

Ko Hikaroroa te mauka  
Ko Waikouaiti te awa  
Ko Puketeraki te marae  
Ko Kati Huirapa te hapu  
E toru nga waka tipuna, ko Uruao, Ko Araite uru, Ko Taki timu hoki'  
Ko Kati mamoe te hapu  
Ko Ngai Tahu te iwi.  
Ko Leanne Simon toku ingoa  
Ko Paul Simon toku Hoa rangatira  
No reira tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou  
Katou.

My Name is Leanne Simon, I am kaitaki for Puketeraki Marae,  
I am on the East Otago Taiapure committee , representing the Kati Huirapa.  
My Husband Paul Simon is also Ngai Tahu .  
My husband and I are also own and run a commercial fishing company  
based out of Port Charmers.

Firstly:

**Under the 1987 Maori council and NZ governor  
it was determined that there is a Partnership & Active Protection  
agreement.**

**Respect the Maori resource rights (Land, forest and fishers)!**

**That the cultural impact on Maori ( Ngai Tahu ) and their generations  
to come far out weigh the need of this project.**

**Active Protection** being the key words! In that agreement.

**Tangata whenua whose kaimoana could be affected by the dumping.**

**I believe it will be effected by the dumping of the sediment .**

**The harbor board cannot guarantee there will be no detrimental effect  
to our kai moana.**

**They cannot see into the future.. They are taking a computer data,  
educated guess! And that's not good enough.**

I am fully against the dumping of any dredge spoil out at sea. It will cause death to all that live there. A grave yard.

The impact of this could be spread far and wide!

Suspended sediment and turbidity - adverse effects on marine animals, plants, paua, koura, kelp, by reducing light.

Larger kelp needs light.

sediment KILLS paua.

Increase suspended sediment can effect filter feedings organisms such as shellfish, through clogging and damaging feeding and breathing equipments.

Similar young fish , sediment getting trapped in there gills increases fatalities, Adult fish move away to avoid areas of high suspended solids.

It is a sensitive habitat that you are looking at dumping in!

Therefore my right as Ngai Tahu, a recreational fisherman & Commercial fisherman is , I believe is at great risk!! through this cause.

No fish or koura or shell fish for my table at night. Our business as a commercial trawler affected as well. Smothering benthic animals.

Habitat loss - more acute with dredging

**Sediment takes light away from kelp... no kelp no fish , effects roll onto all marine life.**

**Kaitiaki wont be needed either!**

**Dumping out in the proposed area, is I believe one of the cheapest options for them... Do not allow dollars to get in the way of doing this right.**

**If the reaction of this dumping turns out to be a major error..**

**Where will this panel be then?**

**What will the applicant say then? we used the data we had available!**

**That data is only as good as the person entering it... and human error is always just a push of a button away.**

**As kaitaiki is it my role to help nurture our seabeds, and conserve what we have so that our children & grandchildren will always be able to have a feast of kia moana.**

**If I started dumping sediment onto your home, play or work area, it wouldn't be long till you felt the effects of that.**

### **Effects to Business's**

As a commercial fishing company owner 2<sup>nd</sup> generation ( we plan to be a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation fishers too ) I am fully aware that this will have a impact on our work. Breeding grounds, young fish, adult fish,

Can it be guarantee there will be no adverse affects for the commercial fisherman in the trawl grounds of that area.

We work the areas LAT 45 47.0517 , LAT 45 48.50 , LONG 170 50.629 , 45 31.097 , 170 54.638 , 45 31.020 , LONG 171 04.801

We make a 30,000 dollar gross income out of this area per year.

**Commercial fishing grounds are east north east.. Off taieroa heads. We are worried that the sediment will kill off the fish and change the whole trawl area. To the point it could change the landscape of the ocean floor. **therefore will not be able to trawl that .****

**These grounds have been fished for generations and we hope to continue that. Most of the commercial fisherman in this area are Ngai Tahu as well. So it comes back to the promise Of Active protection of our fishiers!!! For Maori.**

**Lastly I would like say:**

**Not only as a commerical fishing operator and Kaitaiki for Puketeraki Marae and our people But also as a mother of 6 and grandmother of 4**

**I want to protect this area for your children and there children to come.**

**E kore te paatiki e hoki ki tona puehu!**

**A flounder will not go back to the mud it has stirred up.**

**This whakatauki refers to someone not making mistakes , or escaping ,  
from a past event or Action!**

**For every action there is a reaction!**

**To the panel I would like to thank you for your time,**

**To the applicant I have one more whakatauki**

**Hohonu kaki, papaku uaua**

**Deep throat, shallow muscles.**

**This whakatauki refers to someone who eats plenty, yet contributes  
little to the work needed to produce the food.**

**This is a lesson for us not to be lazy , but to work together for the  
collective good, and then enjoy the fruits of that labor.**

**No reira , tena koutou, tena koutou, tena koutou, katou.**