

Waiheke Island Community Planning Group Incorporated

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To The Manager, City Planning, Private Bag 92516, Wellesley Street, Auckland 1036
Re Proposed Hauraki Gulf Islands Section 2006

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I / We oppose the submission of Heletranz Limited (Submission Number 966):

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The Particular Parts of the submission I / we oppose are:

- The lack of recognition for community well-being and related amenity values of quiet.
- The lack of recognition that the adverse effects of helicopter operations are more than minor.
- The lack of recognition of cumulative effects.
- The lack of recognition of adverse effects due to uncoordinated and divided regulatory administration with the CAA (and the consequent inability to easily specify and regulate inwards and outwards flight paths).
- The lack of reconciliation with the key principles inherent in "Essentially Waiheke".
- The lack of reconciliation with the "well-being & enhancement" references of Sections 7, 8 of the HGMPA 2000.
- The lack of recognition that tourism is turning green... see NZ Herald quote - May 23, 2007:
"Sustainability is a key element of the draft New Zealand Tourism Strategy 2015".

The Reasons for my / our opposition to the above submission are:

It is a lopsided application without sufficient regard for the well-being of the Waiheke Community at large, and for the enhancement of the life supporting capacity of the environment of the Hauraki Gulf, its islands and catchments.

Recall the loss of amenity quiet that had occurred due to the Subritzky ferries before their recent soundproofing

There is no recognition that the loss of amenity caused by such "tourism activities" may indeed kill the golden goose, as it's a well-known fact that dead geese cannot lay golden eggs!

- I / We seek... The whole submission be disallowed -
- I / We wish to be heard at the council hearing.
- I / We would be prepared to present a joint case at the hearing with any others making a similar submission.

Signed.....  Date 28/5/07