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From: [Gretta Mills](#)

Sent: Monday, 6 July 2020 4:59:07 p.m.

To: [Charlie Hopkins](#)

Subject: Gretta Mills- RDC-proposed District Plan Changes- comment on the recommended provisions.

Importance: Normal

Re: Minute #7 of Independent Commissioner ADJOURNMENT OF HEARING

Dear Commissioner,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the late 'expert evidence' submission from Lynette Baish, Manawatu-Whanganui District Council (#2) and the 'Right of Reply of Greg Carlyon on Behalf of the Rangitikei District Council (#1). I have made specific comments about this two documents below.

Both of these documents scaffold yet another approach to dealing with the proposed RDC zoning change from rural to industrial. The latest proposal is that only 40ha to be rezoned from rural to industrial. This latest change is akin to "rearranging the deck chairs on the Titanic". The ship is still on its fateful course for a tragic ending. Most of our community doesn't even know that the "Titanic" aka "Plastics Manufacturing Plant" is being built and launched in our midst.

Whether the rezoning of rural land to industrial is for 217 hectares or 40 hectares a myriad of fundamental problems still remain. The most important of which is the answer to the initial question, "will our small rural village benefit from having a toxic plastics manufacturing plant situated on the edge of town?"

New Zealanders are actively attempting to refuse, reduce and mitigate the 'single use' plastic that is already in our environment. We have no need to manufacture more waste that is difficult, expensive or impossible to recycle, let alone change rural land use to support the toxic manufacturing process of such unnecessary items. I continue to oppose this new RDC proposal to rezone 40 hectares from rural to industrial.

Comments:

1. Right of Reply of Greg Carlyon on Behalf of the Rangitikei District Council (26 June 2020)
 - a. Policies P7 Re: New Infrastructure Policy A5-1.13- "The network shall conform with the Auckland Council Water Sensitive Design for Stormwater Guidance Document 2015/004 (GD04)" My submission to the hearing (Gretta Mills) and another submitter (lawyer?) both stated that this Guidance Document is not appropriate for this rural setting.

2. Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council- Statement of Evidence Lynette Baish
 - a. This expert evidence should have been submitted within the timeframe provided to all experts submitting to the Independent Commissioner Hearing held at Marton 17th & 18th June 2020.

 - b. Manawatu-Whanganui Regional Council did not have a representative in attendance at the Independent Commissioner Hearing as had been documented.

c. The Expert Statement of Evidence from Lynette Baish was received by the Catalyst Group at 4.41pm on Thursday 25 June 2020 (via Rebecca Tayler email). However, in this submission Paragraph #10 includes this statement:

"I acknowledge the new objective and policies proposed in the supplementary planning evidence (Policies A51.11 - A51.15) appear to go some way towards demonstrating the strategic alignment between the infrastructural assets and managed growth within the 'Industrial Development Capacity Area'. Horizons supports the proposed structure plan approach to ensure clear alignment of asset management with new urban growth and associated infrastructure. I also acknowledge that the District Council does not appear to have factored this substantial zoning re-development into their long term financial planning or asset management plan."

Note: most of this report refers to submissions from the formal hearing but paragraphs such as these show that this submitter has had prior access to the substance or entirety of the Right of Reply of Greg Carlyon on Behalf of Rangitikei District Council and as such lend weight to their document. No other submitter was given the opportunity to endorse (or refute) the RDC 'right of reply'.

Thank you,

Gretta Mills