RANGITIKEI DISTRICT COUNCIL

Submission Hearing on:

"Unfolding the plan...Rangitīkei 2018-28" Long term and simultaneous consultation submissions. Wednesday 16 May 2018

Submitter's	Submitter's	Time	Topic	Summary of key questions posed by Elected Members and
name	organisation / affiliation (if any)			responses.
				TAIHAPE
Greg Rzesnioweicki		16 May 2018 10.04 – 10.13 am	Unfolding the planRangitīkei 2018-28	Ash: What is your understanding of the five challenges of ISDS¹ within the CPTPP² for our country and for businesses? Answer: Investors into our country could give rise to arbitration processes, up until New Zealand has not yet been attacked under this arbitration. Water rights and the taking of water from aquifers has potential. For example, if doing water allocations— foreign country businesses wanting to redistribute water may become problematic. It is difficult to see what the future will bring. ISDS just one part, e- commerce is another aspect. Consideration could be given to how data could be used in the future to undermine electoral process. Peke-Mason: Has the work of Alf de Zayas been peer reviewed? Answer: Don't know absolutely. He worked as a lawyer, matters of his case laws were developed. His reports have gone to Human Rights Council of the United Nations.
Alison Jones	Taihape Netball Centre	16 May 2018 10.13 –		Rainey: The new surface seems to be wearing fast, what are you thinking to doing? Answer: It's a big project for Taihape Netball Centre, we can potentially get another year out of current surface, which was laid 5

¹ Investor-state dispute settlement

² Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement on the Trans Pacific Partnership http://intranet/RDCDoc/Democracy/ME/Minutes/Oral Hearing Table -16 May 2018 TAIHAPE.docx

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		10.24am		years ago. The problem is not with the surface, but under the surface. It was laid on an existing court and has poor drainage underneath. To get a good product it would need to be dug out, re-lay drainage and rebuild. The current surface is for New Zealand weather and is meant for longevity. It does cause injuries, but the injuries are clean and scour due to no grit like tar seal. This type of surface also means longevity of netball and tennis players, with no less pressure put on knees and ankles.
				Gordon: Do you have specific planning and design needs for Taihape Netball Centre. Answers: Toilet facilities and seasonal storage for netball and tennis who alternate seasonal storage. The tractor shed is nearing the end of its life.
				Aslett: Did the Squash Club not consult with the other clubs when redeveloping the building? Answer: Not as much as we would have liked. We spoke with the Squash Club requesting collaboration; however, they went ahead anyway, we were disappointed we had not worked together. Clubs have had the use of the two toilets in the area for last 15+ years under a joint agreement.
				Mayor: Sought clarification –The Taihape Netball Centre is in support of Council's new building but are you asking for Council to have a role in cleaning up the courts. Answer: Yes Taihape Netball support the centre but are requesting support for the repair/replacement courts with consideration to in kind contributions, like drainage, fill etc. The plan for the court needs to be discussed with the tennis club.
				Belsham: Who owns the Squash Club site building? Answer: Not sure. Question: Do you have an MoU agreement with other sports clubs. Answer: No formal agreement. We believe Council is currently discussing lease agreements with the Squash Club who we think is under

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				the impression they own building.
				Sheridan: Memorial Park User Meetings - how many have you attended? Answer: The last one was our first. We hadn't known about the meeting nor been previously invited.
Michelle Fannin	Taihape Community Board	16 May 2018 10.24 – 10.39 am		Wilson: Can you give clarification on the issue with being a Motorhome friendly town? Answer: We thought that Taihape was already registered with the Caravan Association as being a Motorhome friendly town. When we discovered that we weren't we asked Council to put in an application. During that process Council staff realised that we don't met the criteria due to the dump site and wastewater being together. Rainey: You commented on residents' frustration with the rates. What reduction in the level of service would the rate payers find acceptable? Answer: I don't know. Platt: What level of service would you like to see reduced, considering rural residents may not use facilities like pools, would a differential rate for rural, urban be an the answer? Answer: I don't know. Gordon: You mentioned council needs to communicate better with residents regarding consultation; how do you suggest we could improve? Answer: I not sure what the answer is, but Council needs to do something. The two page advert was good, but not everyone reads the paper and the online communication doesn't reach the elderly.
Philippa Stalker	Taihape Show	16 May		Mayor: Council has given some commitment to the new centre build,
(Maryanne	Jumping	2018		would you consider financially supporting that in lieu of continual
Mallalieu and		11:03 -		hireage of facilities for your events? Answer: Yes we would rather
Katrina Overton		11.11 am		financially support permanent facilities than yearly hireage.
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				Gordon: Do you have a specific list of requirement that your competitors and groups need in terms of the design of facility, and are you happy to be involved in the design process? Answer: We haven't thought that far ahead. Showers are the biggest need for both men and women with consideration to children competing and disability access. Gordon: Your group stores significant equipment on site and have burglary issues of key material, we can potentially provide storage space. Are you happy with your own facilities? Answer: We are not happy and would appreciate secure lock up. There are certain things to that need to be stored at park.
				Sheridan: Are you aware of Taihape Memorial Park users group? And, if so, how many times have you attended meetings? Answer: Yes we are aware and we active members Wilson: How many events do you hold each year? Answer: We have an annual 3-day show and then another 3 events. For now we will need to continue to hire facilities.
				Mayor: You referred to a derelict area in your submission – have already done some work and are you asking for Council assistance to this area: Answer: Yes constantly renewing and would like assistance. Mayor: What assistance would you like in that regard? Answer: As much as there is available, we try and put as much of our own resources in to it.
				Gordon: this group did use the Parks Upgrade Partnership upgrade fund in the last 12 months.
Bruce Gordon	Horizons Regional Council	16 May 2018		Nigel: The existing use-rights: is this a recent change of philosophy? Answer: You've got consents expiring, you should be well through the

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		11.12 – 11:26 am		process but what we are finding are territorial authorities are starting the process of getting new consents when one has expired and not in a timely manner. This is across the region and is a problem for all councils.
				Sheridan: Consents in themselves can take a long time, how do we know how long it will take, in order to get a new consent in on time? Answer: Palmerston North has a consent expiring in 2026 and is starting their process now. One problem with your plan is that you've signalled work to be done but have not included any dates.
				Peke-Mason: Do your internal processes signal to territorial authorities against the reporting and monitoring of consents with regard to when a consent is due to expire? Answer: The system of process on consents involves keeping dialogue with territorial authorities around outcomes. Dialogue includes—talking to territorial authorities' officers in advance of problems before they become real.
				Mayor: In your statement you stress no future discharge to water but you have recently granted water discharge to other authority, is this legislation or Horizons' opinion? Answer: It is Horizons' decision that when rivers/streams are low with little to no flow – no discharge will be allowed. When rivers are flowing discharge will be ok. Mayor: Are you happy with discussions with staff around our future
				plans? Answer: Yes. We are highlighting the number of consenting issues in the region with all TA's. Horizons are in strong support of the wastewater pipe line from Marton to Bulls, but date details are lacking in the Consultation Document dates in. We would like to be an advocate for encouraging the Defence in connecting to the central system and potentially include Sanson. Putting Sanson – Marton – Bulls wastewater together.

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				Chief Executive: Council staff are working with staff at Horizons, we have a consenting strategy in place, and are lodging applications with regard to the Resource Management Act.
				Aslett: You note transport in lieu of an off-road cycle band? Answer: The off road track is more akin to tourism opportunities.
				Gordon: Flood water and storm water are a real issue, we have community close to flooding areas, as you know we had to remove advisory information from our District Plan, do you have a mechanism to advise people on risk areas? Answer: Yes – we have a free service called District Advice. The Team looks at risk and provides feedback for matters like subdivision, water and stormwater impacts.
				McManaway: You talk of getting consents in with the right time frames but had we pushed along earlier for Bulls it would have been strategically too early, is getting in too early the right story to push? Answer: We are highlighting the matter to avoid issues where territorial authorities sit on existing consent rights for too long, temporary consents lapse and then there is a problem with non-compliance. Political views have a belief that territorial authorities are treated more gently that rural residents/businesses. The Minister is indicating that they will prosecute individuals and territorial authorities. Waterways are much bigger issue than they have ever been.
Bruce Gordon	Dudding Lake	16 May 2018 11.26 – 11:35 am		Mayor: Would you like Council to negotiate a lease of an extended site for camping and secondly do you want the road tar sealed? Do you have documentation regarding agreement to seal the road? Answer: I came last year to hear of the carry-over from money set aside. It should be seen through the annual plan submission that there was an amount put

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				aside. Ash: Regarding Tutaenui Rural water – would you see it a conflict of interest to have farmers lead the Tutaenui Development project? Mayor I don't think question can be answered.
				McManaway: if we put tar seal in, would it incorporate speed bumps? Answer: There are speedbumps within the site and will not be needed in the driveway.
				Gordon: The trees logged at the western end, who's responsible for that area? Answer: Council
				Wilson: Where did the data you spoke to in in oral presentation come from? Answer: It came from the caretaker.
				Ash: Is the lake is more popular, is it generating more income? Answer: It has turned over \$40,000. We are not asking for an increase in the Council grant, which has been the same rate since 2012.
Eva George	Taihape Community Development Trust	16 May 2018 11.35 –		Peke Mason: The affordability of rates has been noted; have you heard anything during engagement with your community? Answer: No
		11.45 am		Gordon: We have a mandate between MoU partners and Council to do certain jobs; you have made comment on wanting to do stuff around town. What groups have given you a mandate to speak on their behalf? Answer: We are getting feedback from our newsletters and people approaching myself and trustees that want change.
				Sheridan: It resonates through your submission that you are asking lots of questions. It makes me think you don't know what Council is doing,.

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				Does the Trust have a go-to person in council? Answer: The Consultation Document did not provide a lot of detail on Memorial Park; my submission was putting the questions back to Council based what was in the document. I remember 10 years ago Memorial Park was being discussed and not a lot has happened since; my question is why has nothing happened.
				Aslett: In regards to your comment of Main street and shop fronts – how would you go about changing it? Answer: Through discussions with business owners there is talk of interest from outside businesses to open shops in Taihape and they are finding it impossible to contact owners of these empty shops. The town perception is that foreign owners just own these shops as a tax right-off or for residency permits. I am aware of steps that Council can take to put things into place that, over a course of 5-10 years, shops get done up. As a trust working for the business community, amongst others, we would like to work with Council on potential solutions.
				Rainey: Are you working with Mokai Patea? Answer: We go to their monthly network meetings. It's a really good opportunity to talk to Mokai Patea and other agencies. We are working with staff to better work with Mokai Patea. We are engaging with a new group who are setting up a 'Whanau hobby hut' – which will be free access for families, parents, grandparents and children.
				Mayor: The Trust has previously mentioned financial contribution to the upgrade of Taihape pool; what would this entail? Answer: The Trust is happy to financially assistance in part of the re-roof, but not for the pool covers

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