

**BEFORE THE WHANGAREI DISTRICT COUNCIL HEARINGS COMMITTEE**

**In the Matter** of the Resource Management Act 1991

**And**

**In the Matter** of Proposed Plan Change 85A and 85D  
(Whangarei District Plan).

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**STATEMENT ONE BEHALF OF BEACHHAVEN PARTNERSHIP &  
OTHERS**

**Beachhaven Partnership (#393), and others (#397, #398, #438, #458 –  
#461 and #470).**

**Dated this 24 July 2017**

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## **Introduction**

1. My name is Wendy Bratty. I am a 1/9<sup>th</sup> shareholder of a leasehold (cross lease) title being Flat 1 and Garage 1 on DP 132846 located at 2 Pyle Road West. The other eight shareholders are my brothers and sisters.
2. The exclusive use area covered by the lease is shown as Area A on DP 132876, and comprises 2.8 ha (approximately).

## **Our submission**

3. The Beachhaven Partnership submission (#393) requested that the cross lease area be rezoned Rural Village Residential Sub Environment (RVRE) rather than Rural Production Environment (RPE) proposed by the Council. Eight other submissions were lodged by members of the partnership requesting the same thing (#397, #398, #438, #458 – #461 and #470). This statement is made on behalf of all these submitters.

## **Our family connection to the site**

4. The site was originally owned by our grandparents Joseph and Sophia Pyle. The property was acquired in around 1930. The property was swapped for another property as the family was in financial trouble after having someone re-neg on a piece of land that they had sold. The One Tree Point land was considered worthless as it was very poor, covered in scrub and gum holes. Long hours were spent breaking it in. At the time, there were no 'proper' roads, and so they had to use a horse and cart to get there. It was considered 'out in the sticks' and not many would have wanted to live there. However, it was all they could afford to start again. The Pyle family was one the earlier families to move to One Tree Point. Pyle Road West and Pyle Road East are named after our family.
5. The property was used for the first school in One Tree Point using an old railway carriage (which no longer exists) and run by a daughter-in-law. Noel and Phyllis Pyle – son of Joseph and Sophia eventually purchased the farm from a brother in 1957, and it is now owned by their descendants (totalling 173 as detailed on the attached sheet).

### **Other relevant history of the site**

6. The site contains a house (homestead) and three baches.
7. The homestead was built by Joseph and Sophia Pyle for their family of 14 during the depression (around 1933). The house was built from second hand timber from an old house/gum shop on the property that was demolished. There was an outside toilet/wash house with a copper for heating water. As it was during the depression, some of the sheds (which are still standing) are made of lightning bricks made from a home-made mould to save money. This mould was lent out to quite a few other families in the area who were struggling to afford to build a home. Some of these other houses are still standing to this day.
8. The front bach was established on the property in the late 1950s (or thereabouts). It was relocated to the property to make way for the refinery which was to be built at Marsden Point.
9. The second and third baches were established on the property soon after the Marsden A power station was completed (1964/65). The government initially purchased these baches off the Mangakino power station for housing the construction workers working on Marsden A, and they were then purchased by the Pyle family, and relocated to the site.
10. The cross lease title arrangement was created in June 1989. At that time, the property was still owned by our father Noel Pyle. His youngest son Kevin was looking after the farm during this time but decided to seek a different vocation. Dad was 76 by this stage and had a history of serious heart problems (since his first heart attack when he was in his 40s) and was too unwell to take on the responsibility of it. It was therefore suggested that he sell the farming side of it to our brother Colin who was wanting to buy a farm at the time, and to keep a small block with the homestead and the baches for the rest of the family to use to have our family gatherings/holidays as he knew how much we all loved it. It was his desire that we all have an equal right to continue enjoying this land. It has been a great way of keeping in touch with all the family. Dad died 5 years later in 1994.

**Relief sought**

11. If the property is rezoned RVRE, this will enable the nine original shareholders to subdivide the property so that each of us (along with our respective children and grandchildren) can own our own part of this land. The existing arrangement has worked well for nearly 30 years, but with the various families multiplying at a rate of knots (now totalling 173 including children and grandchildren), the current ownership structure is no longer sustainable.

## **Pyle Descendants**

### **Norma Pyle**

Gary and Julie Pyle  
Jessica Pyle  
Michael Pyle

Rosemary and Richard Newson  
Kirk and Donnelle Newson  
Vera Newson  
Mirium Newson  
Craig and Becky Newson  
Thadius Newson  
Levi and Kelly Newson

Susan and Tony Reynolds  
Katelyn Reynolds  
David Reynolds

Murray and Rose Pyle  
Joel Pyle  
Lydia Pyle

**Total 24**

### **Coral Shepherd**

Kim Shepherd

Bryce and Yvonne Shepherd  
Ryan Shepherd  
Jessica Shepherd

Grant and Jackie Shepherd  
Dylan Shepherd  
Luke Shepherd  
Emily Shepherd  
Josephine Shepherd

Dwight and Renee' Shepherd  
Ethan Shepherd  
Tayla Shepherd

**Total 16**

### **Glenda and Sandy Sime**

Angela and Kerrian Russell  
Tony and Sarah Russell  
Morten Russell  
Esther Russell  
Noah Russell

Boanerges Russell  
Yahudi Russell  
Seph Russell  
Hannah Russell  
Grace Russell  
Obadiah Russell  
Gabriel Russell

Richard and Elizabeth Sime  
Gareth Sime  
Daniel Sime  
Timothy Sime  
Haden Sime  
Thiona Sime

Michelle Sime  
Jairus Redshaw  
Thomas Redshaw

Delia and Jason Hewson  
Kaeo Hewson  
Charley Hewson  
Summer Hewson  
Angus Hewson  
Amaya Hewson  
Amicia-Lea Hewson

Badenoch and Lisa Sime  
Sasha Sime  
Xander Sime  
Lyla Sime  
Baby due shortly

Alexia and Adrian Kaka  
Shaelyn Kaka  
Ryan Kaka  
Patrick Kaka  
Kiana Kaka  
Willian Kaka

**Total 47**

**Colin and Katherine Pyle**  
Joseph and Rebecca Pyle  
Israel Pyle  
Joshua Pyle  
Levi Pyle  
Ethan Pyle

Jeremy and Anna Pyle

Mathew and Zara Pyle

Isaac and Christina Pyle  
Micah Pyle

Priscilla Pyle

**Total 16**

**Derek and Andrea Pyle**

Raylene and Nicolas Wood  
Megan Wood  
Erin Wood

Vickie and Glenn McGregor

Graeme and Sandra Pyle  
Micah Pyle  
Liam Pyle

Maryce and Carlos Baltasar  
Ariana

Philip Pyle

**Total 16**

**Jillian and Rodger Leather**

Sarah and Jeremy Browne  
Lily Browne  
Ezra Browne  
Noah Browne  
Theo Browne

Brendon and Mariana Leather  
Elijah Leather  
Josiah Leather

Ashleigh and Nathan Radsyn

**Total 14**

**Cherrie and Terry Brown**

Melissa Brown  
Finn Brown  
Fergus Brown

Jason and Brenda Brown  
Amelia Brown  
Kayla Brown

Nathan and Katherine Brown  
Jack Brown  
Harry Brown

Madeline Brown

Clinton and Nupur Brown

**Total 16**

**Wendy and Peter Bratty** – (None of our children have finished their families).

Ryan and Michaela Bratty

Aiva Bratty

Cooper Bratty

Danae and Cole Johnston

Lydia Johnston

Arabella Johnston

Michael and Sam Bratty

Sophie Bratty

Asher Bratty

Gavin Bratty

**Total 15**

**Kevin and Noelene Pyle**

Jonathan and Clara Pyle

Macy

Amy and Jamie Wait

Eloise

Baby due shortly

**Total 9**

**DIRECT DESCENDANTS: TOTAL 173**