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I wish to talk to the main points in my written submission at the hearings to be held between Monday 11 May 2009 and Monday 18 May 2009.

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Your Submission:

Council has proposed delaying the Wainui wastewater treatment plant.

Existing discharge consent into Akaroa Harbour for existing sewerage treatment plant expires in October this year. The consent was granted five years ago on the basis that the BPDC would establish a land based disposal system during the consent period.

During public consultation for the existing consent there were 10 objections to the discharge into the harbour. After a prehearing meeting these objections were withdrawn on the understanding that a land based disposal system would be established during the five year consent duration. Whilst work has been undertaken for design for a new system and a resource consent lodge it is now proposed to delay the installation for five years. This would be a breach of the agreement reached at the pre hearing meeting for the previous consent and could open the council up to all sorts of legal challenges.

The council should proceed with the proposed wastewater scheme for Wainui without delay to avoid breaching the agreement made five years previously by the Councils predecessor, the BPDC.

It is not appropriate for Councils to enter into agreements to obtain a resource consent and then to knowingly breach that agreement.