



**WHANGANUI**  
**DISTRICT COUNCIL**  
Te Kaunihera a Rohe o Whanganui

# **Proposed Whanganui Port Related Council- Controlled Organisation**

## **Submissions**

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**Subject:** Policy Submission Acknowledgment - Whanganui Port Related Council-Controlled Organisation  
**Date:** Thursday, 16 July 2020 11:36:51 AM



## Whanganui Port Related Council-Controlled Organisation

Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Organisation name	
Your role	
Have you submitted to the Whanganui District Council before?	No
Gender	
Age group	
Ethnicity	
Location	
Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

KEY ISSUES	
<p align="center"><b>Port Related Council-Controlled Organisation</b></p>	
<p align="center"><b>Establishing a new Council-Controlled Organisation for the purposes of developing, operating and maintaining the Whanganui Port and associated assets.</b></p> <p>This proposal involves the establishment of an entity that will undertake the redevelopment and future management of the Port. The Council's initial equity investment in the entity will comprise \$12.3M in cash and Harbour land and other assets (including the Harbour Endowment land).</p>	<p align="center">Agree</p>
<p align="center">Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>I agree with a organisation or board to oversee the development however, I strongly suggest the make up of that board have a greater and more industry specific mix of people. The current board it appears has little or no experience in shipping, ports or construction of such infrastructure and management of such. Without a better cross section of knowledge the CCO is likley to become unproductive and waste money due to lack of relevant knowledge .</p>
<p>Please use this space to provide reasons for your responses to the above and to provide further comments regarding the establishment of a new Whanganui Port Council-Controlled Organisation. In particular, if you disagreed with any of the proposals please let us know why and provide any alternative options you may have:</p>	
<p align="center">Supporting documents</p>	<p align="center">File(s) not provided</p>
<p align="center">I would like to speak in support of my submission</p>	<p align="center">No</p>
<p align="center">Submission method</p>	<p align="center">Online</p>

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Thank you for your submission. We appreciate you participating in the consultation process on this issue. This email is a formal acknowledgement of Whanganui District Council's receipt of your submission. Please print a copy of this page for your records.

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Your role	
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Would you be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council?	Yes

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<p>Please provide reasons for your response?</p>	<p>See below</p>
	<p>Submission to Wanganui District Council 24.7.20 I would like to submit to the council on the issue of the development of the port of Wanganui and who is to run this. Obviously the council should run this. To have the SPV run the port would mean that there would be an entity running the port also a governance group, council input and crown input, as it will be owned by the Government in conjunction with the council. A mix for failure Given the port has been run by a number of different groups over the past considerable number years the Port has been shockingly neglected despite having a considerable income from endowment land. The fact that the considerable income from endowment Land was insufficient to at least keep basics maintained indicates the ludicrousness of continuing, to use the phrase, (flogging a dead horse) We have had to name some Wanganui Harbour board, Ocean Terminals , Port of Wanganui, Cashmore which cost the Ratepayers a considerable amount of money to get buy back the running of the Port. The council arm,</p>

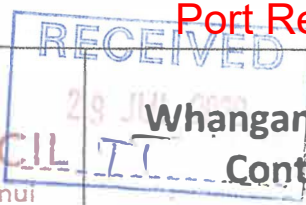
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Whanganui and Partners is another example of an expensive entity that seems to have failed to achieve anything except for costly offices, and administration cost, without being able easily identify any actual benefits. The number of CEO's it has had over a short period of time indicates there is a serious problem with the culture there and the SPV would be a mirror to this failure. Why do we need a group to run a port and a an unnecessary governance group, using ratepayers money, that is obviously not viable in today's world. Larger Ports then Wanganui are struggling to remain viable. While the revitalization of the port sounds great in reality it is an tremendously expensive white elephant This town already burdened with debt and high Rates from financially non performing entities. The memorial hall, the Waimarie, to name some. Massive costs to up grade the Art gallery. Now because of Covis 19 the Pilot Training centre will be another expensive failure and drain again on the ratepayers of this town. The debate has not settled on the Sewerage scheme and that was considered to be an unaffordable burden at \$40,000,000. The scheme has not yet been finished, yet the council wants to take a revitalization of the port that will run into hundreds of millions given the proposed nice to have plan that is being promoted on the Councils website. The port needs to be shut down and let nature take its natural course. The endowment money that should be in reserves used to tidy the area up and dismantle unsafe and rotting infrastructures. Terence Mullins

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**Submissions close 5.00pm Friday 31 July 2020**

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**Alternatively, please return this form, or send your written submission to:**

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**Oral submissions**

If you wish to speak to Council in support of your written submission please tick the box below.

- Yes I would like to speak in support of my submission (please ensure you have completed the details above, including contact **phone number**)

**Note:** Hearings will be in late August 2020. If you have indicated that you wish to speak on your submission we will contact you to arrange a time.

If you would be interested in being involved in further consultation opportunities with Council please tick the box below and ensure your contact details have been completed.

- Yes I would like to be involved in future consultation and am happy for you to retain my contact details.

**Thank you for your submission**

Please indicate your level of agreement with the following proposal presented in the Whanganui Port Council-Controlled Organisation.

KEY ISSUES	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
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OPTIONAL:

Have you submitted to Council before?

Yes  No

Gender: Female  Male  Gender Diverse

Age: Under 18 Years  18 – 29 years  30 – 39 years  40 – 49 years   
50 – 59 years  60 years and over

Location:

- Aramoho (Lower Aramoho, Upper Aramoho)
- Bastia Hill / Durie Hill
- Blueskin- Maxwell
- Castlecliff (Castlecliff North, Castlecliff South, Mosston)
- Fordell-Kakatahi
- Gonville (Balgownie, Tawhero, Gonville South, Gonville East, Gonville West)
- Marybank-Gordon Park
- Putiki
- St Johns Hill / Otamatea
- Springvale (Springvale West, Springvale East, Mosston)
- Whanganui Central (Laird Park, Whanganui Central, Whanganui Collegiate)
- Whanganui East (Williams Domain, Wembley Park, Kowhai Park)
- Other

Ethnicity: NZ European  Maori  Asian  Pacific Peoples   
Middle Eastern/Latin American/African   
Other  .....

*Thank you for your submission*

Submission to the Wanganui District Council

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I would like to submit to the council that it is disappointing that the only submission that can be made on redevelopment of the port area is to who should run the development.

I submit given previous history in the managing of the port that any development should be independently overseen and scrutinised by independent parties. In the case of the Port of Wanganui there should be two fold. The Marine Department for any development and the office of the Auditor General in financial scrutiny.

The council has shown it is inept in regards to the handling of projects and seems to have a history of backing white elephants which has been burdening costs to ratepayers with little accountability.

In the case of Port Endowment land and income, it would appear that the money that should be available for Port Development and has not achieved its desired purpose given the state the Port has been allowed to deteriorate to. This by a number of different entities and last but not least the council itself

For this reason any use of endowment income should be monitored by an independent authority.

The real question is why the council is continuing to try and maintain a port given the horrendous costs involved and with no real foreseeable commercial activities that could profitably pay for maintenance and the horrific cost of ongoing dredging required.

29/7/2020

Neil Mills

Workplace Assessor

