

**SUBMISSION  
ON AN APPLICATION FOR RESOURCE CONSENT  
UNDER SECTION 96  
OF THE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

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**PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

RC 220053

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

RC 2022-0039

West Coast Regional Council

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Hokitika seawall extension

LOCATION:

Hokitika beach Stafford Street to Richards Drive

**PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS**

Full name/s	Elizabeth Joy Gunstone		
Postal address	[REDACTED]		
I am the owner/occupier (delete one) of the following property:	owner occupier		
Primary contact person/s	Liz Gunstone		
Email address	[REDACTED]		
Phone number/s	Home:	[REDACTED]	Business:
	Mobile:	[REDACTED]	Fax:

Signature:	[Signature]	Date:	12.7.2023
Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):	LIZ GUNSTONE		

*If this is a joint submission by 2 or more individuals, each individual's signature is required  
A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.*

- I/we **support** the application numbers indicated by a tick on the back of this form
- I/we **oppose** the application
- I/we **neither support nor oppose** the application

(tick one)

(tick one)



I/~~we~~ wish to be heard in support of my/~~our~~ submission.



I/~~we~~ DO NOT wish to be heard and hereby make my/~~our~~ submission in writing only.

If you wish to be heard, and others make a similar submission, would you consider making a joint case with them at any hearing?

Yes

No

If you indicated you wish to be heard, you will be sent a copy of the S.42A Officer's Report and a copy of the Decision once it is released. Please indicate below which format you would like to receive these documents in:

Electronic (CD) copy

Hard (paper) copy

I/~~we~~ have served a copy of my/~~our~~ submission on the Applicant as per Section 96(6)(b) of the RMA.

Yes

My/~~our~~ submission is that: (state in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific proposal, or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons)

As a resident of the seaward side of Revell Street I have concerns about the construction of a sea wall that will require the digging out of over 8 metres (& in some cases a great deal more according to survey pegs) of what is at present consolidated ground as yet unaffected by any active erosion & the consequent removal of long established trees & vegetation -

Having watched the beach sand come and go I feel the risk to houses & town is more likely a one off storm event - the coinciding of high tide with extreme wind & rain - high river levels etc - than incremental erosion - & in the event of such a one off large wave event personally I would feel much safer with a buffer of 3-4 metre high vegetation that could absorb and disperse some of the energy of the waves than a rock wall that is only a little higher than existing ground level & has

had on all sides but especially on its leeward, i.e. property side all buffering vegetation & trees removed -

vegetation which is at present also providing much needed shelter from prevailing often severe salt & sand-laden winds -

not to mention protection & habitat for birds & others -

I therefore oppose the current seawall plan in its present form & location.

P.S. I want to reiterate - the protecting effect of existing vegetation along the shorefront & adjacent land should not be underestimated -

land that has suddenly become exposed to salt spray & prevailing winds can be very difficult to revegetate - requiring a complex layering of frontline vegetation to allow any chance of growth behind it to be successful

This can be seen in the poor growth of singly planted banksias (trees usually very coastal/hardy) out front of the Tasman View motel adjacent to the town end of the existing sea wall

& the extensive but unsuccessful attempts to replant along the south end of the rock wall at Punakaiki -



I/seek the following decision from the Local Authority: (give precise details)

I seek for the proposed sea wall in its current form & location be declined - & that the management of coastal hazards & protection of properties be reconsidered & discussed thoroughly by all concerned before any action is taken -

But that if consent be given no wall which requires removal of established dunes land & vegetation be acted upon until there is significant & ongoing risk to properties from active erosion (which is not now) -

In the meantime it might be prescient to look at filling in the gap between Stafford & Hampden Streets which for some reason has been left without protection & has as a consequence been made a vulnerable low point & end point of both the town sea wall & temporary rock walk from Hampden Street north -

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