

Submission on Winton Land Ltd – Sunfield Project

Application under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024

From: Peter and Natalie Mackenzie

To: Fast-track Consenting Panel Environmental Protection Authority

1. Introduction

The Mackenzie Family has had a long association with the property at [REDACTED], which is designated Rural. This is our response to the invitation to comment on the Winton Land Ltd Sunfield application dated 7 July 2025, under the Fast-track Approvals Act 2024.

2. Our Opposition

We oppose this Application which will cause severe impacts on our home, land and Personal safety for both ourselves and any livestock we may possess during development and construction phases

3. We also oppose the plan to build an Industrial complex on our southern boundary. This will completely change our rural outlook. May we suggest that the industrial complex be built on Airfield Road frontage as there is better access to various road directions.

4. Our property is a designated flood plain.

So far this winter we have had 5 floods through our land, the most severe, causing deep, swift water flooding across Hamlin road and needing road monitoring to slow and caution drivers. This flood was also after dark, around midnight.

The Mill Road end of Hamlin Road has had over the past few years, water-logged paddocks and drains so full that the water laps the edge of the tarseal most of the winter. There does not appear to be any attempt to rectify the drainage problem and the road which sits on peat, is likely to break up due to volumes of heavy traffic.

Storm water and flooding solutions are paramount and need to be designed and tested before serious changes are made to the land surface especially if land reformation raises levels and prevents flood water escaping.

We stress the need to control all dust associated with earthworks. Our property is North of the Sunfield proposal, and therefore down wind of the prevailing Southern wind and South Westerlies. Peat dust is very fine in the summer time when dry and is a serious health hazard due to its acidity. Also as we are dependant on clean rain water gathered from roof-tops, for both our livestock and ourselves, this would create a further major health hazard. Peat Dust settling in our hay paddocks during summer would have a detrimental effect to the health of us all.

6. We request that noise from machinery be restricted to “normal” work hours without weekends, Public Holidays, or during the hours of darkness, while being carried out. We require consultation on matters pertaining to the above; on any changes to the plan as to date there has been no consultation with any of the residents on Hamlin Road nor apparently to residents in Village Way. We have had no information regarding the Industrial warehouses; sizes or employment activities.

We know nothing of the traffic density associated with this plan, the lighting, or hours of operation and whether the industries would run 24/7 creating noise.

In Conclusion

We are concerned that constant vibration from construction activities could cause brickwork on our house to crack and fail.

Signed.

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