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This is a Submission on publicly notified resource consent applications pursuant to the Resource Management Act 1991.

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I have been lucky enough to live in Careys Bay for 30 years now. It is a continual worry that Port Otago Limited (POL), hungry for land is just around the corner.

Careys Bay is a sheltered environment, very protected from the wind and from the noise of the port. It is shaped like an amphitheatre. However the extension of the multipurpose wharf is likely to bring the noise of the port into that amphitheatre where it will be trapped and bounce around reverberating. You may think "The company only want to extend the wharf, such a small amount, how could it really make a difference to noise"? It is because that extension would bring the noise into amphitheatre of Careys Bay that it will have that effect.

Noise. That is my greatest concern – that the project will have negative effects on my home in Careys Bay mainly in the form of noise.

Every 10 years or so when there is an opportunity to review the port's need for space, POL makes its presence felt and appears to behave as if it had a right to expand. I contend that POL is not as short of space as it may appear. The stacks of logs around West Harbour have only recently been placed there, in my opinion for the benefit of the Hearing Committee.

You see Port Otago, a thriving business. I see Port Otago, a noisy neighbour. I am today only focusing on this one aspect of the application. There is too much for me to say about it in its entirety.