

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991 – FORM 5

SUBMISSION ON NOTIFIED PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE TO CENTRAL OTAGO DISTRICT COUNCIL

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: **Central Otago District Council**
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SUBMITTER: Merle Roughan

1. This is a submission on proposed Plan Change 13 to the Central Otago District Plan (Plan Change 13).
2. Merle Roughan could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
3. This submission relates to Plan Change 13 in its entirety.
4. Merle Roughan wishes to be heard in support of this submission and will consider presenting a joint case with other parties that make a similar submission.

General Submission:

I oppose this plan change in its entirety.

My Submission is:

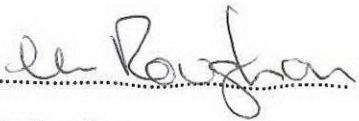
The special character of this area will be lost. This is a beautiful rural area which will be lost forever if this development were to go ahead.

There is only a small area in the district with the unique micro climate and soil conditions to grow the stonefruit for which Cromwell is renown. We need to preserve these special areas. Houses can be built in other areas that are not so suited to horticulture. It would be a pity to have to remove the Big Fruit sculpture because it no longer relates to Cromwell.

Neighbouring businesses will be forced out of the area because of complaints from residents in the subdivision. Highlands Park is already constrained in the number of days it can hold meetings owing to neighbours complaining about the noise. We have already seen the situation of Western Springs having to relocate and this will happen again here to Highlands Park.

Orchards in the vicinity will be curtailed in going about their business owing to the closeness of residential properties in the subdivision. Orchards in the area have wind machines, use helicopters, spray crops in the course of their operations and carry out bird control in addition to general orchard duties. Complaints and restrictions will force them out of business. These are acceptable within the rural environment and the Plan provides for them.

I seek the following decision from the local authority: No change to the current district plan.


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