

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 NZ Winegrowers (Submission Number 1093):

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The Particular Parts of the submission I / we support and oppose are: While we generally support this submission and the contribution that winegrowers and olive growers bring to Waiheke, we have major concerns about the adverse effects which are more than minor resulting from unconstrained vertical integration of their industry.

We oppose the impact of event noise and of helicopter intrusion upon the amenity values of often adjacent residential properties which is already a consequence of such vertical integration. (See 3.1(c) of their cover letter).

We especially oppose their support of Temporary activities.

We oppose their opposition to "Hazardous facilities and contaminated land" and rather submit that the Waiheke Winegrowers should be more encouraged / regulated to become more pragmatically organic, and that more associated monitoring of runoff waterway toxicity, and spray-drift toxicity, be undertaken. Industry / community feedback is that Waiheke winegrowing is not as toxicity free as it would have us believe.

The Reasons for my / our opposition to the above submission are: We submit that the vertical integration of the future of Winegrowing on Waiheke requires balance with other community and amenity values, especially as outlined in Essentially Waiheke and as further supported by the "well-being & enhancement" references of Sections 7, 8 of the HGMPA 2000, and by the well-being references in Section 5 of the RMA and by the well-being references of Sect 14(h) of the LGA 2002

We submit that much of the visual amenity of winegrowing / olive growing on Waiheke is due to residential - rural juxtaposition. It is because of this residential proximity that the adverse effects (which are more than minor due to the consequent event noise and helicopter noise associated with the industry's vertical integration) be opposed.

We submit that toxic practices should be contained and that organic viticultural practices be especially encouraged.

I / We seek ... That their submissions on vertical integration need be mitigated and balanced with wider community amenity values. That their support for Temporary Activities be opposed. That their opposition to "Hazardous facilities and contaminated land" be opposed. *We seek that the submission be disallowed in these regards accordingly.*

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 J M Courts Date 27/5/07