

Pedersen/Wilson Submission on Plan Change 65

27th February 2020

- Lake Kaikokopu no Longer exists
- We own Mahoe Farm where Lake Kaikokopu WAS.
- We object to the inclusion of Lake Kaikokopu in the Plan
- There is a great deal of INCORRECT information in archive material at HRC and MDC about Lake Kaikokopu, including;

1. It is a natural feature (It is not)

The Lake was created by Major Bob Wilson for Duck Shooting, by building a weir across Drain No 27 (exits to sea at Himatangi Beach), and a flood bank across farmland to the East to contain the lake before filling it. A flood pump was used to fill the lake, pumping from the borrow pits (created to build the dam) over the flood bank into the newly created lake. To the east the Lake floor is above pasture level.

Most of the land drains of the Oroua Downs Drainage district were drained into the newly formed lake and the main arterial drains No 22 and 8 had to have flood banks built to contain them because of the elevated artificially high water level created by Major Bob Wilson's new lake.

2. Lake Kaikokopu is covered by QE2 covenant (It is not)

This mistake is perpetuated through archives about Lake Kaikokopu incorrectly elevating its status.

3. Lake Kaikokopu is a ONL (It is not)

Lake Kaikokopu is not natural but was man made by Major Bob Wilson

4. Lake Kaikokopu still exists (It does not)

Lake Kaikokopu was drained 21st June 2015 when a flood caused by heavy rainfall washed away the weir that created the Lake in the first place. Open water has gone. Regenerated pasture has replaced birdlife.

5. The wetland around Lake Kaikokopu has died out and disappeared as it never gets wet now.

The wetland is well drained because of the drain through the middle of where the lake was.

The Drain is number 8 and is maintained by the Oroua Downs Drainage District Committee under the control of the Manawatu District Council.

All Drains are regularly machine cleaned and sprayed by MDC contractors.

Conclusion of Submission.

Lake Kaikokopu was created by man and removed by nature.

The wetland around it is now dryland, drained naturally and assisted by the system mandated and overseen by MDC, specially Drains 22,27 and 28 all regularly digger cleaned by MDC.

We ask that reference to Lake Kaikokopu be removed from the Plan Change 65 and it not be included as ONL. Clearly the lake is gone and was never natural.

We ask to be heard in respect of our submission to clarify and support our submission.

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