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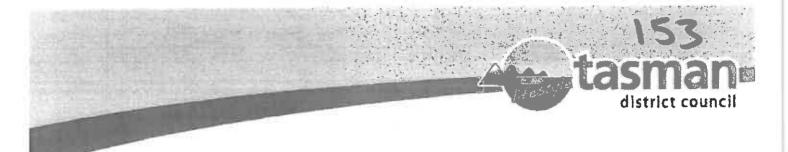


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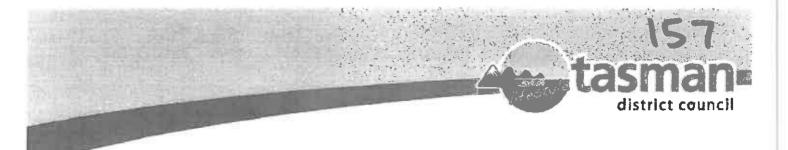
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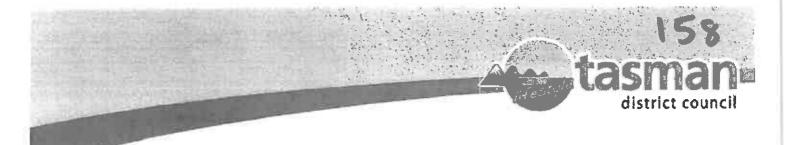
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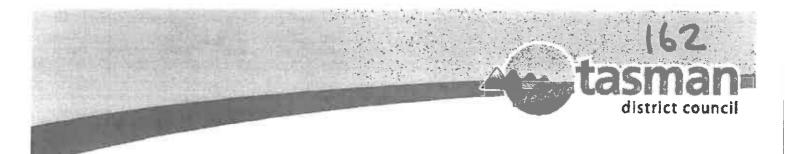
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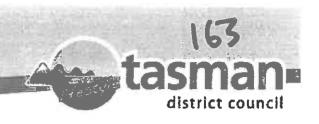
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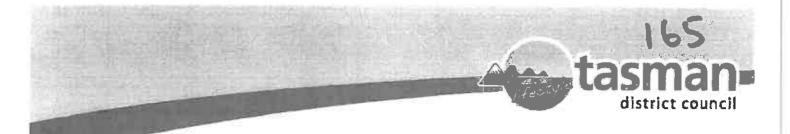


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- 1. As long term residents of Tata Beach, we have concern of increasing the charges of the Tarahoke Boat Ramp by 100%, we feel this will encourage people to use the Tata Beach boat ramp more. We have noticed since the last boat ramp increase that more boats seem to be using Tata Beach. We don't have a problem with this, bar the safety aspect with boats and swimmers, a congested boat ramp and parking, plus the safety issue when the weather turns sour.
- 2. We do not see any reason why the Tarahoke Boat Ramp cannot stay where it is, as it appears to be in a safe and sheltered spot in the harbour. Increased parking could be accommodated by dispatching with the penguin boxes and filling in the adjacent area to the North West of where they are using valuable space at the moment. The cost saving of not moving the Boat Ramp could be used increasing the parking area.
- 3. The proposed new entrance/exit to the Boat Club should be abandoned as there is insufficient line of sight for cars and boat trailers crossing the road.
- 4. The entrance to the Marina area on the Eastern side of the harbour from Ligar Bay, which was put in by TDC on closure of the wharf to the public, is downright dangerous and should be given priority with any development plan.
- 5. The public area adjacent to the Boat Lock-Up and surrounding the Boat Club, should be left as is, as it helps with the Freedom Campers scattered around the Bay. It is also a very pleasant green area for the public to enjoy.

6. Why should there be concern with the General Rate subsidising the Tarahoke facilities when we subsidise many of activities within TDC that we do not use, eg Tourism Activity Rate, District facility Rate, Musuem Rate, Mapua Rehab Rate etc, etc.

signed Philip and Rose Windle ratepayers of over \$20,000 a year.

# Website Submission - Draft Port Tarakohe Development Plan

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Financial Aspects of the Draft Port Tarakohe Development Plan

When TDC took over ownership of the launching ramp and pontoon from the Pohara Boat Club (PBC), (this facility was built and maintained by PBC), a concession was agreed to make the fees cheaper for members, than non-members. This was to alleviate the loss of income, which was substantial in terms of the club finances, as many of the services the club provides are free or at minimal cost. Although this system is still included in the proposed new launching fee, the 100% increase in the cost of a card (\$150 from \$75 at present) will make it unaffordable for most boat owners. The cost for non club members at \$300 is beyond the budget of most boat owners in GB, with many on fixed incomes.

If the recommendations in the document are agreed to, many locals who use cards at present have told PBC they will only pay cash when needed instead of buying cards. This will result in a huge reduction in members for PBC despite being told by TDC at their recent meeting at Pohara that TDC were very supportive of the PBC continuing to play an important role in the future of the port.

The use of Tarakohe will be the last choice for many who have said they will instead use the Tata Beach launching ramp, which is free. This ramp can be very dangerous at times due to wind and tide conditions which often only show up after the boats have been launched. It will also cause a huge problem regarding parking for vehicles and trailers at a time when many others are wanting to enjoy the beach and water for swimming, picnicking and other holiday fun.

Many of PBC's present members live outside Golden Bay – approx 1/3 live in Canterbury. They are already saying if these proposed fees are put in place they will consider looking at alternative holiday destinations as a large part of their decision to come to Golden Bay for the summer was the affordable and safe water access via

Tarakohe. As tourism plays a large part in the wellbeing of the residents of Golden Bay (and the Tasman region as a whole) by providing employment etc, this could affect the entire Tasman region, not just those who own a boat.

At a time when TDC are seeking an increase in funding from the port, it is a retrograde step to substantially increase the launching fees via card, especially as it was pointed out by TDC staff that the money that has been or could be raised via the launching ramp was a minor player in raising finance at the port. The majority by far will come from the mussel farm industry, who at present are not paying their share at all!

In the RMA there is mention of the need for Commercial, Recreational and Cultural content and the agreement made all those years ago when the port was purchased, was a 50/50 split between commercial and recreational activities. The Pohara Boat Club provides both the recreational and cultural aspect by encouraging the learning of the sport of sailing for children from all the schools in Golden Bay, plus adults who want to learn to sail. They also actively support the local Waka Ama group, including housing their waka, providing funding to purchase waka and building a ramp to launch their waka in safety.

All of these things are jeopardised by the huge increase in launching fees at Port Tarakohe which are certainly not 'fair and reasonable'.

TDC's slogan "A community is more sustainable when all the threads pull together as one" is not reflected in this report in any shape or form!

Elizabeth Dransfield Takaka

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Bearing in mind that a large proportion of the usage of Tarakohe is recreational then there should be an overall rate payer contribution to the costs of running it as we do to the 9 million dollars worth of loans on the Saxon field. Ratepayers from all over the TDC area use the harbour facilities as you will see by the membership of the Pohara boat club. A special rate may be required.

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#### Response to Port Tarakohe Development Plan

- 1. I would expect to pay higher fees if:
- there were improvements to the facilities (no apparent need for this)
- the Port was running at a loss (no evidence of this)
- inflation caused significant cost increases (the consumer price index CPI for the June 2013 quarter rose 0.2%)
- 2. Incremental increases for the reasons above are to be expected but a 100% rise is outrageous and any lesser unjustifiable increase is also quite unacceptable.
- 3. The business model presented puts the financial onus on present users for future development. This is unfair as it is impossible to identify the future beneficiaries of any development.
- 4. A good respectful relationship between port owners and port users is esential for the port's future viability. The fee proposals place that relationship at serious risk.
- 5. A charging methodology which arrives at increases so obviously unreasonable that they have to be reduced by forty or fifty percent has no validity and amounts to guesswork.
- 6. The suggestion to change the parking area for cars and trailers using the slipway has some merit in theory but it is hard to see how it would work in practice. The re-routing of the entrance from the road would be an expensive change.
- 7. The fishing platform is an unnecessary expense as people are perfectly happy to fish from the rocks and would likely find a set structure to be overly organised.

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27 November 2013

#### SUBMISSION ON PORT TARAKOHE Development Plan

Re Financial Overview

We submit that raising the mooring and marina fees by an exorbitant amount is unnecessary. Then to be backdating the fees to 1/7/2013 is excessive and over the top. Imagine if you bought a pair of shoes at certain price, and later the shoe shop sent you a letter, or rang, or emailed you, that they had decided that the price of the shoes were doubled or were now deemed to be worth more, and you had to pay them the extra, would this be ok? Would it be legal? In good faith? Really and truly?

We submit that raising the cost of launching from the boat ramp will penalize the regular users and is therefore an unfair act. At the barrier arm it is a seemingly small amount, however, doubling the cost of a card for the barrier arm to a huge amount is uneconomical for the regular users.

My husband has noted the increase of fizz boats over the past year, being launched off local beaches, notably Pohara Beach opposite the tennis courts, and off Ligar Bay. It would only take one vehicle getting stuck on the sands to have an incident of oil/diesel leakage, if caught by the tide. Can you see the scenario? The boatie on a phone trying to get a tractor or digger (a tow truck may not go onto a beach) to tow out a vehicle with or without the boat on the trailer. These are people who already aren't using the Port's boat ramp!

We have already had reports and calls from holidaymakers beyond Golden Bay, who have been coming here for decades, that they will be holidaying elsewhere in future, where they can get a better deal with their boats.

IF it is the Tasman District Council's (TDC's) aim to clear out the recreational users from the harbour, it may work! Is this your aim?

To lose boat ramp users as well, the casuals and the regulars?

And it certainly seems unbalanced to raise the costs for the recreational users of the Port, but not to raise the wharf/ port users costs by the same percentage rate.

We submit that putting in a weighbridge would be a very timely and fair way to create and/or recover income for the Port and bring the commercial users of the port into alignment with practices of other NZ ports, ie by weighing goods and trucks before they go on to the wharf area and when they come off the wharf.

We submit that the Reserve Area (i.e. the grass areas around the Pohara Boat Club (PBC) and which extends along the foreshore – and includes where the boat storage is fenced off – is a Reserve Area that was designated by Legislative Act by the Government of NZ, when the Cement Works closed, for the people of Golden Bay as a public place, for recreation.

The Council may not derive financial benefits from this area, but it is used by those for whom it is intended.

We submit that this Reserve Area is used by great numbers of people, both locals and visitors, for a wide variety of reasons. It is an exceptionally important "green belt" for old and young and in-between, for the locals and for tourists and visitors. It is invaluable to picnickers, bird-watchers, artists, families, etc, who may not bring an income to the Council by using the area, but who are equally entitled to use the area as any other member of the public.

Tourism is one of the prime money-earners in New Zealand, and certainly is in Golden Bay. Abel Tasman Drive is the only route in to the northern end of a great National Park. We submit that this designated Reserve Area must continue to be there for everyone's use, even though it does not bring in an income to TDC.

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As regular recreational users of Port Tarakohe for the past 20 years I am more than disappointed that the TDC is proposing to raise user charges. We have used the boat ramp for many years and now lease a berth in the marina. While increase in charges are expected they are also expected to be fair, reasonable and at market value and not to be subsidising the commercial users of the port who have their charges discounted. As a ratepayer (non-permanent resident) I would prefer that an apportionment be made in the rates to the development of Port Tarakohe for recreational users as was intended when it was given to the TDC(and as is the case with other recreational facilities)

I am also very concerned at the proposal to destroy the 'Hole in the Rock' for use as harbour fill - have we not learnt anything from our forebearers? This is 2013 not the early 1900's!

It must also be noted that as ratepayers we did not recieve any information or notification of any meetings regarding these proposals as was the case with other nonpermanent ratepayers and recreational users of the Port



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Feedback on Port Tarakohe Development Plan

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Dear Sirs / Madam

The following is our submission on the wharf charges that relate to Sollys usage of the Tarakohe Wharf Area.

We believe that it is more reasonable to have a regular review of charges and link any adjustments to the CPI rather than randomly increasing charges and then expect users to be able to absorb those charges with little or no notice. Often commercial arrangements do not allow users to pass on those costs immediately.

#### Wharfage

We submit a wharfage increase to \$5.00 per tonne and that that is reviewed annually and adjusted to the CPI.

#### **Berthage**

We submit a berthage rate of \$3.80 per lineal meter and that is reviewed annually and adjusted to the CPI

#### Linesman

We submit retaining the Linesman Charge at \$180.00 as a single charge and review this annually and adjust to the CPI.

We acknowledge that these charges are exclusive of GST.

Thanking you for the opportunity to submit these submissions.

Yours faithfully

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Charges for port users must align with standard charges being charged for similar services being provided around NZ.

Marina charges should reflect this as well the wharf charges should align properly with industry standard charges.

The wharf definitely needs a weigh-bridge to accurately record tonnages crossing the wharf and an independent person supervising this function.

Wharf space being used in the wharf zone should be leased out at industry acceptable rates to reflect a fair return to the owners of this community asset.

You can value the wharf at \$100million if you want to but the returns will only be what they are in reality. You might like to think the asset should return more but the size of this GB economy will only deliver what it does. Charging exorbitant fees will only drive the users away.

The only way to improve the revenue is to grow the GB economy which TDC is not interested in at all.

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I would like to see that the Port's leisure facilities remain an asset that the public easily has access to.

In fact to charge fees to launch a boat already is against the spirit I would like to see for providing services for the people of golden bay and NZ.

I have experienced Golden Bay 23 years ago when the boat ramp was there for anybody and at no cost. There has to be services in the bay that we can use that are provided by our council, and can bring a smile on our face, as we feel taken care of and can have fun without having to think about paying. It is the spirit of giving and receiving.

Some of that needs to remain. The use of the boat ramp is one like that. management costs for Port Tarakohe needs to come out of the commercial activities, and if there is need to subsidise then it should be coming from the rates.

On another note: Some time ago, Tata beach ramp was very stormy, and we could not get easily our boat up the ramp without of fear of damaging it. So we decided to take the car round to Tarakohe and to access the boat ramp there.

We did not have any money with us, and therefore we were stuck a while with the boat near the ramp and the car could not get through the gate ..... it was a pain! We had to find and ask some people for money to pay for the access ...

Joseph Blessing