



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

**PART A: DESCRIPTION OF APPLICATION**

CONSENT NUMBER:

APPLICANT:

RC-2022-0039 (WCRC), RC-220053 (WDC)

West Coast Regional Council

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY:

Extend existing Hokitika seawall from Stafford St to Richards Drive

LOCATION:

Hokitika

**PART B: SUBMITTER DETAILS**

Full name/s

John Wayne Herbert and Averil May Lloyd Herbert

Postal address

I am the owner/occupier  
(delete one) of the following  
property:

Primary contact person/s

John Herbert

Email address

Phone number/s

Home:

Mobile:

Business:

Fax:

Signature:

Date:

22 JUNE 2023

Name (BLOCK CAPITALS):

JOHN HERBERT AND AVERIL HERBERT

*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 formI/we **oppose** the applicationI/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)

Attached

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

Attached

**Important information – please read carefully**

**Public information**

The information you provide is public information. It is used to help process a resource consent application and assess the impact of an activity on the environment and other people.

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**Resource Consent Number RC- 2022-0039 and RC-220053; West Coast Regional Council  
Attachment to Submission by John and Averil Herbert**

We congratulate the West Coast Regional Council in bringing this important community matter to this advanced stage of development. We believe the Council has now consulted widely and effectively and included all individuals and Agencies having a legitimate interest in the seawall proposal.

We are taking this opportunity to discuss with the Council some issues raised by the seawall proposal and matters alluded to in the Plan.

#### Environmental Assessment

We consider that the Environmental Assessment relating to the fore dunes is incomplete. There is mention of the patches and belts of mixed vegetation along the fore dune but no assessment of the value of that vegetation as wildlife habitat. This belt of vegetation, in fact, functions as a Wildlife Corridor and there is no similar habitat anywhere else in Hokitika. Given that the proposed alignment of the seawall and the adjacent 5 m wide walkway will result in the removal of significant parts of this vegetation we believe it is mandatory to consider, and mitigate, the environmental impacts.

Between Stafford and Hampden Streets alone residual tall shrub/small tree patches of mixed native and exotic vegetation will be destroyed on the fore dune at 151, 155, 159 and 163 Revell Street. In combination and with the addition of other affected areas to the north they provide permanent habitat for a viable (breeding) population of weka, tree frogs, blackbirds, and thrushes and seasonal feeding and shelter habitat for tui. No doubt other native animals such as weta and skinks will be affected. Consequently there will be a significant impact on the fore dune ecology as a result of the proposed siting of the seawall and adjacent walkway. The impact will not be "minor or less" as claimed in sections 5.3.1 and 5.3.6 Vegetation Disturbance.

Mitigation is feasible and simple. If the whole seawall structure is moved seaward between 5 m and 10 m the impact on the existing Wildlife Corridor is minimised and possibly even reduced to nil effect.

The proposed alignment appears designed to minimise the work (and cost) required to build the seawall. But this approach does not necessarily result in the best outcome for the Revell Street residents and the community at large. As above the proposed alignment results in a serious loss of fore dune vegetation and wildlife biodiversity. Further, with the un-natural curve in the proposed seawall immediately north of the existing seawall there remains the potential for continued scouring and undermining of the seawall structure at the south end of the extension. This is exactly what has happened at the north end of the existing seawall with the fore dune area predictably scoured and hollowed out since the wall was built in 2013. It is not, as is claimed in Section 5.4.1. the natural alignment of the embankment in this area.

As above, mitigation of this risk is substantially achieved by moving the proposed seawall a few metres seaward.

**We seek the following decision from the Local Authorities**

The decision we seek from the Local Authorities is that the seawall as outlined in the proposal document, and for which the Local Authorities are seeking Resource Consent, proceed as proposed subject only to consideration of the matters raised in our submission concerning mitigation of the Environmental impacts and an adjustment to the proposed alignment of the new seawall.