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TO THE HEARING COMMISSIONERS WCRC

Further submission re HOKP119 Lake Mudgie.  
KAWHAKA STATION

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE REGIONAL LAND AND WATER PLAN  
SECTION 42A STAFF RECOMMENDING REPORT  
Wetland Boundaries Review

1. Fig 58 and Appendix 4 are confusing.

Fig 58 excludes an area that is classified as not being wetland.

Appendix 4 excludes a similar sized area but has different boundaries and does not contain an area to the west that is dry and in parts steep. It does not contain wetland plant species. Parts of it has had gravel extracted in the past to form the tram. We would expect this to be in the excluded area.

2. We have used the tram for access in the past. I understand we can continue to do this so existing land use can continue. It does mean clearing the tram of vegetation from time to time.
3. We are unclear as to margins?
4. There has been no communication from DoC or Forest and Bird. Surely an onsite visit and consultation from these organizations would have been in order if they want to change the land status.
5. Under the proposal we would not be able to form access to the northern area that is not being excluded. We have addressed this in the past but it has been ignored.
6. While the staff report does not lie, it at the same time does not give a true representation of the area. The eastern end is quite dry in that water does not pond there while the western end is indeed very wet.
7. We have little problem with the western wet section being included as a wetland. However, we are disappointed with the eastern end being included as a wetland and thus losing the ability to form access to the northern area, as there is no other access.

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