

Submission Form 16 to the Otago Regional Council on consent applications

This is a Submission on (a) limited notified/publicly notified resource consent application/s pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991.

Submitter Details:

(please print clearly)

Full Name/s: Stephen Alan Young PhD

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Post Code:

Phone number: Business:

Private:

Mobile:

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I/ we wish to **SUPPORT** / ~~**OPPOSE**~~ / submit a **NEUTRAL** submission on (circle one) the application of:

Applicant's Name: Onumai Enterprises Limited – Taieri Mouth

And/or Organisation:

Application Number: RM22.550

Location: 21 Marine Parade, Taieri Mouth

Purpose: Residential, recreational, commercial, and emergency use activities

The specific parts of the application/s that my submission relates to are: *(Give details)*

Provision of accommodation and wheelchair crane suitable for disabled people. Please see accompanying letter.

My/Our submission is *(include: whether you support or oppose the application or specific parts of it, whether you are neutral regarding the application or specific parts of it and the reasons for your views).*

I support this application due to its provision of services for disabled people which are urgently required in Otago's coastal recreational areas. Please see accompanying letter,

I/We seek the following decision from the consent authority (*give precise details, including the general nature of any conditions sought*)

That resource consent be granted for application RM22.550

I/we:

- ~~Wish to be heard in support of our/my submission~~
 Not wish to be heard in support of our/my submission

If others make a similar submission, I/we will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

- ~~Yes~~
 No

I, **am not** (choose one) a trade competitor* of the applicant (for the purposes of Section 308B of the Resource Management Act 1991).

**If trade competitor chosen, please complete the next statement, otherwise leave blank.*

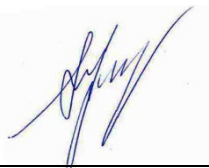
I, **am not** (choose one) directly affected by an effect as a result of the proposed activity in the application that:

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

I, **do not** (choose one) wish to be involved in any pre-hearing meeting that may be held for this application.

I **do not** request* that the local authority delegates its functions, powers, and duties to hear and decide the application to 1 or more hearings commissioners who are not members of the local authority.

I **have** served a copy of my submission on the applicant.



14 September, 2023

Signature/s of submitter/s
(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter/s)

(Date)

Notes to the submitter

If you are making a submission to the Environmental Protection Authority, you should use [form 16B](#).

The closing date for serving submissions on the consent authority is the 20th working day after the date on which public or limited notification is given. If the application is subject to limited notification, the consent authority may adopt an earlier closing date for submissions once the consent authority receives responses from all affected persons.

You must serve a copy of your submission on the applicant as soon as is reasonably practicable after you have served your submission on the consent authority.

Privacy: Please note that submissions are public. Your name and submission will be included in papers that are available to the media and the public, including publication on the Council website. Your submission will only be used for the purpose of the notified resource consent process

If you are a trade competitor, your right to make a submission may be limited by the trade competition provisions in [Part 11A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991.

If you make a request under [section 100A](#) of the Resource Management Act 1991, you must do so in writing no later than 5 working days after the close of submissions and you may be liable to meet or contribute to the costs of the hearings commissioner or commissioners.

You may not make a request under section 100A of the Resource Management Act 1991 in relation to an application for a coastal permit to carry out an activity that a regional coastal plan describes as a restricted coastal activity.

Please note that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at 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.

The address for service for the Consent Authority is:

Otago Regional Council, Private Bag 1954, Dunedin, 9054
or by email to submissions@orc.govt.nz

Stephen A. Young PhD [REDACTED]

September 14, 2023

I am writing in **support** of the resource consent application....

Onumai Enterprises Limited — Taieri Mouth

Application No. RM22.550

This initiative is an excellent and positive contribution to our disabled community. Of particular note is the intention to provide accommodation suitable for a disabled person, and significantly, the provision of a personal crane for direct access to the water for paraplegics.

Taieri Mouth is a jewel in Otago's coastal resorts, yet it is virtually inaccessible to those who depend on a wheelchair for access. This was highlighted recently in the International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health: "...people with a disability face unique challenges accessing outdoor environments. As a result, people with a disability are not afforded an equal opportunity to participate in health-promoting behaviours available in outdoor environments such as the beach and other blue space environments (e.g., lakes, rivers, and streams)."

[Tides of Change—Barriers and Facilitators to Beach Accessibility for Older People and People with Disability: An Australian Community Survey. Job, Sasha; Heales, Luke; Obst, Steven. International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health; Basel Vol. 20, Iss. 9, (2023): 5651. DOI:10.3390/ijerph20095651]

- Currently there is only one means of access to Otago's beaches or seaside for paraplegics - at the Esplanade Surf School at St CLair Beach.
<https://firstport.co.nz/wellbeing/visiting-accessible-beaches>
- Note that the following website lists no beaches accessible to paraplegics south of the Nelson region: <https://www.accessiblebeaches.co.nz/about-us>

I respectfully suggest that the Otago Regional Council has a duty to provide such access in at least some of Otago's beach resorts - particularly in the beautiful, multi-functional Taieri Mouth. New Zealand has signed the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (Disability Convention), and is committed to ensuring disabled peoples' full and equal enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms.

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Further, the publication "Removing barriers: A guide for reasonable accommodation of disabled people in Aotearoa Te turaki i ngā ripa tauārai: He aratohu mō te manaaki tōtika i te hunga hauā i Aotearoa" makes the following points:

"Disabled people have the right to navigate private and public spaces comfortably and effortlessly. Consideration should be given to how this can be done, both inside and out.

Changes you make to accommodate disabled people can:

- make the services you provide more accessible to a wider market;
- meet your human rights and legal responsibilities with regard to non-discrimination;
- make your premises easy to get around;
- allow staff to respond to the needs of everyone;
- make everybody feel valued; and
- provide a service people want to return to.

Providing reasonable accommodation to disabled people can also:

- benefit the general public;
- broaden your potential reach within the community;
- enhance your public image;
- enhance your competitiveness; and
- promote business and human rights principles.”

In my professional opinion, this consent should be approved in order to provide equitable access to a beautiful Otago seaside resort - currently enjoyed by able-bodied people only.

Please note - I have no conflict of interest in making this submission.

Please also note, I have no need to present my support in person.

Yours sincerely,

Dr S.A. Young

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