

**Submission on Proposed Akaroa Harbour
Marine Reserve Application.**

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We, the under-signed, individually oppose the application to establish a marine reserve in the Dan Rogers area of Akaroa Harbour on the following grounds:

- Not truly representative of the area;
- Does not contain features or unique life warranting specific protection;
- Will unduly interfere with recreational fishing;
- It is an area of cultural and customary significance to Maori;
- Inclusion in the existing Taiapure which surrounds it will provide protection and active local management;
- With the Taiapure being adjacent to the existing Pohatu Marine Reserve a totally protected reference area will be available.
- Genuine open-minded consultation did not occur before the application was lodged.
- The application by opponents to this application for now established nearby Pohatu marine reserve as an alternative site, instead of merely opposing it as is usual, demonstrates cooperation and should be recognised.
- Difficult to physically define the boundaries.
- It is against the public interest.
- Tourism does not qualify under the Marine Reserves Act 1971 as a reason to establish a marine reserve.

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