

Representation No 57

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To: [Break O Day Office Admin](#)
Subject: Local Provisions Schedule
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We are recent land owners (under white law) of property in your municipality at address 24752 Tasman Highway at 'Diana's Basin'. We have just now become aware of the proposed land use Schedule.

You will understand that we have not had time to study the full documents we now see were advertised publically – although impossible to access on your Council web site without direct enquiries.

Our simple submission is that waterfront land should not be available for commercial development.

All land not currently owned by individuals should be available for return to Aboriginal community ownership. You will appreciate that this leaves very little land for return to the original owners.

As well, it is inconsistent for private commercial land use to prevent public access to the foreshore and beaches.

We understand the need for local government to raise money for municipal services but this should not be at the expense of the conservation of the cultural and natural values of land most highly valued on the foreshores.

Every day Aboriginal heritage sites are destroyed by commercial developments. So much of our heritage is evident in coastal areas – not only there of course, but very evidently in those areas.

Our submission is that cultural values must be respected especially as there has been no return of land to our community for generations. Please respect the traditional owners and our need to preserve our culture ahead of the private interests that seek financial return to commercial enterprises.

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