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**District Plan Further Submission Form
Proposed Hauraki Gulf Islands Section 2006**

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We support the submission of:

Mr John Mellars
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Submission No: 1406/14

The particular parts of the above submission which I/we support are:
to provide for the harvesting of Manuka/Kanuka as a permitted activity in all land units in recognition of the importance of this traditional, sustainable, renewable source of energy and heating.

The reasons for my/our support to the above submissions are:
The usage of Kanuka/Manuka is a carbon-neutral, sustainable renewable resource on Great Barrier Island for producing heating, water heating and wood burner stove cooking. (Ref Appendix 11 page 19 of proposed plan).
Unlike the mainland there is no reticulated source of power on Great Barrier Island. This activity meets the purposes and principals of Section 5 of the RMA which places emphasis on the need to provide for adequate energy supplies to meet the needs of communities and future generations. "Sustainable management."
This activity meets the provisions of Section 7 of the RMA relating to (b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources. (ba) the efficiency of end use energy. (i) the effects of climate change. (j) the benefits to be derived from the use and development of renewable energy. Providing for the extraction of Kanuka/Manuka as a permitted activity meets these RMA provisions.

We seek the whole submission be allowed.
 We wish to be heard at the council planning hearing Yes No
 We would be prepared to present a joint case at the hearing with any others making a similar submission. Yes No

Signed A. Wright Date 18/05/07