboratively to encompass District, environmental and landowner values and aspects to reach opt 4.2.
- This decision endorses relationships and landowner responsibility to implement practically the RMA's core purpose to achieve sustainability-both environmentally and with consideration of the farming activity.

Decision Sought from Council

Option 4.2