

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

FORM 5

SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE TO CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT PLAN

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991



To: Central Otago District Council
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(Full name)

This is a submission on proposed Plan Change 13 to the Central Otago District Plan (the proposal).

I could/could not* gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
(* Select one)

~~I am/am not* directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that~~

- ~~(a) adversely affects the environment; and~~
- ~~(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.~~

(Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission)
(* Select One)

The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

THE ENTIRE PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 13

(Please give details and continue on additional page if necessary)

My submission is:

I OPPOSE THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF THE PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 13. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED TYPED ADDITIONAL PAGE FOR REASONS FOR MY VIEWS.

(Please include:

- whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have them amended; and
 - reasons for your views;
- and continue on additional page if necessary)

I seek the following decision from the local authority:

THE ENTIRE REQUEST FOR PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 13 BE DECLINED

(Please give precise details)

I wish/do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.

(Please strike out as applicable)

If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.
(Please delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case)



Signature of Submitter

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

(A signature is not required if you make a submission by electronic means)

19/06/2018

Date

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**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 13 ON
WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018**

Note to person making submission

If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that a least 1 of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- it is frivolous or vexatious;
- it discloses no reasonable or relevant case;
- it would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further;
- it contains offensive language;
- it is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

CAMERON PETER McDONALD

- CONTINUED SUBMISSION

Prior to visiting Highlands Motorsport park in 2015, I had no intention of investing in Central Otago, as an Australian citizen living and working in China. This changed, on seeing the absolutely world class implementation, of Highlands Motorsport Park in Cromwell. Both the facility and the manner in which it is run, is a credit to Highlands and the Central Otago District Council. The tourism interest and energy the facility generates, is easy to see among all who visit, drawing in many visitors, with associated tourism expenditure benefits to surrounding business and the greater Cromwell community.

Such a great facility, set in an area, blessed with remarkable natural beauty, is truly unique, an opportunity causing one to re-asses, long term investment and life plans. As such I have become a member of Highlands, in order to participate in such a brilliant development, planning to base myself in Central Otago long term.

Upon researching the growth demands and trends of the area, both in terms of local residents and tourism, it was clear, Cromwell would have a central role to play, as both Queenstown and Wanaka have been developed in very similarly unbalanced ways. Through several discussions with locally based friends, one common factor repeatedly arose:- the common sense approach and ease of dealing with the Central Otago District Council, as opposed to the Queenstown Lakes District Council. This led me to investigate Cromwell and Alexandra in greater detail, where I learned of the Council's plans for the airport in Alexandra. Such a plan is certainly a breath of fresh air, countering the unbalanced, short term focus found elsewhere, with regard to infrastructure investment and protection. I have signed a long term, lease on the airport, with ongoing construction plans in process, as I completely agree with the councils balanced outlook and the lands usage for all residents in that particular development.

Such a balanced outlook for Cromwell is critical, for all residents continued enjoyment of the area, avoiding a repeat of the mistakes found elsewhere. Large infrastructure projects such as airports and motorsport facilities are extremely difficult, if not impossible to replace once lost. Unfortunately, in my professional career as a pilot, I have seen many airports lost, due to residential encroachment, allowed by poor planning and re-zoning. Almost invariably this results in noise complaints, causing restrictions on operating type and or hours, or complete closure in the long term.

With regard to noise, in my experience, Highlands has been particularly considerate to the wider community. Imposing 80db noise limits on member's cars (substantially lower than road limits, almost unheard of for a motorsport facility, where limits 6-8 times higher are normal practice). Although this proved a challenge to meet, I was encouraged, that Highlands had created such a long term, community responsible policy. However, motorsport does invariably produce some noise, and residential development on the boundary is not in anyone's interest.

I sincerely hope the Central Otago District Council will show continued, long term, sound decision making for Cromwell, allowing the area to grow to meet residents demands, without losing any of the magic that makes it so unique, and such a lovely place to live.


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