

# **Whangarei Airport Location Study Submissions**

## **Volume 5**

**Last names Greg – Hul**

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# SUBMISSION FORM



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25 MAY 2022

WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PUKA URUPARE

### WHANGĀREI AIRPORT LOCATION STUDY CONSULTATION

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- Ruatangata West
- Ruatangata
- One Tree Point West

The community knows these sites best. We want to hear about what you think about each of the sites and what's important to you when it comes to choosing a future airport site or why you think the airport should remain at its current location.

#### Your details

Name **RUTH GREGORY**

I am making this submission as: ☒ An individual ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name **n/a**

Postal address

[Redacted]

Best number to contact you on

Email

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Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing on 9 June 2022?

☒ Yes ☐ No

## OPTION 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Poor roading - too expensive to rectify. / windy road  
No town supply water. or sewerage  
old out-dated power supply - lots of power cuts. happen.  
Waste of \$150million. - rates too expensive already.  
Noise pollution / light pollution. / increased traffic congestion. / increased rubbish on side of road.  
Sunstroke on Pipiri Road / travel distance from Wtq CBD?  
Fog / flooding are already frequent. / reduction in property values.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

all of the above.

## OPTION 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Same as for Site 6!

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

all of the above.



### OPTION 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Already industrial land.  
Take off & landing zones extend over sea  
Near fuel depo.  
least impact on environment.  
better roading already in place.  
Boost to jobs in the area.  
close road links

What are your key concerns about this site?

tax payer / rate payer waste of money when we already have  
2 good airports.  
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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

same as above.

#### OPTION 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Site already established & paid for!!  
Auckland International Airport is not that far away  
which save ratepayers money in a "poor" whangarei community.  
less noise impact with planes taking off & landing over the sea.

What are your key concerns about this site?

None

Not used enough as it currently is.

What else do we need to consider at this site?

None.

#### What is your favoured airport location

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?

Onerahi - leave it as it is!!!

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Ruatangata West (Site 6)
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Ruatangata (Site 9)
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** One Tree Point West (Site 24a)
- ☒ **OPTION 4:** Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

*I already did on previous 5 pages!*





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Name Syd Gregory

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Organisation name

Postal address

Best number to contact you on

Email

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☒ Yes ☐ No

**OPTION 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None

What are your key concerns about this site?

Poor Roading,  
No town supply water or sewage, Lots of  
power cuts, waste of \$150 million dollars  
Rates are too expensive already, Sun strike  
on Road, Fog on Road, Noise pollution  
increased traffic congestion, Windy country road  
not suitable for town drives, Lower property values  
Travel distance from Whangarei

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Same as above

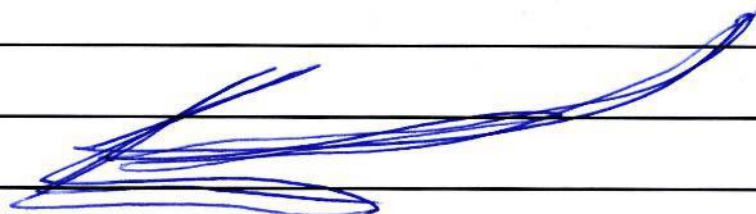
**OPTION 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

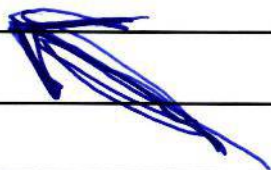
None

What are your key concerns about this site?

Same as sight 6



If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?



Same as sight 6



### OPTION 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

already industrial Land  
Near Fuel depot  
Better roads

What are your key concerns about this site?

Waste of money  
Travel distance from Whangarei

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

#### OPTION 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

already established  
and paid for, Plains are taking off and Landing  
from over the water so Less noise to Residents  
Wont waste Rate payers money Like the  
other options

What are your key concerns about this site?

Not used enough  
as it is No need to build a new one

What else do we need to consider at this site?

NA

#### What is your favoured airport location

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?

Onerahi



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Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

Read the last 5 pages and you  
will find out

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - James Griffin - AIRPORT-552

Receipt Number: AIRPORT-552

### Your details:

Name:	James Griffin
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.

### Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.

### Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
The infrastructure and resources are in place. It's serviced by public transport and near to the largest population.
What are your key concerns about this site?
What else do we need to consider at this site?
Please see the final page of this submission - under 'favoured airport location'.

### Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
<p><b>Focused feedback</b></p> <p>There are clearly a lot of factors to consider when assessing the Whangarei Airport location study in particular Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rules and requirements. This feedback focusses on three main points that appear to need further scrutiny.</p> <p>Firstly, the Whangarei airport location seems to be predilected on accommodating Air New Zealand (ANZ) aircraft such as the ATR-72 68+ seat plane beyond a 15 year period. The ATR-72 can use Whangarei airport with a 10% passenger reduction. If this is not economic for ANZ and it wishes to pull out, there are other carriers (e.g. Air Chatterms and Barrier Air) that could provide a scheduled service if WDC were to investigate this. ANZ and others carriers predict a move in NZ domestic air services (freight &amp; passenger) to smaller electric / decarbonised aircraft in the same period. If the new smaller domestic planes could operate at the existing airport and meet CAA rules, it would remove the need for a Whangarei airport upgrade or relocation (more info below). More frequent smaller planes could provide increased service and passenger number needed for regional economic growth and was not been considered in the Economic contribution report <a href="https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/airport-2022/support-docs/economic-contribution-final-report-10072017.pdf">https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/airport-2022/support-docs/economic-contribution-final-report-10072017.pdf</a>.</p> <p>Secondly, the Preferred Sites Evaluation Report by BECA <a href="https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/airport-2022/key-docs/5a_airport-locations-option-study-preferred-sites-evaluation.pdf">https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/airport-2022/key-docs/5a_airport-locations-option-study-preferred-sites-evaluation.pdf</a> states: "This site is considered to have significant ecological constraints and the highest level of constraints of the three sites due to the high value of Patuwairua stream and the scale of offset/compensation anticipated. There is a risk that the amount of offset required would not be technically feasible." Therefore, the feasibility to offset major ecological issues with Site 9/Ruatangata (the preferred new airport site) should be investigated before committing to this site.</p> <p>Thirdly, it's not clear what the true costs and benefits on the wider community and environment are and whether they are being taken into account. For example it seems counterintuitive to close an airport well served by public transport and close to the population it serves, to then establish a new airport, not served by public transport and where customers and staff will have further distances travel including through existing congestion area (e.g. via Kamo or SH1/SH14 intersection). The cost of developing a new airport will impact other infrastructure funding that is already stretched and needing significant investment in resilience to climate change. There are also significant resources required to build a new airport (e.g. aggregate, bitumen, building materials) when these resources are in place at the existing airport and could be wasted.</p>

More info. on NZ domestic air travel - smaller electric aircraft and changes to airport use

The Whangarei District Airport Strategic Review

[https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/airport-2022/key-docs/1a-and-1b\\_airport-strategic-review-phase-1-onerahi-assessment.pdf](https://www.wdc.govt.nz/files/assets/public/documents/have-your-say/airport-2022/key-docs/1a-and-1b_airport-strategic-review-phase-1-onerahi-assessment.pdf) aims to 'ensure that the Whangarei District has an aerodrome facility that is capable of meeting the long term needs (30 to 50 years)'. The report seems to be based on core Auckland and Wellington routes and the ATR-72 68+ seat aircraft. However this position doesn't stack up when direct Wellington routes don't seem to be an option anymore, and short distance domestic flights seem likely to transition to smaller electric aircraft in the next 10-15 years.

In a recent article journalist Kate Green explores what our airports might look like in 50 years

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/green-travel/126863682/airports-of-the-future-with-electric-planes-and-vertiports-in-the-suburbs-what-might-our-airports-look-like-in-50-years>. This highlights the high level of uncertainty beyond the next 10 years and in particular over the aircraft used for domestic routes.

Air NZ plans to be flying electric aircraft by 2030, says chief pilot David Morgan Sep 14 2021

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/business/industries/126364924/air-nz-plans-to-be-flying-electric-aircraft-by-2030-chief-pilot>

says#:~:text=Air%20New%20Zealand%20is%20planning,energy%2C%20its%20chief%20pilot%20says. He also said "a twin-engine 20 to 30 seater aircraft would be "viable" in 10 years". Also from the same article:

- The revelation comes after Marlborough-based regional airline, Sounds Air, recently outlined its plans to be operating at least three electric aircraft by 2026 <https://www.stuff.co.nz/travel/green-travel/300384673/couldnt-be-prouder-sounds-air-locks-in-electric-plane-deal?rm=a>.
- Air New Zealand's fleet of 23 Bombardier Q300 would be replaced with an aircraft that ran on alternative power some time after 2030, he said.
- "That's our expectation. That's the fleet plan."
- The 50-seater Q300 have an average age of 15 years.
- Its newer ATR-72 fleet would also eventually be replaced with aircraft powered by alternative energy, he said.
- Air New Zealand has 28 of the 68-seater ATRs, with an average age of five years.
- Morgan said Air New Zealand was focused on decarbonisation and had a goal of achieving net zero emissions by 2050.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Kelly Grimmer - AIRPORT-248

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-248**

### Your details:

Name:	Kelly Grimmer
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Ruatangata village is a thriving community and the airport location would mean an airstrip and flight paths right on our doorstep. The roads out here are not up to increased traffic and there are already multiple accidents regularly along Pipiwai Road. The cost to update would be horrendous. There is no town supply Of water or septic so these would need to be upgraded too. There is often heavy fog in the area until mid morning. It makes no sense to build a new airport not along a major thoroughfare. One tree point also has rail



link, ports and fuel storage nearby. Not to mention much better infrastructure.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Community. Infrastructure. Fog. Roads.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Fog. Roading. No town supply water or septic. Costs to get these up to standard. School. Community.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Close to state highway. Existing roading that's easily upgraded. Town supply water and septic systems. Near rail link and port and fuel storage.

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

People who live in the area bought their properties knowing they were going to have an airport on their doorstep. Existing infrastructure and town supply water and septic.

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

Close to state highway. Existing roading that is easily upgraded. Close to rail and port.  
One tree point is also already developing commercially.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Mark Grimmer - AIRPORT-477

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### Your details:

Name:	Mark Grimmer
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Proximity to Ruatangata village, established and growing community popular with young families, noise/light/environmental pollution of. Destruction of productive farmland. Proximity to Comrie Park Kindy and Matarau school. No town supply water and sewerage. Infrastructure, lack of adequate roading. Future proofing suitability of the site. Surrounded by mountains and rivers. Fog. Distance from town and majority of population. Not an easy drive from town. Suitability of land. Decrease in property values.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

All of the above.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Suitability of land.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Proximity to Ruatangata village, established community, noise/light/environmental pollution of. Destruction of productive farmland. Proximity to Comrie Park Kindy and Matarau school. No town supply water and sewerage. Infrastructure, lack of adequate roading. nOt an easy drive from town. Fog. Distance from town and majority of population.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

All of the above.

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Close to state highway. Close to port, which has recently been given a budget to investigate developing further. Close to railway. Close to fuel storage. Easy drive from town. Already zoned industrial. Close to harbour and potential for ferry services from town. Flat land.

What are your key concerns about this site?

None

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Already established site. No spending of rate payers funds. People who live near the site have purchased near an airport willingly and are prepared to live with the noise, light and traffic etc. Potential to develop a bigger airport Kerikeri region. Makes no sense to have a potential international airport this close to Auckland especially with all the roading developments in progress making the travel time to Auckland less and less. The reasons given to investigate a new Whangarei airport are based on maybe's from Air NZ and CAA, not definites. Given the timeline for development of a new airport it is feasible that future developed aircraft may have technology that allow them to land and take off on shorter runways.

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Already established site. No spending of rate payers funds. People who live near the site have purchased near an airport willingly and are prepared to live with the noise, light and traffic etc. Potential to develop a bigger airport Kerikeri region. Makes no sense to have a potential international airport this close to Auckland especially with all the roading developments in progress making the travel time to Auckland less and less. The reasons given to investigate a new Whangarei airport are based on maybe's from Air NZ and CAA, not definites. Given the timeline for development of a new airport it is feasible that future developed aircraft may have technology that allow them to land and take off on shorter runways.



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## Airport Location Study - Belinda Gunson - AIRPORT-144

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-144**

### Your details:

Name:	Belinda Gunson
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Not many residential homes close by
What are your key concerns about this site?
Nil
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Nil

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Nil
What are your key concerns about this site?
Close to residential areas
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Our home is in the red area marked on the map. We don't want to move as we love where we live.

### Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Already set up.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Close to residential area.
What else do we need to consider at this site?
Nil

### Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Not close to residential areas.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - louise hailes - AIRPORT-199  
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## Airport Location Study - louise hailes - AIRPORT-199

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-199**

### Your details:

Name:	louise hailes
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
I would have thought that either of the Ruatangata sites would be preferable as both have rural population surrounding them still.
What are your key concerns about this site?
None
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
rural with low density population
What are your key concerns about this site?
none
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
I think One tree point is the Jewel in the crown for suburbs in Whangarei. You have wealthy people moving out of auckland to here. I am sure this trend would be reversed if this was to go ahead. We will already have to swallow rail and now you add airport.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Devaluing of multi million dollar homes.

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Its there.
What are your key concerns about this site?
I do not know about aviation rules but I had heard that Air NZ were happy with where it is.
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Which ever of the Ruatamgata sites that the council have already purchased.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Jason Hall - AIRPORT-190  
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## Airport Location Study - Jason Hall - AIRPORT-190

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-190**

### Your details:

Name:	Jason Hall
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	Yes
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Yes I think this is a good site.
Closer for the people of Whangarei, Dargaville, KeriKeri and all of Northland
What are your key concerns about this site?
None
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?



## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Yes im open to both Ruatangata sites. Better location for all Northlanders to access
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None compared to Ruatangata.  Its too far away for the people of Dargaville, KeriKeri and the rest of northland.
What are your key concerns about this site?
I go drone fishing at the beach and the 4km no fly radius will stop this.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
People will be relaxing at the beach and noisy planes will fly over head. Plus itll be close to expanding housing and industrial developments. Its too far away for most northlanders.

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None if it cant be extended and expand as the area grows
What are your key concerns about this site?
It cant be extended
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Its close to the people of whangarei, and the rest of northland. Its far enough away from

auckland people will use it.

One tree point is out of the way for most of northland, like people coming from north or west of Whangarei

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Pauline Hall - AIRPORT-94  
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## Airport Location Study - Pauline Hall - AIRPORT-94

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-94**

### Your details:

Name:	Pauline Hall
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Limited housing for approach
What are your key concerns about this site?
High fog area being so low lying. Narrow country roads possibly won't cope with increased traffic
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Great location, easy access via SH1.  
Less likely to be closed due to fog

What are your key concerns about this site?

Environmental needs

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

### Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

Not such a high density housing.  
Good approach options  
Good road access

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Rebecca Hamer - AIRPORT-183  
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## Airport Location Study - Rebecca Hamer - AIRPORT-183

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-183**

### Your details:

Name:	Rebecca Hamer
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	Yes
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Large spacious area with plenty of room for runways
What are your key concerns about this site?
It's far away from where I live so i'd rather just drive to auckland and then catch a flight from there. It's too rural in my opinion.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

The houses around it, maybe finding a shorter/more direct route to that location to cut down driving time.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

I'm not entirely familiar with the area but it looks like it's in a good location and not near too many houses as it's surrounded by a lot of hills and mountains. Looks large and spacious.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Again just how rural it is. It's more in the north of Whangarei when we need it in the centre so that way it benefits everyone. People from the south and north of Whangarei can meet in the middle and then for those in central Whangarei it's nice and handy.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Consider a quicker route to get there and maybe if it's safe to build around mountains. Consider the lives of people that live around there as it would become very busy and noisy and would no longer be considered rural if this were built.

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

No benefits at all I just don't see how it could be realistic to build here.

What are your key concerns about this site?

There's not enough room for the airport to be built there as well as how many houses live so close to that area. It would be affecting way too many people for this to be a realistic idea. In addition it's too far away from those who live north of Whangarei or even in town because if they've driven all this way to get to the airport they may as well keep driving south for a few more hours. One Tree Point is already busy and that strip of road has had many crashes on it and I'm sure it would increase with an airport being there. I don't think this is a safe or realistic location at all.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

The people who live around the area. Whether it is a safe location to build on then develop whether it will be safe for people driving there as the roads to Ruakaka are one of the most dangerous in New Zealand and where a lot of New Zealand's death tolls come from.

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

It's been there for years, super handy. It's in the middle of Whangarei so a middle point for most people to travel to if they live rurally. It's a nice spacious area and it's already developed so it won't cost us much more money. Overall it's a realistic site to have it as it's already there, the location is good, and it's not near too many houses.

What are your key concerns about this site?

I don't have any concerns except for it maybe shutting down due to CAA.

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Try to work with the CAA to obtain dispensations for the airport and see if there's anything you can do in regards to renovating the airport. I would rather there be renovations at the airport than building a whole new one.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

Because it's already there. It's a middle point for most people who live rurally as any other location would add much more time to our travel. It's a successful airport in a good spacious location and not too close to many houses.



**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Ashley Hannam - AIRPORT-312

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### Your details:

Name:	Ashley Hannam
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

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None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Not enough consultation has been done with the local Hapu on the cultural significance of either Ruatangata sites it states "no officially scheduled sites of cultural significance or heritage sites" however we have been advised by the Hapu - Council has not been in consultation with them and there is strong evidence of cultural history including probable burial site and endangered ecological treasures. The airport project is presented as blanket spend of \$150 million of rate payers with

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The noise and light pollution will be significantly more in both Ruatangata sites as this is a rural and vastly unpopulated land. The noise pollution of the aircrafts will be a nuisance to residents, Matarau School and Comrie Park Kindergarten but will affect horses and other stock significantly as low flying aircraft have already demonstrated.

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

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Cross winds while driving along the straight roads at times are dangerous how will planes be able to take off?

Water recourse will effect more than just the immediate properties.

Future proofing - These particular sites how will Rail get to here? Will council have to buy more properties? More ratepayer costs.... NOT in the estimate!

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

NONE

What are your key concerns about this site?

Not enough consultation has been done with the local Hapu on the cultural significance of either Ruatangata sites it states "no officially scheduled sites of cultural significance or heritage sites" however we have been advised by the Hapu - Council has not been in consultation with them and there is strong evidence of cultural history including probable burial site and endangered ecological treasures.

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Future proofing - These sites how will Rail get to here? Will council have to buy more properties? More ratepayer costs MORE land damage.... NOT in the estimate!

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

More Industrial Land already in place.

Roading infrastructure is mostly in place.

Potential for Ferry Services into the CBD to grow the CBD

Potential for Cruise ships to choose to stop in Whangarei Harbor as they will have closer access to a connecting airport.

What are your key concerns about this site?

NIMBY's
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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
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Comparative Infrastructure costings.
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## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
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Lower OVERALL costings. Therefore, no Major Rates increases which is what the District has voiced over and over again. Infrastructure is in place. Roading has been improved already.
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What are your key concerns about this site?
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What else do we need to consider at this site?
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## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
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Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)
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Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
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The Potential for ferry terminals, cruise ships this will bring so much growth to the district thru greater employment options. Existing Industrial locations. Existing interest from Kiwirail and the infrastructure mostly in place.
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## Airport Location Study - Alexis Hannam - AIRPORT-488

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Name:	Alexis Hannam
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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What are your key concerns about this site?
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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

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Future proofing - These sites how will Rail get to here? Will council have to buy more properties? More ratepayer costs MORE land damage.... NOT in the estimate!

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

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### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

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More Industrial Land already in place.

Roading infrastructure is mostly in place.

Potential for Ferry Services into the CBD to grow the CBD

Potential for Cruise ships to choose to stop in Whangarei Harbor as they will have closer access to a connecting airport.

What are your key concerns about this site?

NIMBY'S



If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

comparing costs

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

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Infrastructure is in place. Roading has been improved already.

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What else do we need to consider at this site?

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What is your favoured airport location?

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## Airport Location Study - Shane Hannam - AIRPORT-481

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### Your details:

Name:	Shane Hannam
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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NIMBYS's

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Comparative Costs

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Lower OVERALL costings. Therefore, no Major Rates increases which is what the District has voiced over and over again.  
Infrastructure is in place. Roading has been improved already.

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

The Potential for ferry terminals, cruise ships this will bring so much growth to the district thru greater employment options.  
Existing Industrial locations.  
Existing interest from Kiwirail and the infrastructure mostly in place.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Zack Hannam - AIRPORT-487  
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## Airport Location Study - Zack Hannam - AIRPORT-487

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-487**

### Your details:

Name:	Zack Hannam
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Not enough consultation has been done with the local Hapu on the cultural significance of either Ruatangata sites it states "no officially scheduled sites of cultural significance or heritage sites" however we have been advised by the Hapu - Council has not been in consultation with them and there is strong evidence of cultural history including probable burial site and endangered ecological treasures. The airport project is presented as blanket spend of \$150 million of rate payers with support funding from the Central Government funds for options 1, 2 and 3. The infra-



structure upgrade to support the airport on these sites is not included in this.

For example:

Two sites #6 & #9 will both require drainage, water reticulation, sewerage etc. Site 9 has additional flooding issues along the proposed runway path, i.e., Pipiwai road. The one lane bridge on Kokopu Rd that crosses the Mangere Stream is regularly flooded and impassable during storms as is Kara Rd. Increased run off water from the airport site affecting rivers and increasing flooding risk of surrounding roads and properties. Has this cost been included in the estimate? The Patuwairua Stream that dissects the Ruatangata site is a significant watercourse with high ecological value and has been maintained to a high water-quality standard by adjoining farmers over many years. This stream is also home to endangered species. Flooding regularly occurs with evidence of debris strewn metres high in surrounding trees. This ecologically valuable stream dissects the site and will require diverting. This infrastructure will greatly impact surrounding properties that money will not be able to buy.

Also, roading access via Kamo and Maunu is already highly congested, particularly at peak times. Both these routes will require significant upgrades to address congestion issues. The Infra-structure for roading and rail will be a large increase to the ratepayers, in this post covid financial climate a significant number of Ratepayers in the district can simply not afford to increase the rates for this kind of infrastructure, we have been advised these roading charges have not been factored into the \$150 Million estimate done in 2018.

The noise and light pollution will be significantly more in both Ruatangata sites as this is a rural and vastly unpopulated land. The noise pollution of the aircrafts will be a nuisance to residents, Matarau School and Comrie Park Kindergarten but will affect horses and other stock significantly as low flying aircraft have already demonstrated.

Kiwi have been seen in and around these areas. Council does know this as road signs have been put up to advise traffic in multiple locations e.g. Kara Road.

The Patuwairua Stream that dissects the Ruatangata site is a significant watercourse with high ecological value and has been maintained to a high water-quality standard by adjoining farmers over many years. This stream is also home to endangered species. Flooding regularly occurs with evidence of debris strewn metres high in surrounding trees. This ecologically valuable stream dissects the site and will require diverting.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Fog is thick 'white out thick'

Cross winds while driving along the straight roads at times are dangerous how will planes be able to take off?

Water recourse will affect more than just the immediate properties.

Future proofing - These sites how will Rail get to here? Will council have to buy more properties? More ratepayer costs MORE land damage.... NOT in the estimate!

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What are your key concerns about this site?

Not enough consultation has been done with the local Hapu on the cultural significance of either Ruatangata sites it states "no officially scheduled sites of cultural significance or heritage sites" however we have been advised by the Hapu - Council has not been in consultation with them and there is strong evidence of cultural history including probable burial site and endangered ecological treasures.

The airport project is presented as blanket spend of \$150 million of rate payers with support funding from the Central Government funds for options 1, 2 and 3. The infra-

structure upgrade to support the airport on these sites is not included in this.

For example:

Two sites #6 & #9 will both require drainage, water reticulation, sewerage etc. Site 9 has additional flooding issues along the proposed runway path, i.e., Pipiwai road. The one lane bridge on Kokopu Rd that crosses the Mangere Stream is regularly flooded and impassable during storms as is Kara Rd. Increased run off water from the airport site affecting rivers and increasing flooding risk of surrounding roads and properties. Has this cost been included in the estimate? The Patuwairua Stream that dissects the Ruatangata site is a significant watercourse with high ecological value and has been maintained to a high water-quality standard by adjoining farmers over many years. This stream is also home to endangered species. Flooding regularly occurs with evidence of debris strewn metres high in surrounding trees. This ecologically valuable stream dissects the site and will require diverting. This infrastructure will greatly impact surrounding properties that money will not be able to buy.

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Fog is thick 'white out thick'

Cross winds while driving along the straight roads at times are dangerous how will planes be able to take off?

Water recourse will affect more than just the immediate properties.

Future proofing - These sites how will Rail get to here? Will council have to buy more properties? More ratepayer costs MORE land damage.... NOT in the estimate!

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

More Industrial Land already in place.

Roading infrastructure is mostly in place.

Potential for Ferry Services into the CBD to grow the CBD

Potential for Cruise ships to choose to stop in Whangarei Harbor as they will have closer access to a connecting airport.

What are your key concerns about this site?

NIMBYS

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Comparative Costings

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Lower OVERALL costings. Therefore, no Major Rates increases which is what the District has voiced over and over again.  
Infrastructure is in place. Roading has been improved already.

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

The Potential for ferry terminals, cruise ships this will bring so much growth to the district thru greater employment options.  
Existing Industrial locations.  
Existing interest from Kiwirail and the infrastructure mostly in place.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Sandra and Trevor Hanson - AIRPORT-357  
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## Airport Location Study - Sandra and Trevor Hanson - AIRPORT-357

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-357**

### Your details:

Name:	Sandra and Trevor Hanson
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
As many of us who purchased land at Karanui Estate, we chose this area as it was semi-rural and peaceful. We are one of 6 sections with frontage onto Three Mile Bush Road. We have invested our hard earnings into having our dream home and a place to retire. Our concern with the location of the Ruatangata sites for the new airport will indeed make Three Mile Bush a main traffic route to the airport. Our now quite peaceful setting ruined by cars and the possibility of devaluing our properties.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Fog,  
it gets very foggy around here. Impact on the road and its already poor road surface.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What are your key concerns about this site?

Same as the previous Ruatangata site.  
As many of us who purchased land at Karanui Estate, we chose this area as it was semi-rural and peaceful. We are one of 6 sections with frontage onto Three Mile Bush Road. We have invested our hard earnings into having our dream home and a place to retire. Our concern with the location of the Ruatangata sites for the new airport will indeed make Three Mile Bush a main traffic route to the airport. Our now quite peaceful setting ruined by cars and the possibility of devaluing our properties.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Impact on the local school and the traffic tracking out to the airport site. If cargo is part of the airport, then we will also have trucks impacting on noise and road surface. Both Pipiwai and Three Mile Bush Roads are school bus routes, the road is not wide enough .

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Bring the life into One Tree Point. Make it a hub. If people set out to go to the airport from Whangarei, they might leave earlier and have lunch out there or shop. Bring the businesses into support the area. The airport runway heads towards the sea too, so less impact on the surrounding neighbourhoods. If the Oil Refinery starts to close parts down, the area would benefit from visitors to the area. The area could then look to get a decent supermarket and be a thriving hub.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Impact on the local housing.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What a stunning place to come into and leave Whangarei. Yes it is too small but it is thriving. Make Kerikeri the main airport in Northland so that it can service the far north as well and bring tourist dollars around the North.

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Location and the possibility of having another thriving hub around the Whangarei area.



**From:** [Mail Room](#)  
**To:** [Rachel Mayall](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Marama Hareuku - AIRPORT-31  
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## Airport Location Study - Marama Hareuku - AIRPORT-31

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-31**

### Your details:

Name:	Marama Hareuku
I am making this submission:	
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
There is potential to grow the town and add other facilities around the area for the airport. Accommodation, family facilities and parks etc
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
The impact of the people there, the whenua and how it will be looked after before, during and after it is built and how it will be maintained.

### Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### **Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### **Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
What else do we need to consider at this site?

### **Your feedback:**

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Greta Harman - AIRPORT-291  
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## Airport Location Study - Greta Harman - AIRPORT-291

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-291**

### Your details:

Name:	Greta Harman
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
It is Close to the main city of Whangarei. Potion is away from current built up area, less impact on residence. Looks environmentally better.
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
the river?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
To far from town and servicing the North of Whangarei is very hopeless.
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Hard to expand value of land best for housing. Not as central as Ruatangata .
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Leah Harold - AIRPORT-409  
**Date:** Tuesday, 24 May 2022 9:45:20 AM  
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## Airport Location Study - Leah Harold - AIRPORT-409

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-409**

### Your details:

Name:	Leah Harold
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
If the airport needs to be north of town, this is preferable to Site 9, as it does not have Matarau School or Comrie Park Kindergarten in the flight path.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Those who live in this area have chosen to do so to be in a rural, quiet setting. The development of the airport is at odds with the lifestyle that they have sought and environment they have chosen to live in. Increased infrastructure is not seen as a benefit here. The noise and traffic would likely displace many of these families to find new lives elsewhere, which will have a major impact on the community.

The majority of these properties use rain water, and having the additional air pollution of aviation fuel etc would have a negative impact here.

The fog that hangs around this region a large proportion of the year in the morning would cause a lot of disruption to early flights.

There are also traffic safety concerns with sun strike on unfamiliar roads in both the morning and afternoon.

Whangarei is not a tourist destination - we all know that it is a gateway to the Bay of Islands. Having the airport on the North side of the city would see Whangarei miss out on many tourist stops, as they would be able to drive straight out without even seeing Whangarei.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

The roads to Ruatangata are terrible. These would need a major upgrade.

There is no fibre internet that a new airport would require. There is no supplied water or waste water.

The costs of implementing these to a rural area so far from town would be a massive unnecessary cost to ratepayers.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What are your key concerns about this site?

Those who live in this area have chosen to do so to be in a rural, quiet setting. The development of the airport is at odds with the lifestyle that they have sought and environment they have chosen to live in. Increased infrastructure is not seen as a benefit here. The noise and traffic would likely displace many of these families to find new lives elsewhere, which will have a major impact on the community.

The prime farmland that will lost in this development cannot be replaced. In an ever more highly populated country, we need to preserve as much food producing land as we can. Matarau School and Comrie Park Kindergarten would be right in the flight path of this airport. The noise and disruption each time a plane goes overhead would have an impact on the quality of these highly regarded learning environments.

The majority of these properties use rain water, and having the additional air pollution of aviation fuel etc would have a negative impact here.

The fog that hangs around this region a large proportion of the year in the morning would cause a lot of disruption to early flights.

There are also traffic safety concerns with sun strike on unfamiliar roads in both the morning and afternoon.

Whangarei is not a tourist destination - we all know that it is a gateway to the Bay of Islands. Having the airport on the North side of the city would see Whangarei miss out on many tourist stops, as they would be able to drive straight out without even seeing Whangarei.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

The roads to Ruatangata are terrible. These would need a major upgrade.

There is no fibre internet that a new airport would require. There is no supplied water or waste water.

The costs of implementing these to a rural area so far from town would be a massive unnecessary cost to ratepayers.

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

This area is already quite well populated, with industrial and commercial areas in the mix. The people living here expect to be in a more built up environment than those in Sites 6 & 9.

With the proximity to the port, the refinery, State Highway 1 and future cruise ship docking, it make far more sense to create this area as a transportation and freight hub. Aviation fuel stored at the old refinery would not need to be transported far.

A large percentage of the marked flight paths would be over water, so have impact on less property.

Being able to implement a ferry service from this area to Whangarei city and Whangarei Heads would not only make for an easy link for tourists and locals to the city, but also add a fantastic commuter service for these growing communities that are currently hampered by dangerous roads.

Tourists landing at this site would need to travel through Whangarei to head to the Bay of Islands, so more tourism send in the city would result from this location over 6 & 9.

Future development/diversification into water hovering aircraft would be easily connected to from this location (should this technology take hold).

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

The community of Onerahi has been established with the airport in place. People who live here and nearby have expectations of the airport being here, and this will have no additional consequence.

It is easy and convenient to get to for those living within Whangarei city, and tourists are within the city when they land for economic benefit.

The flight path is mostly over water, so impacts fewer properties than other options.

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

As the roads improve (e.g. Puhoi), we are getting closer and closer to Auckland. Also, with the increased use of Zoom, etc, the number of business travellers will not return to pre-covid levels. The number of people choosing to travel by plane for such a short hop will reduce. The likelihood of larger planes being needed to service Whangarei is minimal. If anything, money should be invested in increasing KeriKeri airport capacity for where tourists actually want to end up.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

Making this a true transport and freight hub, by combining the airport, state highway, port, cruise ship docking and fuel storage in one area makes WAY more sense than spreading

it out and having the airport miles away from anywhere.

Easy linking via fast ferry from the city will also help evolve Whangarei into the likes of Sydney where the areas of One Tree Point and Whangarei Heads become more viable, commutable areas of growth, without the need to add more cars (or trucks!) to our roads.



**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Clive and Sharee Harris - AIRPORT-418  
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## Airport Location Study - Clive and Sharee Harris - AIRPORT-418

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-418**

### Your details:

Name:	Clive and Sharee Harris
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
ZERO
What are your key concerns about this site?
<p>I would like to submit my OBJECTION to the Airport relocation to One Tree Point(OTP)</p> <p>OTP is a growth area both in industry and in particular, housing. There are also two Retirement villages which are growing as I write this email. This as a beautiful serene seaside suburb with some very elite housing. We do not want this spoilt by potential harm upon people of "noise". It can be said that the flight path already traverses OTP at present. However, the noise factor is far greater on takeoff and landing. The use of a major road being One Tree Point Road will no longer be available, as the runway will require passageway across this road. The logistics that go along with an airport ie warehousing and transport are also factors to consider with regard to increased traffic and once again noise. Our current roading is already in a poor state. Heavy traffic will only make this worse.</p> <p>Takahiwai is a special place to locals, both Maori and pakeha. An a airport very close by will diminish the tranquillity of the Marae as it stands at present.</p> <p>To summarise; it is my opinion that the airport should remain at Onerahi. The cost in restructuring would surely be far less than building from the ground up.</p>
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Residence in Onerahi moved to the area knowing that the was an airport in the local vicinity. On the other hand we in OTP, DID NOT.

### Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
it is my opinion that the airport should remain at Onerahi. The cost in restructuring would surely be far less than building from the ground up
What are your key concerns about this site?
What else do we need to consider at this site?
Residence in Onerahi moved to the area knowing that the was an airport in the local vicinity. On the other hand we in OTP, DID NOT.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

The cost in restructuring would surely be far less than building from the ground up. Residence in Onerahi moved to the area knowing that there was an airport in the local vicinity. On the other hand we in OTP, DID NOT.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Carolyn Harris - AIRPORT-428  
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## Airport Location Study - Carolyn Harris - AIRPORT-428

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-428**

### Your details:

Name:	Carolyn Harris
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	Yes
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None - the cost to develop this site would be way in excess of the estimated costs the Council has put forward and the impact on the environment does not fit into the zero emissions push and would create a huge carbon footprint.
What are your key concerns about this site?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Poor roading in place to support the airport from Whangarei. Road infrastructure will be at the cost of ratepayers and has not been factored into the \$150 million estimate done in 2018.</li><li>• No water reticulation in place to support an airport and associated infrastructure.</li></ul>

- No sewerage reticulation in place to support an airport and associated infrastructure.
- The airport project is presented as blanket spend of \$150 million of rate payers' money for options 1, 2 and 3. The infra-structure upgrade to support the airport on any of these sites is not included in this.
- As most properties in the area rely on harvested rainwater, the health impact of air pollution goes beyond the direct natural environment. It will affect our drinking water.
- The noise pollution of the aircrafts will be a nuisance to residents, Matarau School and Comrie Park Kindergarten but will affect horses and other stock significantly as low flying aircraft have already demonstrated.
- The light pollution of the airport will be a nuisance and will prevent being able to see the night sky as well as affecting native nocturnal predators. In 2007 the WHO declared night shift a group 2A probable carcinogen to humans based on sufficient evidence in experimental animals and limited evidence of breast cancer in humans as it disrupts the circadian rhythm.
- The new airport pitch from council is presented with the following:
  - Onerahi may not be suitable on the long-term.
  - A longer runway is likely needed for the future regional aircraft types.
  - Possible future tightening of CAA rules.
- Together with the uncertainty of which aircraft Air NZ will use in the future, there is no justification to spend \$150 million of rate payers' money.
- Sunstrike on Papiwai Road
- Flooding of Kokopu Road and the one way bridges on Kokopu and Kara Roads
- Increased traffic congestion
- Road safety for cyclists, motorists, pedestrians, motor vehicles.
- Local rivers and streams are home to unique fauna, flora, insects and wildlife, such as the freshwater crab in the Patuwairua Stream, rare frogs, bats and kiwi.
- This is prime farmland with long-established farms and farming families who have worked the land for many decades.
- There are no services to either site 6 or 9, i.e., no reliable power, nor is there high-speed internet.
- There is no sewage, freshwater, or town water supply.
- The roads are inadequate for the volume of traffic that will want to use a new airport. In any direction, some 10km of roading will need to be constructed. Possibly 20 to 30 km of new roading will be required. Below is from the escalating costs of building roads by Peter Nunns | 1st August 2017.
  - This chart should strike fear into the hearts of Auckland Transport and the NZ Transport Agency.
  - It shows that the costs to build roads have steadily increased in recent years and that the cheapest major roads we're going to develop over the next decade are as costly as the most expensive roads we've previously built. Before now, the most costly road on a per-kilometre basis was the Victoria Park Tunnel, which cost around \$60m per lane-kilometre.
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can we plan for a new airport without the knowledge of requirements for aircraft that will service this route.

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- There is no infrastructure with the site requiring drainage, water reticulation, sewerage etc. Also, roading access via Kamo and Maunu is already highly congested, particularly at peak times. Both these routes will require significant upgrades to address congestion issues. The one lane bridge on Kokopu Rd that crosses the Mangere Stream is regularly flooded and impassable during storms as is Kara Rd.
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Consideration of what effect the new legislative requirements coming in, in 2025 will have on these proposed investigations which could potentially end up in fatal flaws being identified after having spent enormous amounts of money on investigations. The decision should be postponed until these are known.

**If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?**

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- The fragile eco systems in the waterways will be affected by the construction and operation of an airport in the Ruatangata areas.
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## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

**What do you think are the benefits of this site?**

Same as Site 6 above

None - the cost to develop this site would be way in excess of the estimated costs the Council has put forward and the impact on the environment does not fit into the zero emissions push and would create a huge carbon footprint.

**What are your key concerns about this site?**

- Poor roading in place to support the airport from Whangarei. Road infrastructure will be at the cost of ratepayers and has not been factored into the \$150 million estimate done in 2018.

- No water reticulation in place to support an airport and associated infrastructure.
- No sewerage reticulation in place to support an airport and associated infrastructure.
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- Sunstrike on Papiwai Road
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- Increased traffic congestion
- Road safety for cyclists, motorists, pedestrians, motor vehicles.
- Local rivers and streams are home to unique fauna, flora, insects and wildlife, such as the freshwater crab in the Patuwairua Stream, rare frogs, bats and kiwi.
- This is prime farmland with long-established farms and farming families who have worked the land for many decades.
- There are no services to either site 6 or 9, i.e., no reliable power, nor is there high-speed internet.
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### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

- If we must build a new airport, this site offers the most advantages for our collective bang for the bucks.
- Disruption. Disruption and upset to people are minimal compared to other sites as the take-off and landing zones extend over the sea.
- Industrial Land. There is already industrial land available for airport buildings and services.
- The least impact on the environment. Building a new airport here would be the lowest impact on the environment.
- Ease of Aircraft Fuel. This site already has fuel storage facilities and a good fuel supply line.
- Ferry Services. As mentioned in the Herald in their article “Northland developer looking at injecting \$10 million in Whangarei’s Oruku Landing” by Mike Dinsdale, on 6th May. Marsden Maritime Holdings (MMH) has secured the rights from NDC to develop and operate a proposed marina, including an electric ferry terminal along the front of the site. The company already owns Marsden Cove Marina near the mouth of Whangarei Harbour. It hopes to connect them by ferry for commuters and visitors from planned cruise ships when they return to New Zealand waters, something the company believes is only a matter of time. MMH board believes the project will bring many economic and social benefits to the region, from capital injection to training and job creation.”
- Cruise Ship. If cruise ships visit the Whangarei area at Marsden Point, a connecting airport close by will help generate the tourist dollar and our economy. The secret here is to join up all the links, which becomes easy for the traveller.
- Boost the Economy and Jobs. With the demise of the refinery, a new airport at this site would help generate jobs and lift our local economy.
- Close road links. SH1 is close to site 24A, and the linking road from SH1 to Marsden Point is already built to a high standard. Little investment is needed to link both roads to a new airport at this site.

What are your key concerns about this site?

- Travelling distance from Whangarei Central

- The potential for people to drive to Auckland Airport as it's not much further

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Look at Rail Link connection to airport to save driving to One Tree Point  
Look at spending the money on upgrading the entire Rail Line so people can travel direct to Auckland Airport rather than spending (and going way over budget) on a new Airport in Whangarei and keep Onerahi for the volume of flights currently utilising the airport

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

- This site has an already established airport that operates.
- This is a good option if we (New Zealand) all need an airport in the Whangarei region. Keep it small, restrict the size, and reduce the carbon footprint. Our only home, the earth, is under threat from global warming, with elevated temperatures threatening many low-lying areas in NZ and other parts of the world. We should be decarbonising our environment, not increasing our pollution.
- The existing airport may not need to be extended or the runway enlarged as the newer electric aircraft will not require such a long take-off strip when they become available. The most exciting characteristic is that electric aircraft could make vertical take-off and landing, or VTOL, a possibility for everyone. Aircraft currently take off using a long runway strip, gaining speed until enough airflow over the wings to fly. It doesn't have to be this way, as helicopters have demonstrated. You can take off vertically  
<https://cmsw.mit.edu/wp/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/Lochie-Ferrier-Electric-Airports.pdf> and  
<https://semiengineering.com/electric-planes-taking-off/>

What are your key concerns about this site?

What is on the agenda for this site if the airport was to move

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Air New Zealand has not identified future requirements?  
Other Air Carriers may fill a need if Air NZ decide Onerahi is not suitable for them  
Why are we only considering Air NZ when there is other Air Carriers?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

This site is still functional and viable for the short term future.

The time frame for public consultation and submissions has not been long enough. The council has been investigating the future of the airport since before 2018 and have reports that have not been available to the ratepayers - a lot of rate payers were unaware they

could request these documents and if they did they should be given sufficient time to review and disseminate the information so they can make a truly informed submission. Also consideration of what effect the new legislative requirements coming in, in 2025 will have on these proposed investigations which could potentially end up in fatal flaws being identified on any of the sites, after having already spent enormous amounts of money on investigations.

The fact that Councilors cannot make a major decision within 3 months of an election appears to be a significant driver for the short time frame in which rate payers have had to adequately research and make submissions.

The Councilors should vote to postpone the decision on site investigations at this point in time.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Lynfa Harris - AIRPORT-184

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-184**

### Your details:

Name:	Lynfa Harris
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Nothing
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Already in operation and no aviation changes necessary. People living here are already used to the airport being there.
What are your key concerns about this site?
What else do we need to consider at this site?

### Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
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Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Already in operation.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
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### Your details:

Name:	Denise Hart
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
My main concern is the flight path over Whananaki.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
We have enough trouble with errant planes now - we don't need anymore.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
The flight path over Whananaki South
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
The flight path not to be over the Whananaki South area.

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What do you think are the benefits of this site?
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Name:	Noriko Soffi Harun
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
The air pollution threatening the drinking water as all the houses are not on town supply. Water is from water tanks with rain water collected. Not all the houses have water filters and there will be some houses who are unable to buy and maintain a water filter. The increased traffic on the residential roads thereby increasing deaths and injuries to the road users as well as the residents. This would mean children and cyclists are no longer afforded safe roads to walk/bike on the roadside.

The fall in house prices.  
 The risk to the native flora and fauna and the loss of birdlife for example, the tui, the native parrots.  
 The lack of infrastructure to the area.  
 The distance from emergency services eg hospital.  
 The noise pollution disrupting the peaceful neighbourhood. Most residents purchased properties in the area for the peace and quiet.  
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 Pollution to the local rivers affecting the wildlife which is removed from the principles of kaitiaki.  
 The frequent morning mists and windy conditions disrupting flights.  
 The increase in criminal activity in the area with increased human presence and interference.  
 Increased street parking affecting the flow of traffic and parked in dangerous areas.  
 The roads to the area are not well maintained by the council so why would you think you could continue to maintain roads to national and international standards once you build an airport here.  
 The distance from town  
 The accompanying increase in rates despite the fact that the rubbish is not collected consistently. The increase in roadside rubbish and pollution increasing the pests in the area and damaging/affecting local wildlife.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Good transport links beyond just bus routes, this would include cycle lanes, pedestrianised lanes. Parking spaces removed from residential areas. Scooter lanes. light train etc.  
 Water supply to the residents because of pollution into the area - this would mean town supply for all residents affected.  
 Noise barriers to reduce noise pollution laterally.  
 Increased services including security, fire services and ambulance.  
 How are you going to protect the native flora and fauna?  
 How are you going to ensure that there will be no increase in deaths, injuries and accidents from street racing once you have done the roads?  
 How are you sure that other technology would make a bigger airport obsolete.  
 Kerikeri airport is within 45 -60 minutes drive. There is also Auckland airport within 2.5 to 3 hours drive which would be preferable as the flights from Whangarei get cancelled because of fog and there is a bus drive to Auckland. This would increase with the fog in Ruatangata and Ruatangata West locales.

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### Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

It is closer to the state highway. There are already close links to the railway. It is close to the harbour. The increased job opportunities for the population there following the loss of the oil refinery. The residents are already on piped water supply and are not reliant on rain water for drinking water.  
 The view over the water during landing is a delight and a wonderful introduction to the area for visitors.  
 It is already zoned for light industry as opposed to residential/rural area such as Ruatangata and Ruatangata West.  
 Better quality roads compared to Ruatangata and Ruatangata West.

What are your key concerns about this site?

The distance from town.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

A regular boat service from the town across the harbour to One Tree Point. Or a bridge.

Cable car from Onerahi to One Tree Point to reduce pollution.  
How are you sure that in the future these plans will be obsolete with new technology?  
May need to consider parking across the harbour for Park and Ride (on a ferry/water taxi)

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

The residents have purchased property in the area with the knowledge that they are near the airport. There is already the infrastructure to support the airport. The residents are on town/piped water supply.

What are your key concerns about this site?

None. It is an already established site.

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Build an extension to the runway. Are you sure that new technology will mean that longer runways will not be required would not change things. Most people prefer to fly from Auckland as the ticket prices are cheaper.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

**From:** [Mail Room](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** FW: proposed airport locations  
**Date:** Tuesday, 24 May 2022 4:04:10 PM  
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**From:** Soffi Haru [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 May 2022 8:13 pm  
**To:** Sheryl Mai [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** proposed airport locations

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Kia ora Councillor Mai,

Re: Whangarei Airport Location Study

I write to request the Long List Report compiled by Whangarei District Council (WDC) about the Whangarei Airport Location. I also write to request an extension to the submission date as the council has given the affected population insufficient time to review the data and options available. WDC has only performed in-person consultations a scant 2 weeks prior to the submission date giving us insufficient time to request pertinent information. WDC has also not discussed the proposal in-person with the wider population who are likely to be affected for example Poroti and Titoki that are potentially on the flight path for the airport.

I also would like to request information about WDC approaching landowners about purchasing property in each of the proposed sites.

I have already submitted my concerns regarding the airport proposal in BOTH Ruatangata and Ruatangata West.

Both sites are unsuitable and I would also like the below concerns to be added to my submission:

1. The risk of light pollution for the population living near the airport and the increased risk of cancer and Mental Health Disease from poor quality sleep from the lights that would need to be installed for the running of the airport. If the council decided to build the airport in these locations they would need to install low emission light similar to the lights installed at Lake Tekapo near St Johns observatory.
2. To further expand on my concerns regarding pollution affecting drinking water for the population; for those on tank water for water supply, if the council choose the above areas, the council will need to provide clean, drinking water for those in the area on the flight path and surrounds either through piped water or filters that the council will maintain as the loss of clean, drinking water is being imposed upon us.
3. As most air passengers prefer to use private vehicles to travel to the airport and will be parking at the airport, the increased risk of burglaries and vandalism to the airport and surrounding properties is likely to increase. Will WDC install a police station/permanent presence to protect the rural and isolated properties that have these increased risk foisted onto them?
4. Additionally to my concerns about safety for road users, the council should include dedicated

cycling lanes, bus lanes and pedestrian paths for the road users affected by the increased traffic and road accident risk. The one-way bridges will need to be expanded particularly on Kara Road, Kokopu Road and Knight Road for the passengers travelling from Dargaville, Maunu, Otaika, Maungakaramaea etc.

5. Noise pollution will not just affect those on the flight path but also those in the near vicinity. WDC should be offering double glazing rebates for those affected or to offer to pay for the retrospective installation of double glazing for those properties within the circles on the proposed flight plan map.

6. WDC MUST consult with the ALL local iwi and hapu of the areas within the circles of the flight plan map for areas of cultural significance, PRIOR to their decision.

7. I have concerns about the methods that would be used to reduce birdstrike at the airport and the impact that will have on local flora and fauna.

8. How will WDC help the local affected population with pest eradication (eg rabbits and possums) with restrictions to firearms over the no-fly zone.

9. Additionally, how will WDC help with fertilising farms or crop spraying within the no-fly zone. WDC would need to assist those affected with dedicated personnel to navigate the CAA rules and applications for these.

10. For the ecological impact of the airport, WDC would be better off investing money in affordable rail service from Auckland to Whangarei and Far North. This could also be promoted as a tourist attraction too.

11. The cost of flying out of Whangarei to other places is prohibitively expensive for families and we would rather drive to Auckland than fly out. If we needed to fly out, there is an option with expanding Kerikeri airport as that is only an hour away.

12. How will WDC protect the swamplands and wetlands from pollution as they are important CO2 sinks which would help mitigate the risk of climate change?

13. How will WDC protect the waterways and rivers from pollution, flooding and reduction of the local eel population as there has been little evidence of effective management to date? Northland has one of the lowest areas of natural swampland/wetlands in the country.

14. The move of the airport to a rural setting further reduces productivity of the land especially in agriculture which is the backbone of NZ economy.

15. The population in rural Whangarei have made a conscious move to move to the country for the serenity, quiet lifestyle and the rural community spirit which will be destroyed with the installation of the airport in the above proposed areas. The noise limits in rural Whangarei are lower than that of already built up/urban areas.

16. The weather in these areas are notable for significant fog, wind and sunstrike for the locals. All of these increase hazards to drivers, road users, pilots and passengers.

17. This area is prone to multiple black outs and how is the council going to mitigate this?

Please consider the above points in your deliberation about the airport location.

Would you like to be remembered as the councillor who destroyed a green belt of the City and the rural way of life or the councillor who opposed this with the concerns over climate change, when all other cities in the world are trying to keep or preserve their green belt?

Nga mihi.

Soffi Harun

**From:** [Mail Room](#)  
**To:** [Rachel Mayall](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Noriko Soffi Harun - AIRPORT-45  
**Date:** Wednesday, 20 April 2022 10:07:52 PM  
**Attachments:** SubmissionReceipt-2022AirportLocationStudy-AIRPORT-45.pdf

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## Airport Location Study - Noriko Soffi Harun - AIRPORT-45

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-45**

### Your details:

Name:	Noriko Soffi Harun
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None. The infrastructure is woeful.
What are your key concerns about this site?
The proximity to predominantly residential areas. The fog and flooding risk with heavy rainfall. The lack of infrastructure available. The road quality and maintenance is so poor it is unable to support large amount of traffic. The noise and the pollution in the area especially with fuel dumps. The residents purchased the properties in this rural area for peace and quiet. The wind shear with gales and string wind.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None. The infrastructure is woeful.
What are your key concerns about this site?
The proximity to predominantly residential areas. The fog and flooding risk with heavy rainfall. The lack of infrastructure available. The road quality and maintenance is so poor it is unable to support large amount of traffic. The noise and the pollution in the area especially with fuel dumps. The residents purchased the properties in this rural area for peace and quiet. The wind shear with gales and string wind.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
This has better infrastructure. There is already better roads here than in the Ruatangata locations.
What are your key concerns about this site?
The distance from the CBD.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
It is already established. The travel to Northland is predominantly to the Bay of Islands. Most travellers use the road to travel to and around Northland rather than fly up. The flights are cheaper out of Auckland and there is no sense to have a bigger airport.
What are your key concerns about this site?
None
What else do we need to consider at this site?
The site is established

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?



The other areas have been predominantly rural areas and the residents purchased land and house for peace and quiet. As the airport is already in Onerahi, the residents are already aware of the risks rather than have this foisted onto them.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Ben Haselden - AIRPORT-86  
**Date:** Thursday, 28 April 2022 11:27:18 AM  
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## Airport Location Study - Ben Haselden - AIRPORT-86

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-86**

### Your details:

Name:	Ben Haselden
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Too far from the city centre. Plus it's in a flood zone?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Too far from CBD. Ridiculous taxi rates to town etc.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Too far from the CBD.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Closer to a main highway.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Too far from the CBD.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
How will public transport and shuttle services work efficiently and affordably?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Close to the CBD. Already established The site is under-utilised as it stands.
What are your key concerns about this site?
It hasn't been developed into a regional service better than it could be already.
What else do we need to consider at this site?
Increase plane sizes to the ATR. Carry more people with less flights.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
It's close to CBD. It's already established and it has access to affordable and efficient transport.



# SUBMISSION FORM



## PUKA URUPARE

### WHANGĀREI AIRPORT LOCATION STUDY CONSULTATION

Now is your opportunity to help us identify a possible future location for the Whangārei Airport or tell us if you think the airport should continue to operate at Onerahi .

From a long list of options, Council has identified three locations which could replace the Whangārei Airport at Onerahi if it is no longer able to meet Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rules and requirements at its current location in future. The three preferred locations are:

- Ruatangata West
- Ruatangata
- One Tree Point West

The community knows these sites best. We want to hear about what you think about each of the sites and what's important to you when it comes to choosing a future airport site or why you think the airport should remain at its current location.

#### ***Your details***

Name     Cory Adam Haslam

I am making this submission as:    ☒ An individual    ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name

Postal address



Best number to contact you on



Email



Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing on 9 June 2022?

☐ Yes    ☐ No

**OPTION 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)**

**KŌWHIRINGA 1: Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

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What are your key concerns about this site?

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Looks close to many dwellings

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

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**OPTION 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)**  
**KŌWHIRINGA 2: Ruatangata (Waahi 9)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

land is already purchased. Close to Town. More growth to the north of Whangarei.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Noise Issues

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

**OPTION 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)**

**KŌWHIRINGA 3: Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

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What are your key concerns about this site?

Tsunami Zone. Distance from town. Close to residential areas.

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

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**OPTION 4: *Continue to operate from Onerahi***  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4: *Kei Onerahi Tonu***

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

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Everything is existing already.

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What are your key concerns about this site?

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If we do not future proof air travel into Whangarei we could be caught on the backfoot if

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Onerahi gets shut down by CAA

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What else do we need to consider at this site?

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## ***What is your favoured airport location***

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Ruatangata West (Site 6)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 1:** Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)
- ☒ **OPTION 2:** Ruatangata (Site 9)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 2:** Ruatangata (Waahi 9)
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** One Tree Point West (Site 24a)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 3:** Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)
- ☐ **OPTION 4:** Continue to operate from Onerahi  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4:** Kei Onerahi Tonu

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

Offers oportunities for surrounding areas to grow while not interfering with dense urban areas  
the land is already purchased which allows things to keep moving. It is the closest to town



# SUBMISSION FORM

## PUKA URUPARE



RECEIVED - CUSTOMER SERVICES

20 MAY 2022

WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

### WHANGĀREI AIRPORT LOCATION STUDY CONSULTATION

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The community knows these sites best. We want to hear about what you think about each of the sites and what's important to you when it comes to choosing a future airport site or why you think the airport should remain at its current location.

#### Your details

Name Mr + Mrs C.J. Hawkins

I am making this submission as: ☒ An individual ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Best number to contact you on \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing on 9 June 2022?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**OPTION 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)**

**KŌWHIRINGA 1: Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

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What are your key concerns about this site?

*It's too wet & costly to build on.*

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

*Building on wet land is costly. it usually  
sinks*

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**OPTION 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)**  
**KŌWHIRINGA 2: Ruatangata (Waahi 9)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

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What are your key concerns about this site?

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If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

*Building on wet land is costly*

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**OPTION 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)**

**KŌWHIRINGA 3: Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None.

What are your key concerns about this site?

It is too close to the refinery

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

in the future sea levels are going to rise  
& it is already floodlands



**OPTION 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi**  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4: Kei Onerahi Tonu**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

*It's well above Sea Level*  
*It's already built & being used.*

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

*May be in the future the run way could be extended  
if really needed.*

### What is your favoured airport location

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Ruatangata West (Site 6)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 1:** Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Ruatangata (Site 9)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 2:** Ruatangata (Waahi 9)
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** One Tree Point West (Site 24a)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 3:** Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)
- ☒ **OPTION 4:** Continue to operate from Onerahi  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4:** Kei Onerahi Tonu

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

Air NZ are happy for it to stay there they have  
said so in the paper.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - David Haynes - AIRPORT-157  
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## Airport Location Study - David Haynes - AIRPORT-157

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-157**

### Your details:

Name:	David Haynes
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Rural communities will be impacted hard. Animal welfare Extra traffic on poor condition rural roads
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to



consider?
Airport contamination and run off into wetlands

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Rural communities will be impacted negatively Animal welfare Extra traffic on poor condition rural roads
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Contamination to wetlands

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Close to major road (sh1) Will boost tourism for local growing area. Major construction already underway in the area
What are your key concerns about this site?
None
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Public transportation links to Whangarei

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
It's already there. Major fund save for wdc
What are your key concerns about this site?
None
What else do we need to consider at this site?
Keeping it running into the future

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

It will not impact rural communities, their lifestyles and the livestock in the area or north west Whangarei.

Also the delicate native wetlands and bush of west Whangarei.

It has great road connection to whangarei already.

Will boost tourism for the costal community.

There is already major construction in the area

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Kahu Henare - AIRPORT-359  
**Date:** Sunday, 22 May 2022 7:43:30 PM  
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## Airport Location Study - Kahu Henare - AIRPORT-359

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-359**

### Your details:

Name:	Kahu Henare
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
<p>\$150+ million spend when we have a current airport.</p> <p>New roading, water, power, internet infrastructure, costings above \$150million for rate payers to absorb.</p> <p>Environmental factors on current community, waterways, flora and fauna.</p> <p>Sites of significance - cultural sites that cannot be moved, reshaped, rehomed e.g kōiwi in caves (ahi kaa hold this knowledge NOT council!)</p>

Noise pollution to our community.  
Air pollutants from aviation petroleum properties infecting our children. Families, animals, waterways. All carcinogenic to our FAMILIES!!!

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

WE DO NOT WANT AN AIRPORT HERE!!!! CONSIDER THAT!!!

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Absolutely NO BENEFITS!!!

What are your key concerns about this site?

\$150+ million spend when we have a current airport.  
New roading, water, power, internet infrastructure, costings above \$150million+ projected (2years ago!) for rate payers to absorb.  
Environmental factors on current community, waterways, flora and fauna.  
Sites of significance - cultural sites that cannot be moved, reshaped, rehomed e.g kōiwi in caves (ahi kaa hold this knowledge NOT council!)

Noise pollution to our community.  
Air pollutants from aviation petroleum properties infecting our children. Families, animals, waterways. All carcinogenic to our FAMILIES!!!

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

WE DO NOT WANT AN AIRPORT AT RUATANGATA!! CONSIDER THAT!!!!

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Close to main Highway.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Sites of significance - cultural sites that cannot be moved, reshaped, rehomed

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Council owned.  
Not \$150+ dollar upgrade.  
Residents choose to live with an airport.  
Mains water, internet, current roading sufficient.  
Close to CBD.  
Driving into Whangarei for tourism impact.  
Sports fields available for new runway plan to increase length.

What are your key concerns about this site?
None.
What else do we need to consider at this site?
None.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Aviation is evolving. In 10years time new and improved ways of traveling via aircraft will become adaptive to current airport at Onerahi.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Rachael Henare - AIRPORT-60  
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## Airport Location Study - Rachael Henare - AIRPORT-60

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-60**

### Your details:

Name:	Rachael Henare
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Major community disruption. Millions required for improvements in roading infrastructure etc.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

As stated above!

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None

What are your key concerns about this site?

Major and ongoing community disruption.

Ongoing affects of aviation transportation and services impacting on families rural lifestyle.

House resale prices affected by airport build in close proximity.

Major improvements to roading infrastructure required, adding millions to rate payers costs.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

MANA WHENUA!!!

Hapu sites of significance that council don't know about because you haven't CONSULTED with them! Waterways, our tuna and other species that live on this land/space that has been tagged for an airport.

Honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi! Mana Whenua do not want an airport on their land!!!

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Close to main highway

What are your key concerns about this site?

Cultural sites of significance.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Mana Whenua consultation!!!

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

It's a solid site that a community is built around.

Close to Whangarei township.

Less roading etc infrastructure required.

What are your key concerns about this site?

None

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Problem solve as to how to adapt the area you have to what is needed.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

Less cost to rate payers.

Less intrusive to new communities that have chosen to have a rural lifestyle - NOT an airport on their back door step!

Less infrastructure required

MAKES SENSE!!



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**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Stephen Hewitt - AIRPORT-515

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-515**

### Your details:

Name:	Stephen Hewitt
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
none
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
none
What are your key concerns about this site?
<p>Flight path is over two schools, Kaurihohore and Matarau. Matarau being extremely close to the landing and take off zone. With obvious disruption and hazards to Children health and learning with having an airport operating over head. Fog delays will be considerable due to the at times constant fog. While the fog issue can be dismissed with a comment that other airports have to deal with it so why dont we. We have the chance to choose where our new airport will be and avoid this issue. Massive extra cost in getting water and other services to the site which is well higher than all currently available town sources. Which will require huge investments with the cost of using the public works act to purchase land for the pipe line, laying pipe line and having pump booster stations to get the water high enough to a new reservoir. Then there is also the cost of upgrading the main route to the airport site, the current access roads are well below specification for the road safety requirements for the extra traffic flows. Again more land will be needed via the public works act to achieve the level of safety required to up grade this road. There is no access to light rail/rail lines to the site, nor will there likely ever be due to elevation and again extra cost. The population center is moving towards the south of Whangarei rather than north making for longer trips to the airport and driving to Auckland more attractive as an alternative. Moving the airport north of Whangarei will also encourage visitors to bypass Whangarei and head north, which would impact on the business sector not getting domestic and international tourist money. Aviation fuel would have to be trucked extra distance with these sites being at the northern end of Whangarei which also increases costs and road wear and tear, not to mention road safety with extra heavy vehicle loads. Both potential Access roads are known to be dangerous, and that is with the current level of traffic. The area surrounding these two Ruatangata sites have a lot of recreational shooting taking place, which would need to be addressed and monitored over the flight paths. As well as the native species already mentioned there is also NZ Falcon karearea in the areas. Because of all these issues (and Im sure there are many more) for the Ruatangata sites I would question as to why these sites were even in the final three potential sites to be considered, with there being safety issues (fog, game shooting seasons, poor road access etc), Location of nearby schools, no freight hubs or major infrastructure nearby to service the airport. The airport would not integrate with future development and growth due to population center moving south. Not being connected nor ever likely to be connected to mass transport of rail, and finally promoting visitors to head north rather and not spend money in Whangarei. It seems that the main consideration was that land became available and was purchased, which in turn continued with near by sites being purchased, (some at nearly twice GV prices), making it seem like this site was preferred only for the convenience of land being available. The feeling is if this site was chosen the cost blow outs which seem obvious would be a huge cost to the local rate payer and degrade other services to pay for it. It would likely become a white elephant.</p>
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

### **Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

### **Your feedback:**

What is your favoured airport location?

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

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## Airport Location Study - Calvin Hicks - AIRPORT-530

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### Your details:

Name:	Calvin Hicks
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
There are none
What are your key concerns about this site?
Location of site is not appropriate. There is NO supporting infrastructure to support the travel movements of passengers been driven via car to airport, and passengers disembarking from flight need to be again transported by private vehicles. If a current Air NZ Jet Boeing 777 carries 165 passengers with at least 2 passengers per car, thats over 80 cars travelling to the airport and leaving the airport. If that flight arrives with full compliment of 165 passnegers thats another 80 cars driving from the airport along these

rural roads.

It is challenging enough to pass/overtake farm machinery such as hay making machinery, and if a passenger is running late for flight then reckless overtaking will occur putting other road users at risk! Fatalities will certainly result!!!

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Road infrastructure. Development of ancillary services that supports the business of Air Travel. Noise obviously within a rural community. Disposal of hydrocarbon's from aircraft engines exhaust stems

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Same as the other Ruatangata site

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Closer to a wealthier community that will certainly use air travel as their preferred option of travel

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Existing and fully operational services there. Smaller airlines such as Great Barrier Airlines and Chatham Airlines should be welcomed. The neighbours of the Airport that live in the area bought in that area and knew an noisy airport already existed.

Whangarei is NOT a tourist destination like Queenstown.

Kerikeri needs to be enhanced to continue supporting the Bay of Islands as a tourist destination.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Keep running smaller planes from this location....there is no business case that I've seen to increase the size of the aircraft coming to Whangarei.

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Its perfect

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

There is NO need to build a bigger Airport for bigger planes.... small planes on a more frequent schedule is what is required.



# SUBMISSION FORM



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9 • MAY 2022

WHANGAREI  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

## PUKA URUPARE

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- Ruatangata
- One Tree Point West

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#### Your details

Name MARGARET BARBARA NICKS

I am making this submission as: ☒ An individual ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best number to contact you or \_\_\_\_\_  
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Email n/a

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing on 9 June 2022?

☒ Yes ☐ No



### OPTION 3. One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

~~OPTION 1. Ruatangata West (Site 6)~~

~~KŌWHIRINGA 1. Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Wahi 6)~~

What do you think are the benefits of this site? There are none!

This site is not viable because it is located on low lying coastal land and its road access is subject to flooding, the effect of CLIMATE CHANGE, that's rising sea level and extreme precipitation events. Such development has been warned against by scientists such as Sir Peter Gluckman in his 2015 report New Zealand's changing climate and oceans etc but even more recently by the IPCC and sea level experts this past April.

What are your key concerns about this site? Flooding of access roads

State Highway 1, Port Harbours Highway and McCalmie Road.

This has already occurred on several occasions especially since 2011 and as recently as last March when staff and students couldn't attend Bream Bay College because SH1 was flooded between Prescott Road and the Tautoa Stream. Since flood events are likely to increase, numerous flight passengers would miss their flights.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider? Preferably not!

But if you do you should study the following 1) The Northland Regional Council's recent flood susceptibility maps. 2) The tidal records 1980 - to 2022 from the gauge at Harbours Point. 3) The latest IPCC reports and other relevant reports.

Remember Harbours Point Road is not a suitable alternative access road as from Sime Road south to the junction with SH1 it has a speed limit of 50 K & passes through a shopping centre and residential area with a narrow single lane <sup>(2 way)</sup> bridge over the Ruakaka River. It is not suitable for through traffic and should be closed to it.



**OPTION 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi**  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4: Kei Onerahi Tonu**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Already established

Copes with the number of passengers requiring flights

Lack of a suitable alternative

What are your key concerns about this site?

Further development is limited by the size of the site. It could not accommodate larger planes but is that a problem?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Although there are local complaints re noise there is a perception that it is principally the increase in use by small planes & helicopters that is the main problem and perhaps an alternative site should be found for these.

## What is your favoured airport location

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?

- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Ruatangata West (Site 6)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 1:** Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Ruatangata (Site 9)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 2:** Ruatangata (Waahi 9)
- ☐ **OPTION 3:** One Tree Point West (Site 24a)  
**KŌWHIRINGA 3:** Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)
- ☒ **OPTION 4:** Continue to operate from Onerahi  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4:** Kei Onerahi Tonu

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

Option 4 continues to be the best option because

1) It is already established there.

2) Although there are local residents objections it was already located there when many of them took up residence so can hardly complain.

3) No, nothing of Options 1 and 2 so cannot make an informed choice.

4) Option 3 is not viable because it is located on low lying coastal land unsuited to development because of the effects of Climate Change notably flooding of access roads.

5) The fact that the runway is apparently too short for larger aircraft is not obviously a disadvantage since small planes are adequate as they carry the number of booked passengers requiring a flight.

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## Airport Location Study - sue higgins - AIRPORT-326

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-326**

### Your details:

Name:	sue higgins
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Easy to drive to located in the countryside and not near built up area. longer runway
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
2nd choice longer runway easy to drive to
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Too far out from city centre more traffic added to Sh1 Too close to residential area
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Runway too small extra safety items cannot be added
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
runway will be longer all safety can be carried out

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**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Patricia Hill - AIRPORT-523  
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## Airport Location Study - Patricia Hill - AIRPORT-523

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-523**

### Your details:

Name:	Patricia Hill
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Can't see any.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Lots of the residents in and around the village will be affected by noise directly over them. The road to and from Whangarei will be used constantly and it is a narrow and very winding road. Swamp surrounding area creates frequent low lying mist which can create possible hazards to air approach and takeoff.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to



consider?

Road widening would be necessary at great extra cost and inconvenience for years.

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Same concerns as for Ruatangata West.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Similar concerns as for option 1.

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Wide flat area seems perfect for aircraft facilities already. The road approach to and from Whangarei is via SH1 and is easy to access and does not need any further improvements, so saving lots of road costs. No hills are around the site and air approaches are not affected by low lying mists.

What are your key concerns about this site?

People who live north of Whangarei may object to travelling south.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Compensation for any displaced residents.

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Already exists. Access in and out of Whangarei is convenient and needs no further costs or road improvements.

Climate change should be making us think more of alternative aircraft which, if invented/produced, can carry more passengers but with less runway need. We should also consider travel costs in the future may have to increase due to global pressures, so adding to less aircraft use.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Population increase may create more traffic.

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Onerahi population growth.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?

Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?

It has a developed area and road access ideal for more and larger aircraft which would benefit a growing population.



# SUBMISSION FORM



## PUKA URUPARE

### WHANGĀREI AIRPORT LOCATION STUDY CONSULTATION

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#### ***Your details***

Name

Stephen Holland

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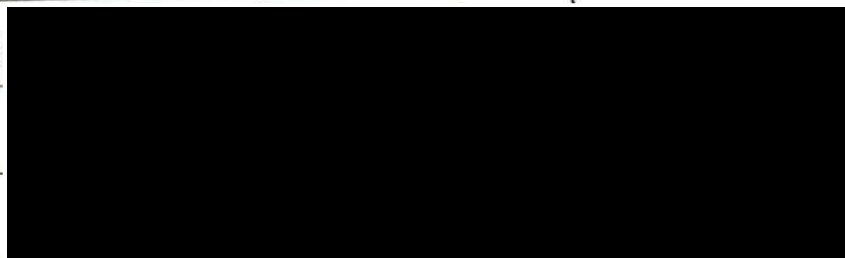
An individual



On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name

Postal address



Best number to contact you on



Email



Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing on 9 June 2022?



Yes



No



### OPTION 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None - Too close to Kerikeri

Fog! Will be a problem

Flight path overland upsetting  
move people.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Flight path overland

To close to Kerikeri

Fog  $\Rightarrow$  cause delays.

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

None don't do it.

## OPTION 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None

To where near as good as

One Tree Point.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Fog! will be a problem (inland)

Flight path over land upsetting people

Wrong side of Whangarei

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

None don't do it.



### OPTION 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Perfect!!

No Fog

Flight path over water

Location ideal  $\Rightarrow$  Between Whangarei and Auckland.

What are your key concerns about this site?

Locals been upset over there Land values and being opposed to the right decision

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

Making it international.

Local Maori employment option just like Auckland local Pacific Island employer.

**OPTION 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

None - close it down

I Don't use it. Me, My wife  
and brother have all been  
bumped off flights!!!

What are your key concerns about this site?

To small, no use.

Been bumped off flights.

What else do we need to consider at this site?

Sell it to pay for One Tree  
Point.

**What is your favoured airport location**

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?



- ☐ **OPTION 1:** Ruatangata West (Site 6)
- ☐ **OPTION 2:** Ruatangata (Site 9)
- ☒ **OPTION 3:** One Tree Point West (Site 24a)
- ☐ **OPTION 4:** Continue to operate from Onerahi

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

⇒ Airport and Whangarei City  
was supposed to be at  
One Tree Point, ~~the~~ ~~will~~ The  
airport will work great there.

⇒ With refinery closing we  
need employment airport would  
be great option.

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**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-388**

### Your details:

Name:	Thorsten Hoppe
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
No benefits.
What are your key concerns about this site?
First of all, the community needs more time to discuss an important topic like that. It is our money, the taxpayers' money and we have the right to develop our own opinion and to have a discussion with other members in the community. We shouldn't rush that. The Council has been working on this topic for many years. Why do we just get five weeks? Are there lobby groups in the background who want to push this project through? Given this short timeframe you could get the impression that having community input is just a

checkbox ticking exercise or a distraction. This is quite frustrating for us, the community.

There was no proper consultation with mana whenua. The relationships between local hapu are complex and again, they need time to discuss an important topic like that. The process of opinion-forming needs time, most of us are working full time and have other commitments, we are not getting paid for doing this.

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**If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?**

There are many things the council doesn't know about the sites at Ruatangata. The ecosystem is complex in a massive swamp like the Hikurangi swamp where the Ruatangata locations are proposed to be nearby. You cannot isolate the catchment from the swamp- everything is connected. Scientists are exploring more and more details, but there is still a lot unknown.

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Please also see:

[https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP\\_E\\_web.pdf](https://www.un.org/development/desa/indigenouspeoples/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2018/11/UNDRIP_E_web.pdf)

(United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; New Zealand endorsed the declaration in 2010)

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What do you think are the benefits of this site?

No benefits.

What are your key concerns about this site?

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### **Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):**



What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Good infrastructure around the site.
Good connected with the road network.
It is a good developed area, good to set up new businesses around the airport.
What are your key concerns about this site?
If we get rising sea levels it might get flooded.
It will have a negative impact on the ecology of the area.
There are already too many people living around the site. They will be affected by an airport.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
It is probably already too close to Auckland. If people have to drive from Whangarei or further north to One Tree Point they might decide to carry on to Auckland instead.

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
The site is already there. We save a lot of money for other, more urgent infrastructure projects. I would love to see more investment in environmental-friendly transport like railways or electric ferries and electric cars, bikes.
What are your key concerns about this site?
It has a short runway.
Quite a few people are living around the airport.
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
From my perspective there is no need for a new airport. It should stay in Onerahi. I realize that the runway in Onerahi is too short for bigger planes. But do we really need bigger planes and international flights coming to Whangarei? And by the way, Kaikohe Aerodrome is the largest grass strip in the Southern hemisphere. Why not using the infrastructure we already have? And instead we could invest our money in infrastructure projects we really need. The streets in Northland are a disaster, roadworks everywhere but no real progress. And I would love to go to Auckland with public transport, a train or electric ferry. My vision for the future would be public transport that allows us to get from Whangarei to Auckland under 2 hours. And then you could hop on a plane there. It would be better for the environment, less stress for the people, probably cheaper too. Please think more creatively about transport. We need better solutions for the future. More

people will come to Northland and at the same time we have to reduce our emissions now.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
**Subject:** Airport Location Study - Chris howell - AIRPORT-139  
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## Airport Location Study - Chris howell - AIRPORT-139

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-139**

### Your details:

Name:	Chris howell
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Remote location so less impact on people, closer to the bay of islands a tourist centre
What are your key concerns about this site?
Prone to fog , no supporting infrastructure, less accessible via road, less visible to the public,
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Remote, less impact on people, greater room for the development
What are your key concerns about this site?
Prone to fog, remote, less accessible to infrastructure, less accessibility to the public
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Accessible to infrastructure, potential to grow beyond just an airport, greater access to the public, less environmental issues that can cause delays to flights, potential to get buy in from surrounding area, access to a port, zoning more sympathetic to industry like an airport, access to a railway potentially, access to shops.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Close to a residential area, less room to develop an airport
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Existing airport works well, may well meet the needs of the main airline air New Zealand, beautiful location
What are your key concerns about this site?
Growing resistance to the air ports from residents, future safety changes that may well restrict the airports undertakings.
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
An air port is more than just a place for planes to land , it can grow into a hub for many other services that can feed of those planes landing, movement of goods, trade,

retail, business promotion and interactions, tourism promotion and facilitation, link in with existing infrastructure to add weight and spur further to growth. Capture north bound tourist traffic before they turn off to twin coast highway .



# SUBMISSION FORM



## PUKA URUPARE

### WHANGĀREI AIRPORT LOCATION STUDY CONSULTATION

Now is your opportunity to help us identify a possible future location for the Whangārei Airport or tell us if you think the airport should continue to operate at Onerahi .

From a long list of options, Council has identified three locations which could replace the Whangārei Airport at Onerahi if it is no longer able to meet Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) rules and requirements at its current location in future. The three preferred locations are:

- Ruatangata West
- Ruatangata
- One Tree Point West

The community knows these sites best. We want to hear about what you think about each of the sites and what's important to you when it comes to choosing a future airport site or why you think the airport should remain at its current location.

#### Your details

Name John Frederick Hudson

I am making this submission as: ☒ An individual ☐ On behalf of an organisation

Organisation name \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best number to contact you on \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission at a hearing on 9 June 2022? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
*While I would like to be heard, I am in Christchurch on the 9<sup>th</sup> June*

**OPTION 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)**

**KŌWHIRINGA 1: Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

*Please see written submission attached*

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

**OPTION 2: Ruatangata (Site 9)**  
**KŌWHIRINGA 2: Ruatangata (Waahi 9)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

Please see written submission attached.  
If there were no alternative but  
to move, this is the most logical place.

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?



**OPTION 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)**

**KŌWHIRINGA 3: Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

*To many negatives  
not an option.*

*Please see typed submission*

What are your key concerns about this site?

If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

**OPTION 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi**  
**KŌWHIRINGA 4: Kei Onerahi Tonu**

What do you think are the benefits of this site?

*The best option.*

*Please see typed submission attached  
for full detail.*

What are your key concerns about this site?

What else do we need to consider at this site?

## What is your favoured airport location

Given the benefits and key concerns you highlighted above, do you have a favoured airport location?

☐ **OPTION 1:** Ruatangata West (Site 6)

**KŌWHIRINGA 1:** Ruatangata ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 6)

☒ **OPTION 2:** Ruatangata (Site 9)

**KŌWHIRINGA 2:** Ruatangata (Waahi 9)

*favoured option if after  
all investigation Onerahi is  
not an option*

☐ **OPTION 3:** One Tree Point West (Site 24a)

**KŌWHIRINGA 3:** Poupouwhenua ki te Hauāuru (Waahi 24a)

☒ **OPTION 4:** Continue to operate from Onerahi

**KŌWHIRINGA 4:** Kei Onerahi Tonu

Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of the location of the Whangārei Airport?

*Please see attached typed submission*

## WHANGAREI AIRPORT RELOCATION

I believe more air travellers use the Whangarei/Auckland service for onward flight connections than Auckland city destinations. Many people taking onward flights from Auckland travel by car because of:

- 1 Lack of flight frequency
- 2 Total time by air is around 1.35hrs. VS 2.75 hrs by car
- 3 Price.

Using larger 90 seat aircraft from a new alternative airport will further reduce flight frequency and depending on location could add further to total airtime shown in 2 above. The 2014 Becca Airport Study canvassed a number of issues re operating from Onerahi, but two that stand out are, Air New Zealand was identified as the only potential provincial operator and they intend in the near term to use larger aircraft at provincial airports. This ruled out the shorter 1097 metre Onerahi runway. The report also indicated no 30 to 50 seat aircraft that could use Onerahi were (at the time of the report) in production.

Research into and discussion with Chatham Air re their new extended provincial links from Auckland, and with other potential operators, plus research into current aircraft production i.e. the ATR 42-600s a 40 to 50 seat STOL aircraft that can land on as short as a 800 metre runway. This has potential major Australian and Air Tahiti orders, and is due out in 2022/23. AIR NZ already us ATR 72 aircraft and the ATR 42-600s would be an ideal fit for Onerahi in its present configuration. I also note the new Dornier D328eco 40 seat aircraft in current development again with stol performance that is within Onerahi Airports configuration, could offer alternatives. Additionally frequent services with current and new efficient 19 seat twin engine aircraft now in production could be considered.

More importantly, my research into current progress re electric/hybrid powered passenger aircraft offers real medium/ long term potential for Onerahi airport.

Air NZ has now partnered with Airbus in current research/development in this area for Provincial link aircraft. I note Universal Hydrogen is already working on flight testing its hydrogen fuel cell powertrain on ATR 42'S ( ATR is 50% owned by Airbus)

All this development, strongly suggests ONERAHI AIRPORT can offer highly suitable frequent transport links to Auckland and Wellington well into the future.

Turning now to the alternative proposed sites for a new Airport, One Tree Point makes no sense for many reasons, not the least being the major centre of population is not going to spend half an hour to get to One Tree Point before they even start the process of checking in and flying.

I do not disagree with council purchasing the operational dairy farm at Ruatangata as an alternative long-term safeguard for well into the future, if and when the City is a considerably larger and major centre (which could be well over 50 years out). This money can be more than recouped by a future sale. However an investment of a sum that could be in the range of from \$150-\$200 million in an alternative new airport should not happen until :

- (1) Further investigation is undertaken into the possible use of alternative airlines alongside what Air NZ will offer.

(2) The implications of the fast-changing developments in the air aircraft industry are fully explored.

(3) What possible operational incentives could be offered to an operator.

(4) What modern/upgraded air traffic safety aids could be offered at Onerahi.

The above must be considered together with the effect considerable future upgrading of intercity roads over the next 20 to 30 years could have on Whangarei air traffic demand and airport needs.



**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Kirsty Hughes - AIRPORT-138

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-138**

### Your details:

Name:	Kirsty Hughes
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
What are your key concerns about this site?
Too far out of Whangarei, windy rural roads and too much of an environmental impact.
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
Damage to environment
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Near SH1, flat land that isn't fit for much else. Direct route to Whangarei.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Transport link to Whangarei would need to be improved. Shuttle buses/trains
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?
Transport to Whangarei

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Handy to Whangarei
What are your key concerns about this site?
No potential for growth. Noise to residents.
What else do we need to consider at this site?
It can't get bigger.

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
It's handy to SH1. It won't cause too much disruption to the environment.

**From:** [Whangarei District Council](#)  
**To:** [Mail Room](#)  
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## Airport Location Study - Janet hullah - AIRPORT-215

**Receipt Number: AIRPORT-215**

### Your details:

Name:	Janet hullah
I am making this submission:	As an individual
Organisation name:	

### Hearing:

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission?	No
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### Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Close to the center. No wildlife significant areas. Low volume housing. No significant cultural issues.
What are your key concerns about this site?
Fog
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?



## Option 2: Ruatangata (Site 9):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Close to city. Low volume housing. No significant wildlife or cultural issues
What are your key concerns about this site?
Fog
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 3: One Tree Point West (Site 24a):

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
None
What are your key concerns about this site?
High volume housing, further from the city. Marine sanctuary in the area. Culturally significant
If we progressed investigations on this site, what else do we need to consider?

## Option 4: Continue to operate from Onerahi:

What do you think are the benefits of this site?
Infrastructure in place
What are your key concerns about this site?
Too small for development
What else do we need to consider at this site?

## Your feedback:

What is your favoured airport location?
Option 1: Ruatangata West (Site 6)
Tell us why you feel this site best meets the needs of a future location of the Whangarei Airport?
Close to the city for people to travel. Not high population to affect it