

HDC - RMA20190573 Omarunui Landfill

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*** Person(s) making the submission**

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*** I am a trade competitor for the purposes of section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991**

No

*** I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.**

Yes

*** 1. The specific parts of the application that my submission relates to are:**

All parts of the application to alter the designation to the Omarunui Landfill (D123) to provide for the construction and operation of area B for waste disposal (RMA20190573). I also submit due to the impact on Māori cultural values

*** 2. My submission is: (include whether you support, oppose or are neutral to specific parts of the notice of requirement or wish to have them amended; and the reasons for your views.**

I do not support altering the designation to the Omarunui Landfill. I believe that permission should not be given to change consent. I do not support area B becoming waste disposal for the following reasons:

Firstly you will see me write "Upokohina" rather than Upokohino, because that is the name of the pa it is named after and the spelling of it said correctly according to my tipuna.

You state that "the Upokohono stream is of low ecological value and has low sensitivity as a receiving environment in its current condition ". I strongly disagree with this. The stream used to support the stability of the Rotokare lake being full with water. Now it is drained away which I also do not agree with. Our hapu, Ngai Tamawahine (Ngai Tawhao) used to live at Upokohina Pa (Brekenridge Road). Hinahina Ariki was the rangatira of the pa. They used to gather tuna (and whanau still do) in the surrounding waters. Chiefs, Tawhao and Ruatekuri used to live at Te Mingi Pa just up the road. The Upokohino (Upokohina is actually the name passed down by my tipuna) stream used to be the heart of Rotokare lake, which also used to be filled with fresh water mussels (not sure if they still survive). Our tipuna used to eat these and live in the surrounding pa (Ouroa, Upokohina, Omarunui, Te Mingi and many others). In years gone by I have been told many stories by Gary Williams (who lives at Rotokare) and Patrick Parsons (local Maori Historian) who witnessed birds diving down, getting the mussels out of the cracks in the summer, fly up and drop them from a high height. They would crack on the dry ground and break open fresh for the picking.

You say low ecological value... I disagree. You say "low sensitivity". I disagree. Many people faught against even having the dump where it is now. There are often horrible odours coming down the Omarunui Valley when the wind blows. Having it in site B will make this worse for all the whanau who live there.

We need to stop ruining what we have left, passed down from generations of my tipuna. My tipuna used to live solely off the whenua and the waterways. Our traditions will slowly keep dying out if we continue to allow these practices to happen. The Upokohina stream in higher flows helps to fill the lake. Therefore all the leachate you talk about will end up in the lake and also down to Tutaekuri (another taonga). I am worried about lead, and other metals getting into the Upokohina and then go down to tutaekuri where our native patiki (black flounder) live. Another kai we eat from the river. You are meant to be helping our waterways, not continuing to destroy them and everything that lives in them.

In 6.6.6 Storm water management and erosion and sediment controls. it states a wetland will be designed to further treat the decant flow from the pond system, this will not be sized to meet any specific design requirement. The report states this is a wetland area to 'polish' the water yet it states it is not big enough.

Ground water, part 5.2.1.4 of the report states the aquifer is unconfined. In 10.6.2.2 potential contaminates in storm water , it talks of unforeseen circumstances which could cause contamination of ground water, Your own modelling leachate shows there is a potential risk to groundwater, yet the National policy for fresh water management 2014 states you should not do anything that doesn't enhance overall quality or safeguard the health of communities or indigenous species.

I have mates who live down Omarunui Road. I am worried this will get into their drinking water. I have many whanau at Waiohiki Marae and their surrounding Papakainga. I am really worried their drinking water will be poor.

*** 3. I / We seek the following recommendation or decision from the Hastings District Council:**

Withdraw the requirement

(Please give precise details including the general nature of any conditions sought)

Area B is not suitable and will have negative impacts on water quality in our stream, lake, river and then the sea and possibly Te Whanganui a Orotu. There are far too many risks to ground water and surface water.

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I wish to be heard in support of my submissions, or

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If others make a similar submission I will consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing, or

*** 6. Submitter contact details Name**

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