

Submission to Mackenzie District Council on Plan Change 28 – Hazards and Risks

We own property at Pukaki Airfield

I believe that the inclusion of the inundation map and report in the District Plan(DP) is unjust and unnecessary.

The risk of a dam failure according to Damwatch and Meridian is so small that it seems MDC is overreacting by including it in the DP.

The result of DP inclusion will be a negative impact on property values, insurance costs and loss of property rights.

To make things worse for airport property owners is the fact that the council sold sections to them after meetings with Meridian about the small risk of a dam failure. MDC obviously thought the risk was negligible then as they failed to mention it to purchasers via LIMs etc.

As one property owner stated it is like restricting building in Twizel because there is a chance of a meteor strike.

I am sure that most of New Zealand's coastal properties have a much higher risk of Tsunami than the Pukaki dam failing yet they will not have onerous conditions placed on them by the DP.

Council should be taking a risk based approach based on the fact that a breach is extremely unlikely.

By all means have an emergency management plan which is in place but do restrict people property rights on such a small risk possibility.

Please do not include this report/map in the district plan.

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I acknowledge that the information above and all other information provided in this submission will be made publicly available.

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?

I do not

If others make a similar submission would you be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing?

I would