



Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū
Banks Peninsula Community Board
MINUTES ATTACHMENTS

Date: Monday 8 May 2023
Time: 10 am
Venue: Lyttelton Community Boardroom,
25 Canterbury Street, Lyttelton

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8 May 2023 - Banks Peninsula Community Board Meeting, Lyttelton

Re: Concerns Regarding The Banks Peninsula Destination Management Plan (BP DMP)

I have been involved with the BP DMP as the Akaroa Civic Trust representative since the process commenced. The Civic Trust supports the creation of a comprehensive, regenerative and sustainable DMP. However, in our view, the document requires significant improvement and refinement.

The consultation process

ChristchurchNZ (ChNZ) gave a DMP overview at a public meeting held by Harry Stronach on August 28, 2022; the DMP was one item amongst other topics presented.

Three stakeholder workshops have been conducted

- 26 January 2023; Little River 9 -11:30 am, however community board representatives were not invited; only Reuben and Nigel were present as community board representatives. I protested ChNZ's omission of not including all Peninsula elected representatives.
- 16 February 2023, workshop via ZOOM, 9 am -12pm
- 3 May 2023, The Gaiety supper room, 9-10 am

At the January 26 workshop stakeholders were informed the BP DMP must be "endorsed" by the community board; the DMP then goes to CCC for endorsement and the final sign off by ChNZ will take place June 2023. Stakeholders were told the BP DMP would not proceed unless it was endorsed by the community board.

A "three-week submission period" was confirmed by the Minister of Tourism in an emailed letter to the Civic Trust dated August 25, 2022. However, ChNZ revised consultation to a 3 week period minus submissions. An on line survey has instead been issued.

The second workshop via ZOOM, Feb 16, was difficult to follow and participation was limited.

Kris Herbert, a consultant with Creative Agent, emailed stakeholders April 28 about a May 3 consultation session from 9-10 am at The Gaiety. Stakeholders were asked to publicise the event.

The 3 May workshop was not advertised or promoted other than a brief listing in a community board newsletter. Wednesday's 9-10 am workshop was held at a time when most people are at work however it was attended by 20-25 articulate and informed individuals but sufficient time had not been allowed for people to read and absorb the 48 page draft DMP prior to the one hour meeting.

Workshop participants were told volunteers would conduct street interviews and that information would be available at drop in sessions at the Akaroa Library & Service Centre.



Drop in session, Akaroa Library 5 May 2023

The Akaroa Library and Service Centre are open on a limited basis

the Library is open
10-4 Mon-Fri
10-2pm on Saturday
a printed copy of the BP DMP was not available

no information was available at the Service Centre (open from 10-2pm Mon-Fri)

12 days remain until the DMP consultation ends

Further comments

- ChristchurchNZ received \$400,000 for 2 DMPs from MBIE in early 2022.
- Stakeholders were told the BP DMP was delayed because of the hiring of overseas and local consultants.
- Stakeholder workshops started 26 January 2023 one year after ChNZ received MBIE funding.
- \$250,000 has been spent developing BP DMP.
- The BP DMP must be completed by June 2023 due TourismNZ requirements.
- ChNZ is the economic development agency of Christchurch City Council which "provides \$15.9 million to fund its operational expenses. ChNZ will received \$12.2 million from third parties, including the Government" (Press, 1 May 2023). Therefore transparency and accountability are required since ChNZ is part of the CCC structure.
- ChNZ has sought additional \$1 million in council funding through the annual plan process (Press 27 Feb 2023).
- CCC's Newsline has not issued media releases to my knowledge regarding the BP DMP or stakeholder and public consultation.

In conclusion

The Akaroa Civic Trust supports the BP DMP in principle. However, in our view the document lacks the support and buy in from Peninsula communities of interest as well as from many local businesses. The Peninsula is reliant upon visitors as an economic base. Given the current climate crisis the DMP should actively and intelligently, through sound research, support communities of interest as well as the environment and ecosystems as visitors arrive within the area.

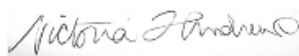
Key points to consider

In our view, the Community Board and wider community of Banks Peninsula have not been well informed about the DMP. Three stakeholder workshops and an on line survey for residents and the business community cannot be construed as adequate and through consultation in our view.


1. If the Community Board is not fully satisfied with the BP DMP it should not endorse the document.
2. The DMP requires considerable work including extensive, direct one on one consultation with residents and businesses within the wider community. A few exclusive "stakeholder workshops" and an on line survey does not constitute comprehensive and detailed public consultation.
3. The DMP has to be workable, long term document for the benefit of residents and businesses as well as visitors.
4. The final document should be independently peer reviewed to ensure the accuracy of its content.
5. The basis of regenerative and sustainable tourism goes beyond jingoism and glossy publications.
6. Wording should be in plain English. Non-defined words such as "hero" and "wayfinding" should not be used if the document is intended to be relevant to the average person.
7. Banks Peninsula and its communities of interest should not be treated as a commodity or product to be marketed to domestic and international visitors who pass through Christchurch.
8. Consultation must be consistent and all information must be well researched on a highly professional level inclusive of detailing the carrying capacity of areas such as Akaroa in relation to climate change and tourism in the long term.

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today and for your consideration of this very important topic.

Kind regards,



Victoria Andrews, Deputy Chair, Akaroa Civic Trust




Forest & Bird
TE REG O TE TAIAO | *Giving Nature a Voice*

Presentation to Banks Peninsula Community Board

Draft Priorities 2021-2025

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Te Pātaka o Rākaihautū Banks Peninsula Community Board 2023-25 priorities

3. to protect and enhance biodiversity on Banks Peninsula

- strongly supported
- aligns with Te Mana o te Taiao and the Biodiversity Strategy for the Canterbury region
- Banks Peninsula has indigenous biodiversity that meets all four national priorities for protection
- recommend it be elevated to number 1!



Recommended Actions

- **CCC Significant Ecological Sites programme (SES)**
 - Incomplete
 - Advocate to complete SES assessments
 - Advocate to implement management recommendations
- **Plan Change 7**
 - [PC7 – Managing significant indigenous vegetation : Christchurch City Council \(ccc.govt.nz\)](https://ccc.govt.nz)
 - Advocate to progress plan change
- **Wairewa Reserve 3185**
 - Advocate to CCC to reclassify as Scientific Reserve so nationally important ecological values are protected



Wairewa Reserve Part Res 3185





Purpose

- **Current purpose**
 - “enabling the Corporation to erect drainage works by which the annually recurring losses and injury caused by the flood waters of Lake Forsyth may be prevented”
- **CCC’s proposed change** (not supported by F&B)
 - “the enhancement of the environmental, social or cultural aspects of the land, working with mana whenua as appropriate”
- **Forest & Bird’s recommendation**
 - “to protect and enhance the ecological values present



SES H/6 Lake Forsyth/Wairewa

- coastal lake with extensive and representative saltmarsh and freshwater wetlands
- lake margins are an originally rare ecosystem that supports distinctive vegetation communities
- lake and margins support a large number of indigenous plant, bird and fish species that are nationally Threatened and At Risk and uncommon within the ecological districts or region





SES H/14 Birdlings Flat Shrublands

- one the best examples of distinctive, nationally rare indigenous stony beach ridge vegetation in New Zealand (originally rare ecosystem)
- majority of the site is an Acutely Threatened land environment
- shrubland and grassland habitats support a number of plant, invertebrate and lizard species that are either nationally Threatened, At Risk and/or endemic to Kaitorete Spit and Canterbury





SES E/2 Kaitorete Spit Birdlings Flat

- highly representative and distinctive originally rare dune communities
- almost entirely on an Acutely Threatened land environment.
- support an outstanding number of indigenous plants, birds, lizards and terrestrial invertebrates that are either nationally Threatened, At Risk, uncommon within the ecological district or endemic
- several plants and invertebrates that are at their distributional limits
- ecological sequence from the intact coastal dunes to semi-natural grasslands and the internationally significant Lake Ellesmere/Te Waihora.





Lettink et al. 2008 DOC Report

- Wairewa Part Reserve 3185 is mentioned in Section 5.1.2

- **5.1.2 Canterbury geckos**

Our work in the remnant of native coastal shrubland surrounding Birdlings Flat has revealed substantial gecko populations (plus populations of all three species of skinks), highlighting the immense value of this habitat type for lizards (see Lettink 2004, 2005). Part of this area was previously recommended for protection under the Protected Natural Areas Programme (Wilson 1992). Despite their high natural values, the shrublands remain under considerable threat mainly 'because there is a common attitude that they are wastelands, and tend to be treated as such'

Lettink et al. (2008) Monitoring and restoration options for lizards on Kaitorete Spit, Canterbury. Report for the Department of Conservation



Protecting Wairewa Part Res3185

- Reserve 3185 is part of an important ecological sequence from Lake Forsyth/Wairewa to Kaitorete
- contains significant and originally rare and threatened plants, animals and ecosystems
- advocate to the CCC to reclassify Wairewa Reserve 3185 as a scientific or scenic reserve to protect all its significant ecological values
- Action consistent with Community Board priority 3 *to protect and enhance biodiversity on Banks Peninsula*

