

**BEFORE INDEPENDANT HEARING COMMISSIONERS  
APPOINTED BY THE TIMARU DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**UNDER:** the Resource Management Act 1991

**IN THE MATTER OF:** Submissions and further submissions  
in relation to the Timaru Proposed  
District Plan

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**SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE OF GERALD ALISTER HENRY HARGREAVES  
ON BEHALF OF WESTGARTH, CHAPMAN, BLACKLER ET AL  
(SUBMITTER NO. 200; FURTHER SUBMITTER NO. 269)**

**HEARING STREAM E2: CULTURAL VALUES**

Dated: 11 February 2025

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## SUMMARY OF EVIDENCE

1. My full name is Gerald Alister Henry Hargreaves.
2. Our property, Kakahu Farm, is located at 1422 Winchester Hanging Rock Road, Kakahu. My family has farmed this property for over 100 years. It is a sheep, beef, and dairy farm. We were one of the largest Angus studs in New Zealand, buying all over New Zealand and in parts of Australia. Our Angus stud provided semen to the dairy industry, with both Angus and Charolais going overseas too. I am a 51% shareholder in Kakahu Farm Limited, and my son Tom Hargreaves does the day-to-day running of the farm.
3. Part of our property is subject to two Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori (**SASM**): SASM-7, Wāhi Taoka: Kakahu Basin and Foothills, and SASM-15, Wai Taoka Lines: Te Kākaho (Kakahu) River.
4. I support Ms White's proposed changes to the rules in the Proposed Timaru District Plan (**Proposed Plan**) for activities in SASM. However, I remain concerned about the extent of the SASM overlay on our property and the district planning process Timaru District Council followed. My key concerns are:
  - (a) Landowners did not have any involvement in the mapping of the SASM.
  - (b) No site visits to our property were conducted before SASM-7 and SASM-15 were mapped.
  - (c) I have no clear understanding of the values that Rūnanga consider need to be protected on my property.
  - (d) The extent of the SASM that have been mapped is unnecessarily broad and does not take into account the specific values of each SASM that are considered necessary to be protected under the Proposed Plan's rules.
  - (e) The effort the Limestone Group have gone to, and the attitude we have towards protecting the cultural values we understand to be on our properties (as a representation of all farmers in the Timaru

District), has been undermined by accusations and/or comments that are being used to justify broader buffer areas for SASM in the proposed plan.

- (f) The increased cost to ratepayers and to farmers seeking resource consents, due to greater consultation requirements and a less permissive rule framework.
  - (g) The cost the Limestone Group has fronted (in addition to that which we contribute as ratepayers) in order to raise its concerns with the Proposed Plan's SASM provisions, when those concerns could have been addressed through collaboration between landowners, Runanga representatives and TDC officers before the Proposed Plan was publicly notified.
  - (h) The uncertainty for the future of farming if the SASM overlays are left as they are, and the possibility of that additional rules may be added in future plan changes that affect our property and family farming business through greater restrictions on existing farming activities and future changes to existing land use, and through provisions allowing access to the sites across our property.
  - (i) The infringement of our property rights through more regulation.
5. I support the changes to the Proposed Plan's provisions for SASM that are requested in the evidence of other members of the Limestone Group, and in the legal submissions that have been presented at the Hearing.
  6. In my view, the extent of the SASM overlays on our properties needs to be reduced to only encompass the land area required to protect against the effects of activities regulated by the Proposed Plan on identified values of the SASM.

**Gerald Alister Henry Hargreaves**

11 February 2025.