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Anonymous User just submitted the survey Submission Form - Plan Change 28: Hazards and Risks, Historic Heritage and Notable Trees, and Variations with the responses below.

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

Acknowledged

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**Do you believe you could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?**

No

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**The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are as follows:**

Hydro Inundation overlay into the Eplan maps pertaining to Pukaki Airport

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**I support/oppose these provisions:  
(include whether you support or oppose in full or in part)**

I oppose this provision

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**The reason(s) for my submission are:  
(state in summary your reasons, and whether you seek any amendments)**

The costs arising from inundation flood protection belong to the owner of the dam - not the downstream ratepayers.

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**I seek the following decision from the Mackenzie District Council: (give precise details)**

Require Meridian Energy to provide inundation flood protection to Pukaki Airport

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

I do not

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

I would

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**If you have any additional supporting information as part of this submission please attach it here.**

## Submission to MDC on Plan Change 28- Hazards and Risks

James Leslie – ex Deputy Mayor and Councillor – 9 years

I am submitting in support of Mary Murdoch's submission against the Hydro Innundation overlay into the Eplan maps pertaining to Pukaki Airport.

I was present at the Council meeting in April 2017 where Meridian presented this overlay. Very few of the staff and elected members at the time remain in MDC and have knowledge of these events.

Mary's recording of this meeting is correct and supports my notes taken at the time.

I wish to make or reinforce the following additional points:

1. The airport existed before the dam was built. The dam belongs to Meridian; it is their asset and it generates huge profits for them, and consequently it is their responsibility to mitigate any risks that arise for downstream assets as a result. Mitigating their risk is not an 'after the fact' obligation on ratepayers – particularly as development has occurred and the owners have not been informed about this since the dam was built.
2. Meridian have clearly stated that the risk is not sufficient for them to provide any downstream protection; claiming it is so small as to not warrant the cost to them. Therefore, how can they require other parties to have to bear the cost if the owners themselves deny providing risk protection on cost grounds?
3. Given the above points, I agree that MDC still needs Civil Defence planning should a dam breach occur and prospective purchasers should be aware of the risk and *how small it is* (one in 10,000 years was mentioned), as long as this advice does not imply any acceptance of that risk. I clearly recall one outcome of the April 2017 meeting being that Meridian would present the appropriate risk wording to be placed on future LIM reports by MDC (Meridian were concerned that it would be done to their requirements). However, to my knowledge, this was never done by Meridian and therefore no wording was ever put on LIMs to this effect. MDC are still waiting and Meridian still and should own this risk.

I submit that this risk resides with the dam owners – Meridian.

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