

# Kenepuru & Central Sounds



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Dear Madam

## **Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association Submission on 2014/15 Draft Annual Plan**

I write in my capacity as President of the Kenepuru and Central Sounds Residents' Association Inc.

### **Introduction**

The Association was established in 1991 and currently has 260 household members whose residents live full time or part time in the Kenepuru and Pelorus Sounds. The Association's objects include, among others, to coordinate dealings with central and local government and promote the interests of residents of Kenepuru Sound and adjacent areas and to promote and act in the best interests of residents, ratepayers and persons associated with the Kenepuru and Central Sounds area. AGMs of the Association are well attended.

### **Submission**

Over recent times it has become quite clear that much of the decision-making surrounding (further) development in the Marlborough Sounds has been complicated by a lack of knowledge of the state of our marine environment.

This lack of knowledge surrounds

**that of the current water quality**

**that of the on-going impacts coming from activities in and around the coastal marine area**

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**Note** - Of particular concern to the Association at present is the issue of mussel farming, which has a constant impact on the composition and constitution of water column nutrients - even before the impacts also brought about by seasonal weather patterns, river status, land usages etc, So it is vitally important for decision makers considering extensions to marine farming that this constant nutrient impact from existing mussel farming, and their cumulative effect on a bay by bay basis, be properly understood

**and also that which occurs from natural processes.**

The KCSRA was very pleased when recently the MDC employed a Coastal Marine scientist (Steve Urlich), and also started coastal water monitoring in the Queen Charlotte and Pelorus Sounds.

We believe it is imperative for all Marlborough residents to be assured that the water-ways of the Marlborough Sounds are being managed in a sustainable way.

For this to happen, Council needs the information from on-going monitoring in the coastal marine area.

We applaud the Council's initiative in instigating this long over-due water monitoring, and fully support the retention of the programme not only in this year's Annual Plan, but also into the future.

Our Association contends that the Marlborough Sounds are Marlborough's foremost asset, and that Council must do all it can to ensure the long-term sustainability of this unique coastal area.

This coastal water monitoring is an essential tool for Council, and therefore the costs should be borne equally by all ratepayers.

Yours faithfully



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