

7th September 2025

James Painter



RM22.550 Onumai Enterprises Ltd.

Regarding the structures referred to as the Taieri mouth fishing wharf.

These structures require investment just to maintain them as they presently exist. Maintenance is costly, especially where engineering is required. Investment requires a return, be that structural integrity, beautification or benefits to users. There is certainly not any financial benefit to individual wharf owners who choose to maintain or upgrade their particular area of responsibility.

Do nothing with the structures will result in decay, danger and destruction and ultimately disappearance? Nothing will be left remaining for our children and their children to view. No evidence that a once a thriving fishing community existed in this unique part of Otago.

While there are objections against the proposed overnight accommodation. I am of the opinion those objections are founded on speculation of what might be as opposed to what will be.

“Greg and Angela Mirams”--- I refuse to call them applicants because these are residence in Taieri mouth. People with feelings and responsibilities no different to everyone here today, calling them applicants disregards their long family history woven into the fabric of Otago and the Taieri mouth.

Greg and Angela were well aware that certain individuals couldn't participate in the enjoyment offered by the Taieri River, the scenery, bird life boating fishing or just being. So they decided that wasn't right and something needed to be done. Well they didn't sit on their hands they were determined to correct an injustice. Why shouldn't everyone be able to experience such a tranquil beautiful and unique place?

The hoist. The pontoon. These are the first steps with obvious beneficial outcomes! *“The overnight accommodation”*. Here I can only speak for myself. I am now on the wrong side of 70years and love my outdoor activities, especially tramping and fishing but unfortunately my resilience isn't what it used to be. The thought of being able to row up river at dawn or dusk, then to arrive back at the wharf tired and chilled to the bone to a welcoming warm environment with no need to travel any further. What a blessing!

There are many anglers, bird watchers and environmentalists of all ages that would relish that same opportunity.

To deny this application would be a tragedy. Take a good hard look at the existing structures with the rusted sea containers the rotting and dangerous timbers. The dumped and disused fishing paraphernalia. If someone could explain to me an alternative that benefits those that this specific project aims to help then please put it forward.