

From: [William Petrie](#)
To: [DNSubmissions](#)
Subject: Re: Submission on proposal to restrict access to part of Deepwater Basin
Date: Rātū, 28 Kohitātea 2025 11:27:09 AM

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Kia ora Ellanor,

Thank you for your email and for considering my submission.

Here are my responses to your questions:

1. I oppose the proposal to restrict access to part of Deepwater Basin. My concerns are primarily related to health and safety issues for recreational boat users and the current concession holders who use the area. The congestion around the ramp would create significant safety risks and detract from the overall experience. This proposal would simply shift one problem to another location rather than addressing the underlying issues. Additionally, there are already not enough public toilets in the area, and the idea of removing existing facilities will only worsen the situation. The single, small, outdated public toilet on the west side of the tunnel is wholly inadequate for the current demand and fails to meet basic standards for a location with such high visitor numbers.
2. I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission.
3. I am fine with my contact details being included and do not require them to remain confidential.

Ngā mihi,
William Petrie

Sent from my iPhone

On 28 Jan 2025, at 4:46 AM, DNSubmissions wrote:

Kia ora William,

Thank you for your submission on this matter.

As you haven't filled out the submission form, there are a few more details I require from you:

1. Do you support / oppose / are neutral on the proposal
2. Do you wish / not wish to be heard in support of your submission
3. Do you want your contact details to remain confidential

Ngā mihi,

Ellanor Babbage

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From: William Petrie [REDACTED]

Sent: Rāhoroi, 25 Kohitātea 2025 3:03 PM

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Subject: Submission on proposal to restrict access to part of Deepwater Basin

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To Whom It May Concern.

I am writing to provide feedback on the proposal to restrict access to part of Deepwater Basin. As someone who has spent many years in and around the wharf, I understand the health and safety concerns associated with this area. However, I believe it is critical to address existing issues with the current infrastructure before implementing access restrictions.

The boat ramp and associated infrastructure at Deepwater Basin are outdated and not fit for purpose, posing significant health and safety risks in their current state. The deteriorating condition of the boat ramp is itself a hazard. If someone were to sustain an injury due to its poor condition, where would the liability lie? This issue must be urgently addressed to ensure the safety of users and to avoid further risks.

Additionally, the potential demolition of the toilet facilities raises concerns about unintended consequences. Without adequate amenities, there will likely be an increase in people resorting to relieving themselves in the surrounding bush, creating environmental and hygiene issues. A plan to upgrade or replace these facilities should be included in any proposal to restrict access.

In summary, while I acknowledge the importance of improving safety around the wharf, it is essential to upgrade the current infrastructure, including the boat ramp and toilets, before implementing restrictions. Failure to address these critical issues could exacerbate the very concerns the proposal aims to resolve.

Thank you for considering my submission. I hope that these points will be taken into account to ensure a balanced and effective approach to improving Deepwater Basin for all users.

Sincerely,

William Petrie