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Cc: ["Mapua Community Association"](#)
Subject: RE: Info on Waimea Dam - To Ratepayer Associations
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Dear Roger

Thank you for your email with the information from the Water Information Network (WIN).

The MDCA appreciated the input from WIN at the public meeting that we ran but we will not be holding any further public meetings for this.

Regards
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To All Tasman District Ratepayer Groups

Urgent Message from the Water Information Network Inc. (WIN)

– Public information on the Proposed Waimea Dam

WIN is a group of Tasman ratepayers who are concerned about the proposed Waimea Dam. We are contacting all ratepayer associations in the region seeking their help and cooperation.

You will be aware that the Tasman District Council continues to push the proposal to build a 'community' dam. We have grave concerns about this proposal - the rationale, the costs and the risks to ratepayers as well as the TDC consultation process.

It is clear that there is already more than enough water for public urban and residential use and that commercial irrigators are creating the water shortages and impacting on river flows.

Under the current TDC proposal, the large water users get to utilise 69.9% of the dam's capacity but pay only 48.9% of the capital costs. WIN estimates that 85% of the pumped water will go to irrigators. Furthermore, the ratepayer's contribution includes the cost of dam capacity in order to maintain minimum river flows. In reality, the Council has inflated the public's need for urban/residential water in order to justify a greater portion of the dam's costs to ratepayers.

What's more, under the proposal, the ratepayers are required to take the risk of cost over-runs as well as the risk of the irrigators failing to meet their loan obligations. WIN considers this completely unacceptable.

The end result will be ratepayers subsidising irrigators. And on top of all this, the Council, in its February meetings to consider submissions on the dam proposal, effectively ignored the hundreds of public submissions.

We believe that ordinary ratepayers of the District need to be better informed of the real situation and to voice their concerns to their Council representatives before a final decision is made by the TDC in May this year. So we are prepared to give public presentations to every ratepayer association in the District.

We would like your committee to consider holding a meeting where we would present the facts to your ratepayers sometime next month (April).

Please contact me by email if you are interested in holding such a meeting or helping in any other way.

Kind regards

Roger May

on behalf of

Steve Olds

Chairman

Water Information Network (WIN)