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THE URGENT MOVE TO DUNDAS ST. FOR YOUNG SAILORS, TO LEARN TO SAIL IN A SHELTERED MARINE ENVIRONMENT, ALSO, THE URGENT RELOCATION OF THEIR BOATING CLUB BUILDING TO BE MOVED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, LOCAL PURPOSE RESERVE, DUNDAS ST.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

TO SUPPORT THIS MOVE TO A MORE SHELTERED AREA FOR OUR YOUNG TO LEARN TO SAIL WITHOUT THE DANGER OF ROUGH SEA CONDITIONS, FURTHER HAVING ALL SAILING AND BOATING ACTIVITIES CLOSE TO THE MARINA WILL ALSO BENEFIT KEEL YACHTS WHO RACE FROM THE MARINA, AND ALL IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO ALL BOATING ACTIVITIES.

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Attention Ange Piaget,

Please approve the Mercury Bay Boating Club relocation to the Dundas street reserve.

The Mercury Bay Boating Club has a long and significant history and is at risk of being lost if they can't relocate their building to the Dundas Street reserve.

Many Boating clubs internationally have their clubhouses on or near inlets and marinas and I believe that it will be beneficial to the majority of the community to constructively use this parcel of reclaimed land for the clubhouse location.

Kind Regards

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My submission is in absolute support for a 30 year lease of the Local Purpose Reserve (Lot 6 DP 426920) Dundas Street, Whitianga to be awarded to the Mercury Bay Boating Club by DoC to enable the Club to relocate their Clubrooms and boat lockers to a secure site now that the current site at Taputapuatea no longer has viability due to severe storm erosion and also because of respect for the Ngati Hei Wahi Tapu now identified at the original site.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

This is a brilliant Sailing Club and as someone who has sailed a lot over the years and supported this club with family membership in the past, I believe it is absolutely right and proper for yachts and the yachting community to have a home alongside the power boats that are in Whitianga. I was living here when the marina was granted the right to privatise the harbour and it always grated with me. However, what is done is done. This is an opportunity to balance some of the imbalance of marine facilities in Mercury Bay. Millions of dollars of ratepayer's moneys have been spent on launching ramps and parking on shorelines in our District for one sector of boats i.e. power boats. Permitting this lease would allow environmentally low-impact activities and also enable the continuance of teaching valuable sailing skills to young and old.

The proposed small boat launching ramp could in no way have a detrimental impact of the surrounds or the integrity of the rock wall but would be very helpful to young small boat sailors and would be a safer option than sharing the other boat ramp which is used by vehicles launching and retrieving .

The site in question is currently barren and used primarily for parking, often for people who launch their dinghies to go out to their boats on moorings, overflow trailer parking from boats launched at the marina, or daytrippers.. There is enough room on this part of the Southern reclamation for these activities to carry on.

Sailing people care for their environment and I believe the Club would only enhance this area by their activities and, if permitted, amenity planting.

In the 35 years I have lived and worked in Whitianga, I have been delighted by the growth in the sailing community and I firmly believe DoC and the Minister would be making a good decision by allowing this lease to be granted.

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I am writing in full support of the Mercury Bay Boating Club moving their building to the new location at the reserve on Dundas Street. This move will provide numerous benefits to not only the boating club but the broader community.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

I have been involved in the Whitianga Sea Scouts for many years and though I cannot speak on their behalf I can recall the advantages of having youth involved in outdoor activities.

The Dundas Street area is where the Whitianga Sea Scouts was first located before the marina was built. This first Scout group would row and sail their kauri cutter in this area and down around to Robinsons Road. The last two Scout groups operated from the Rugby Club on Dundas Street and utilised this location for outdoor activities including water training and kayaking with trained leaders.

The proximity to the river and harbour will give the club the reassurance of easy launching and calmer waters which is an excellent environment for beginner sailors; in turn providing an enjoyable sailing experience.

The location aligns to it being a marine zone with Whitianga Marina and the Whitianga Coastguard as neighbours.

I personally experienced sail training in a women's group with the MB Boating Club, it was professionally managed, tutored well and was an incredible amount of fun. We also introduced the scouts into sailing with the MB Boating Club which some of our scouts continued and joined the MB Boating Club alongside Scouts.

Activities like sailing and water safety provide so much to the participants, especially children who can develop important life skills. They learn how to work in a group and how to support each other while learning how to be safe.

Preservation of our environment and a respect for nature is nurtured and carried forward into adulthood which we certainly need.

In conclusion, the relocation of the Mercury Bay Boating Club to a new site on Dundas Street is beneficial to a broad spectrum of the community, good accessibility and a future for a very valuable club..

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I support the Boating Club in their application for a lease/concession to establish and operate the boating club building on the Dundas Street reserve.

My reasons for my objection or submission are:

- The proposed relocation away from the Buffalo Beach foreshore to a more robust location sets the right precedent for how community and government should work together to adapt and respond to climate change and other natural processes.
- By making the land at Dundas Street available, DoC will help facilitate the relocation of the clubhouse off an important wāhi tapu site to a more appropriate location - a move which acknowledges both the cultural significance of Taputapuātea and the ecological qualities of the surrounding foreshore area.
- The location of the boating club at Dundas Street will complement the adjacent marina activities and will help consolidate public amenities in the central township area.
- The area is zoned for exactly these sorts of activities (“...yacht club, sailing school, coastguard etc.”) under the Thames Coromandel District Plan.
- There are no alternative locations with the direct access to the sea or harbour.
- The boat club building together with dinghy ramp in the proposed location will support a wide range of water-based sports and recreational activities (e.g. rowing, kayaking, multi-sport etc.) not currently provided for in the township.
- The clubhouse building will provide options for use by other community groups, including Waka Ama and Scouts/Sea Scouts, both currently without facilities.
- The immediate area has a long history of use by Sea Scouts and dinghy sailors prior to the marina reclamation, given its central location and direct access to sheltered water.

I live 300m further up the harbour from the Dundas Street site and have personally sailed, paddled and swum in this area of the harbour on many occasions. The area is essentially a large back-eddy, clear of the main channel and swing moorings which are on the far side of the harbour. I can personally vouch for the site as being safe and entirely suitable for dinghy sailing and a wide range of other water sports. The proposed dinghy ramp will be an added bonus.

The proposal is an excellent turnaround from what looked to be a disaster last year with the near loss of the clubhouse building in the January storms. The remarkable response by the community to save the building is a testament to asset that it is.

This as an excellent solution to the complex issues for all stakeholders at the current site. I urge DoC to recognise this and play their role to help facilitate what will be a win-win for the Mercury Bay Community.

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Attention: Ange Piaget

To whom it may concern,

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The additional traffic and parking will also create a significant nuisance to the adjacent properties who will be severely impacted.

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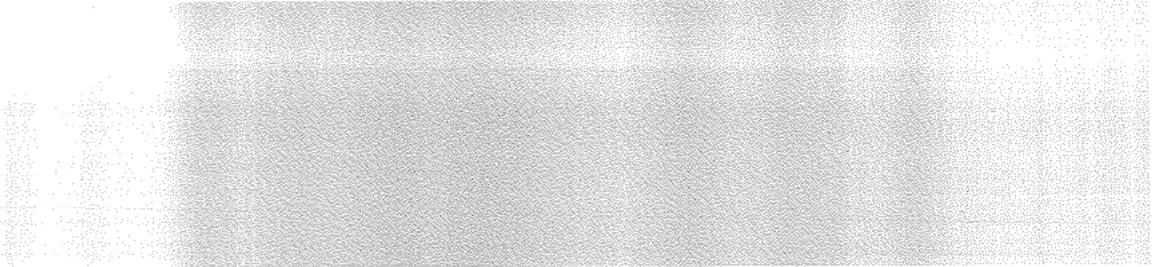
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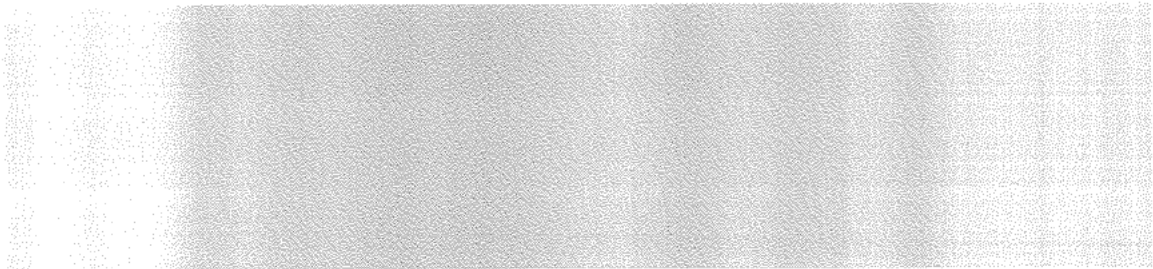
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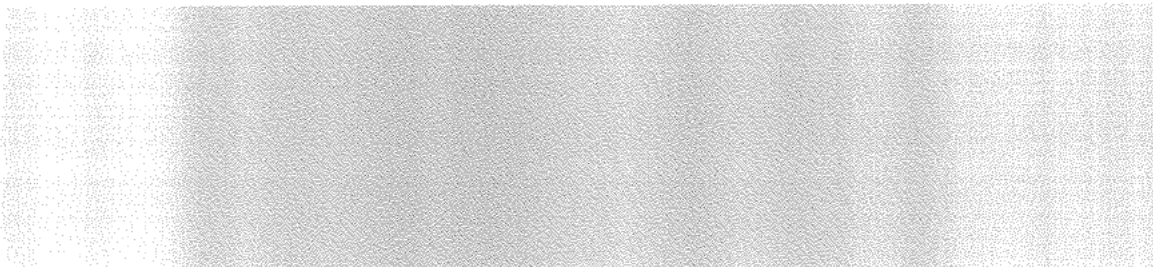


My reasons for my objection or submission are:



The outcomes that need to be addressed by this application are:

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G. Attachments

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Document title	Document format (e.g. Word, PDF, Excel, jpg etc.)	Description of attachment
<i>Submission in favour of MBBC</i>	<i>Word</i>	Sec 9(2)(a)

How do I submit my objection or submission?

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Submission in favour of Mercury Bay Boating Club

The specific parts of the application that this submission relate to are:

This submission relates to all aspects of the application.

My reasons for my submission are:

Mercury Bay is a great place to sail, steeped in history with Kupe and Captain Cook sailing here.

The Mercury Bay Boating Club has been a great asset to the Whitianga Community for many decades.

The MBBC has enabled many people to sail and learn to sail in Mercury Bay and it is important that this capability stays in Mercury Bay.

I first sailed in one of the MBBC's centre board races on New Year's Day 1984.

While I haven't been a regular sailor, I have been a supporter since that first race, and more recently a member of the club.

It is a shame that the old location got washed out. The new location is really the only available place for the boating club to be. Any boating club needs to be located near the water, so people can launch small boats. The new location is very good, being close to the marina and many boats moored in the estuary.

I strongly support the application as it is. The application doesn't need any changes.

Sec 9(2)(a)

May 9 2024



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Application to establish and operate a community facility (boating club/sailing school) for a period of 30 years at Local Purpose Reserve (Lot 6 DP 426920) Dundas Street, Whitianga.

C.1 Objector or Submitter Information-

Submitter's name (list organisational name if submitting on behalf of a business, community group, etc.)	Sec 9(2)(a)	
Contact person and role of organisation		
Email (Communication from DOC will be via email unless alternate contact requested)		
Alternate contact for all DOC communication		
Phone/Mobile		
Postal Address and Post Code		

I wish to **keep my contact details confidential**

Note: Your contact details will be not made public, but your name and organisation will be published. DOC will send you all submitter communications.



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C.2 Your name

In placing your name and organisation below, you acknowledge that you are the person or authorised person submitting this objection or submission. You are also acknowledging that your name and organisation will be published.

Printed name of submitter or person authorised on behalf of submitter

Sec 9(2)(a)

Organisation

Date

D. Statement of Support, Neutrality or Opposition

I **Support** this Application (I am making a submission)

I am **Neutral** on this Application (I am making a submission).

I **Oppose** this Application (I am making an objection).

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I **Do Not** wish to be heard in support of this objection or submission at a hearing.

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Speed (kt)



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