

**BEFORE THE COMMISSION
APPOINTED BY THE OTAGO REGIONAL COUNCIL**

UNDER the Resource Management
Act 1991 (RMA)

IN THE MATTER Of an application by Dunedin
City Council for resource
consent being processed with
reference RM20.280

BY **ŌTOKIA CREEK AND
MARSH HABITAT TRUST**
Submitter

STATEMENT OF EVIDENCE OF DENNIS KAHUI

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Mihimihi - Introduction

1. Kia ora koutou, me mihi kia a koutou i naianei i tenei ra.
2. Whakatauki.
3. He Pepeha
 - Ko Aotea te Waka
 - Ko Taranaki te Maunga
 - Ko Waingongoro te Awa
 - Ko Ngati Ruanui me Nga Ruahine rangi nga Iwi
 - Ko Arakuku me Okahu nga Hapu
 - Ko Parihaka te Wairua
 - Ko Dennis Jon (Hoppy Broughton) Kahui toku Ingoa
 - Kia ora koutou whanau
4. Kei te korero I te reo Pakeha.
 - I am a volunteer for the Ōtokia Creek and Marsh Habitat Trust and an active participant in the restoration of the native taonga in and around Brighton. I am part of a collective of locals who undertake voluntary mahi to plant specific natives for the many air and water species living in the Brighton estuary. I am a huge supporter of its true and rightful owners, that being, the plant species and wildlife.
 - I have lived in Brighton for over 20 years and will always be manuhiri to this southern land. My teenage girls have been brought up in Brighton, and are also volunteers.
 - I would never want to put my paru in someone else's whenua. So a logical solution to the placement of a landfill away from waterways is a must.
 - The restoration focus in for Ōtokia is to keep the water clean. The landfill placement will eventually reach our waterways and destroy everything.
 - My question for you is "Hand on heart, do you think the landfill placement is the right place?"
 - Kia ora.

Waiata Ko Ōtokia Ahau

5. I have written this waiata in September 2020 dedicated to the Ōtokia Creek (on YouTube at the following link; with 2k views)
<https://www.facebook.com/100015958065906/videos/800701793805082/>
6. The waiata can also be downloaded on Spotify from 'Ed and the Shadow Boys')

Whakatauki (*Opens the gates to the Māori world*)

Rau Rangatira ma tena koutou tena koutou me mihi ki te runga rawa
nananei nga mea koutou me mihi ki te whenua Ōtokia me mihi ki te iwi
no reira tena koutou tena koutou tena tatou katoa

Verse 1

Sitting at your water's edge I'm taking my time
Reflecting on memories of you and I
Everybody's watching you no doubt in my mind,
but nobody loves you the way I do
I said nobody loves you the way I do.

Chorus

Ōtokia Ōtokia Ōtokia Ōtokia

Interlude

Verse 2

Winter chills to summer breeze loves in the air
Bellbird calling your name it a love affair
Te Kahu high in the sky the Tuna must hide
but nobody loves you the way they do

I said nobody loves you the way they do.

Chorus

Ōtokia Ōtokia Ōtokia Ōtokia

Karakia (closes the gates to the Māori world)

Tenei matou nga tagata o te Ao Māori o nga hau e wha whanau tinana
wairua Hinengaro e mihi atu nei ki a koutou kia ora ra kia ora
ra...Pukana!

Dennis Kahui

6 May 2022