

Submission form

Notes

- A signature is not required if you are lodging your submission by electronic means.
- If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) please use form 16B. Refer to the EPA website www.epa.govt.nz or call 0800 CALL EPA (22 55 372).
- The closing date for providing your submission to Waikato Regional Council is 20 working days after public notification or notice is served. You must also provide a copy of your submission to the applicant. This should be done as soon as possible.
- If you need any further help, please phone our Resource Use staff on **0800 800 402**.

Office use only

File no:

Consent no:

Section 1: Application details

Applicant name: WRC AUTH138330 and TCDC RMA201790 **Description of proposal:** WRC

(Briefly describe the type of consent, and the nature and location of the activity. If the proposal is for a change or cancellation of an existing consent condition, please detail the type and location of consent, the relevant condition and the proposed change. If the application is for a transfer of a water or discharge permit, provide details of the existing activity site and, if relevant, the part of the permit proposed to be transferred.)

WRC AUTH 138330.01.01 – To upgrade an existing structure in the Coastal Marine Area being a seawall protection structure, and the continued occupation of the CMA, for property protection purposes in the vicinity of Buffalo Beach, Whitianga.

TCDC RMA2017/8 – Upgrade of an existing coastal defense structure (seawall).

The specific parts of the application that this submission relates to are:

We strongly oppose the granting of this application in its entirety. However, if it should be granted the minimum consent conditions that we would expect include –

- The installation of a public walking/cycling path along the length of the inside of the rock wall at the applicant's expense.
- Shortening of the southern end of the rock wall so that the wider reserve can respond naturally to coastal processes and establish a high tide line in equilibrium with the other neighbouring natural beach levels.

Section 2: Submitter details

We will use your email address as preferred address for service, unless you advise otherwise.

Name	Full name of submitter: Mercury Bay Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Soc.Inc
Postal address	PO Box 205 Whitianga 3542
Contact person (include designation if applicable):	Chairperson: Augusta Macassey-Pickard
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Phone number/s	Home:	
	Business: Mobile:	Fax:

Section 3: Submission on proposal

Please detail your submission below. Attach additional pages if necessary.

I/we (tick one option only):

Support the application/s

Oppose the application/s

Neither support nor oppose the application/s (neutral submission) My

submission:

The Mercury Bay Branch of the Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society Inc **opposes** these consent applications.

Our Mercury Bay Branch of Forest & Bird covers an area from Whangapoua to Taiura in the Coromandel. The Branch participates in regional and local RMA processes on behalf of our members.

The Mercury Bay Branch of Forest & Bird seeks that Waikato Regional Council and Thames Coromandel District Council **reject** these applications

The reasons for my views are:

Our opposition is based on the public interest in preserving the social, cultural, economic, ecological, and natural character values of our sandy beaches. We can not afford to allow our beaches to become armoured to protect private property. Armouring of dunes results in loss of high tide beach habitat (which affects the beach ecology, hydrology and public access) and degradation of natural character (landscape and natural functioning). Coastal erosion is only going to become worse in the future with projected sea level rise. The public resource of sandy beaches must be protected above private property interests. It has been well signalled for a couple of decades that coastal property is an investment risk. This is an investment risk that is held by the private property owner and that cost of that risk should not be a burden to the wider community. There are going to be cases where protecting vital infrastructure with hard engineering structures will be unavoidable. Further cumulative degradation of our beaches for the protection of infrastructure that does not need to be located in the coastal environment must be avoided. It is not essential to locate housing in the coastal environment.

This application is contrary to the objectives of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement, Hauraki Gulf Protection Act and the Resource Management Act.

I seek the following decision from the consent authority:

(Give precise details, including the parts of the application you wish to have amended and the general nature of any conditions sought.)

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Please tick either yes or no to the following options:

I/we wish to be heard in support of this submission

✓ Yes No

I/we will consider presenting a joint case at a hearing if others make a similar submission

✓ Yes No

I/we request the functions, powers and duties required to hear and decide the application/s are delegated to one or more hearing commissioners who are **not** members of Waikato Regional Council.

Yes No

(A request for delegation of hearing and decision-making authority must be made in writing no later than 5 working days after the submission closing date. You may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners. You may not make this request in relation to an application to carry out an activity that a regional plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.)

Signature of submitter: _____ Date: 8 November 2018
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

