

14th November 2023 Dredge

My name is Roger Tompkins I'm a local living Bannockburn and use the lake and river on a regular basis.

I'm objecting to the submission

I am not an expert witness. I aware that you have reams submissions in all the correct legal jargon, written up by academics and planning specialists, my submission to you is in uncomplicated plain old English

To the iwi

With the utmost respect to the iwi present and those who have long perished on this culturally significant stretch of river. Simply put this like letting a giant vacuum cleaner vacuum suck up the bones of so many whanau who perished during the many perilous crossings of the mighty Mata-au a river.

To the crown

Let it be on record. You had better not renege on promises made to the protesters of the Clyde dams construction, you promised that lake Dunstan & the Upper Clutha would preserved as a recreational resource for the people of NZ. It's a recreational resource not to be reduced to a toxic turn of the century floating industrial estate

To the environmental protection agency bent on saving our water ways

Do you seriously think that approving this neolithic monstrosity of a machine guzzling a thousand litres of diesel a day, pumping its filthy contaminated stoke diesel exhaust fumes back into the river. Two stroke diesel engines that have been banned by the EPA of the biggest fossil fuel burning country on the planet... the USA.

To the OCR & QLDC

You are about to invest millions of dollars on a green cycleway from Wanaka to Cromwell. Will this fossil burning behemoth be sign-posted to those Lycra clad tourists bent on breathing our clean green air and enjoying the peace and quiet. Maybe you might build a viewing platform overlooking this floating factory, perhaps giving away free earplugs so our victors can marvel at the arcane thinking that have allowed this left over of the industrial revolution function on our pristine river.

Consenting It would make a mockery of both councils to green image

To Maritime NZ & the joint ORC & QLDC harbour Masters

Apart from the noise compliance, and having been through a noise compliance with a small 40hp modern jet boat it beggars belief that this rock sucking, rock crushing machine could realistically come within acceptable noise limits.

The thirst of this fuel hungry contraption and ceaseless need for its life line of two stroke diesel fuel, fuel needing to be transferred to it in from small rib tender in 500 litre bunds, winched or pumped on the factory ship, a small tender whose tank is fuelled at the river edge then transited to the mother ship only to be lashed to the side of this vast iron barge and all done in perilous fast flowing water while various hoses and pumps are hoisted over the side of both vessels to pump thousands of litres of diesel fuel oil. Serval trips needed each day of operation.

Any old salt will tell you that some point during these transfers diesel and oil will inevitably spill into the river.

To both DOC & Fish & Game

What a show case the people New Zealand and our visitors from around world as they discover that his diesel fume belching giant vacuum cleaner has seven-meter-long plastic nozzle that needs to be replaced every 3/4mths? Why because it wears out?? Wears out with the passing of thousands of cubic meters of gravel grinding across it. Seven meters of plastic dissolving into the mighty Matua au... following downstream floating through the river system into the irrigation systems of our world class vineyards, cherry and stone fruit orchards.

Oh, Yummy this organic Central Otago Pinot has an interesting flavour of blackberry, strawberries and hint micro plastics

To Kristin Jane Royce

I'm glad that you could get away from your computer on the 23rd October to take some precious time to experience and understand the beauty and peacefulness to the Upper Clutha, to spend time on our precious water way... a whole day. Wow. I hope you had time to stop and take in not only the peace and quiet, to listen to the bird song and that your guide had time to point out the hundreds of reds, beds in the river where the trout lay their eggs to spawn, many be, not that you noted it, you may have gotten to see the many fish swimming in some of those beautiful back waters.

And the outcome after such a lengthily visit an assessment: Impact less than minor. How does the Tui Ad go Yeah Right...

So many things I'd like to take you to task on in your revised submission dated 8th and 13th of November here's just one

'Minor works will occur in the river margin where the slipway is to be established. The use of the slipway is expected to be infrequent...'

I disagree and it's naive to suggest that the slipway will be 'minor' it will be obvious to river users will be in constant use ferrying crew to and from the barge and how many perilous trips each day to fuel this fossil burning behemoth... please enough of this blindsiding.

And regarding the slipway it raises the question should this Titanic endeavour be permitted, the applicant would obviously allow public access to launch from his newly formed river access ways??

And FYI I spent a very pleasant few hours fishing on the river last Friday afternoon the only slight irritant was the sound of a chainsaw, someone working as I discovered working nearly a kilometre up river

To the applicant

Be very nervous of the fire & brimstone club. The Locals will not take kindly to a floating industrial estate on their pristine river or take much of liking to you creating a diesel and oil fuel dump on its river banks. As to the supposition that only minor works to occur on the river margins where the slipways to be established. And you state The use of the slipway is expected to be infrequent...

It's naive to suggest that the slipway will be 'minor' it will be obvious to river users and no doubt will be in constant use ferrying crew and many perilous trips each day to fuel to your fossil burning factory...

Final and briefly To you the judges of this hearing

Let it be noted that this arcane model of mining which now so glorified in contemporary gold mining doco dramas ever popular on streaming services and yes while gold mining very much a major part of our Otago history, to consent to this environmentally damaging arcane industrialisation of a river not only sacred to our iwi but impacting on an important environmental and recreational resource is a step back into the dark ages

And some good news for all at the hearing today the poetette has won bird of the central. If you can't get up the river To go and see this rare and endangered bird, go to the Bendigo Camping site, they are five or six bird there. I bet John Oliver will be impressed that an we could be allow heavy industry onto one of its few breeding grounds

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