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	<p>Tēnā koe I am writing as  Waitaha wish to provide feedback on the draft District Plan. Please find our submission attached. We would appreciate your acknowledgement that you have received this document. Nāhaku noa, nā Lesley Te Maiharoa-Sykes Secretary  Waitaha Taiwhenua o Waitaki</p>

## Submission: Waitaki District Council Draft District Plan Feedback.

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Waitaha Taiwhenua o Waitaki Trust considers that it should have been separately consulted in regard to this Draft District Plan, especially given its MOU. Nevertheless, the Trust considers that there are significant omissions from the Draft Plan. These omissions include but are not limited to the following sites, known by the following Waitaha names.

1. Te Whakāta is the beach along from Kakaunui to Cape Wanbrow.
2. Te Awa-kokomuka is the creek coming down there. (Awamoa) Archaeological site: J41/3. This site is an ancient Waitaha waahi tapu.
3. Kai-areru is the small creek south of the Cape. (small creek by the bridge on Beach Road)
4. Ma-kotukutuku is Cape Wanbrow. The name refers to a native Fushia that grows there. The whole of the Cape is a Wāhi Tapu-nui, and very sacred to Waitaha. The Fushia berries or konini were eaten as fruit and used as part of post-partum healing.
5. Oamaru is the creek and beach.
6. There is a boat landing there on the point called Tauraka. Waitaha formerly lived and had a kaika (mahika & māra) there. (near the lighthouse)
7. Te Awa-paroro is Landon Creek.
8. Mimiha-nui is the beach from Landon Creek to the Waitaki River.
9. Several significant sites and ancient kaika are found at the mouth of the Waitaki River. These include Korotuaheka and Huruhurumanu (adjacent to Kaik Road) and Otuheni (adjacent to the Waitaki Huts on Fisheries Road). Another site, also named Awakokomuka is near Andrews Road on the north side of the river.

Other sites on the south bank of the Waitaki River include:

- a. Te Rapika – a Puna near the mouth
- b. Wai-matarau – an old island near the mouth
- c. Te Whakapuni
- d. Te Rapu-hinerau
- e. Taiororua
- f. Te Whata-paikea; and
- g. Te Puna-tutae

Moko-tarehu is the name of a rock off the mouth from the Waitaki River.

**Waitaha draws the Councils attention to the manawhenua of Waitaha and ask that these sites be included and be labelled as significant to Waitaha.**

**Wāhi Tūpuna** are landscapes and places that embody the relationship of mana whenua and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, wāhi tapu (sacred places), and other taoka (treasure).

It is generally acknowledged that Waitaha regard the whole of the Waitaki District as ancestral land. The Waitaki District contains many wāhi tūpuna areas that hold particular cultural and ancestral significance to Waitaha. Whilst some specific wāhi tūpuna areas and values have been identified, there are many more that Waitaha considers should be protected, that are not currently.

There are also statutory directives in various pieces of legislation, including the Local Government Act, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the Resource Management Act.

### **RMA Principles**

All persons exercising functions and powers under the Act are required to recognise and provide for seven matters of national importance set out in section 6. This includes section 6(e) the relationship of Māori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga. Section 7 of the Resource Management Act sets out "other matters" which persons exercising functions and powers under the Act must "have particular regard to".

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall have particular regard to (a) Kaitiakitanga:

Because of these principles, Waitaha Taiwhenua are proposing a strategic approach for the Proposed District Plan to identify, map and actively protect these areas as set out in the draft District Plan Strategic Direction: **Strategic objectives – Historical and cultural identity and values**

### **SCHEDES - Schedule of Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori**

This Schedule aims to identify and recognise these areas to ensure that cultural values can be appropriately managed and protected. However a number of sites are not currently included. Waitaha Taiwhenua have identified in excess of 250 sites in the Waitaki Catchment, and from the Waitaki River to, and including, Cape Wanbrow

As this section is essentially a framework that will help guide developers, plan users and Council planners in ensuring local cultural values are maintained. Therefore these Wāhi Tūpuna areas must be included in District Plan maps and include a set of values and recognised threats for each area to be listed as part of the chapter. Values must include traditional settlements, pā sites, Turakawaewae and māra and mahika kai (food gathering sites. These must be cited separately as each has its own kawa and tikaka).

Threats include activities affecting water quality, earthworks, and exotic species including wilding pines must be identified. Where a development includes activities that are identified as a possible threat, we encourage early consultation with Waitaha Taiwhenua before any work begins. In some instances, assessment of impacts on cultural values would also form part of resource consent requirements. In addition to this, some variations are needed to existing rules in the Proposed District Plan. For instance, existing earthworks provisions, historic heritage provisions, and allowing subdivision on land identifies as having cultural values.

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