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Sent: Sun, 3 May 2026 14:25:43 +1200
To: "Kim Smith" <Kim.Smith@rotorualc.nz>
Subject: RE: Plan Change 8 (Natural Hazards) Rotorua District Plan - release of hearing timetable

Kim Smith
Rotorua Policy Planning Team

Dear Kim

I am writing to advise that I am unable to present my submission at the hearing of Plan Change 8 (Natural Hazards) to the Rotorua District Plan.

Below is what I proposed to say for which I would like recorded.

I am Martin Caughey being co- trustee of the Martin Caughey Family Trust at 95 Acacia Road, Lake Okareka.

- Resident of 70 years. Original subdivision of Acacia Rd excavated the original landscape to form the road in the 1940's leaving steep roadside banks which have retained their form.

Subsequent recorded earthquakes have not changed the land form in any way!

- The deep hill excavations of Acacia Rd in several areas are a living evidence of the land structure. This cutting runs South West to North East, the same direction as your falsely designated fault line.

In early 1960's the outlet artesian flow to head the Waitangi stream was blocked, causing widespread flooding. This was controlled after a major land excavation on the eastern banks of Lake Okareka when the pipe was installed.

- The +/-10meter high excavation can provide living evidence of the land structure. This cutting runs West to East.

- There is no need to create new evidence, that is clearly not there...

- My property has engaged two Geotech engineers over the past 4 years, resulting in no Geo technical warnings. BSK and Phoenix engineers, as on the Council property records.

- There is no Ground Deformation associated with surface fault rupture on The Lake Okareka peninsula. Ground deformation occurs at the fault location!

There is more evidence of a lightning strike which has killed trees on the peninsula in recent years.

Any natural disaster cannot be eliminated from our lives, especially due to New Zealand being on the Geological Ring of Fire.

- No planning by qualified people can designate individual properties a risk zone due to the insurmountable forces of nature. Any such action is an infringement of property rights.

- I recommend Council remove all the identified earthquake fault rupture hazard lines and references to, on the maps, and all references to any policies or rules.

My two submissions No's 83 and 84 shall stand.
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From: Kim Smith <Kim.Smith@rotorualc.nz>

Sent: Friday, 24 April 2026 2:19 pm

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Subject: Plan Change 8 (Natural Hazards) Rotorua District Plan - release of hearing timetable

We are writing to confirm the time to present your submission at the hearing of Plan Change 8 (Natural Hazards) to the Rotorua District Plan.

As previously advised, the hearing will take place on 4-5 May 2026 in the Council Chambers at Rotorua Lakes Council.

A hearing timetable is attached. We may need to update the hearing timetable as the hearing progresses, so please continue to check the timetable on the [Plan Change 8 webpage](#).

Please note that submitters are not given a specific time for their presentation but are allocated to sessions. We ask that you arrive at the start of your allocated session and be aware that the panel may not call submitters in the order listed.

Your presentation has been scheduled for the session beginning at 11 am on Day 2, Tuesday 5 May 2026. You have been allocated approximately 10 minutes to present your submission.

The panel has indicated that remote access may be utilised in circumstances that require it; however, a request must be made in advance. If you require remote access and have not yet submitted a request, please email policy.planning@rotorualc.nz as soon as possible. If you have a PowerPoint presentation, please email this to policy.planning@rotorualc.nz no later than the day prior to your presentation so that it can be set up in advance.

Any evidence or summaries to be presented, which have not already been circulated, should be emailed in advance to policy.planning@rotorualc.nz or ten copies provided to the Hearing Secretary on arrival. You do not need to bring hard copies of your original submission.

Hearings are held in public, and you are welcome to attend at any time to observe proceedings outside your allocated session. A livestream will also be available via Council's YouTube Channel [Rotorua Lakes Council - YouTube](#) under the "live" tab.

Finally, a reminder that you can access all hearing-related documents, including material provided by submitters and directions from the hearings panel on the hearing procedure, on the

[Plan Change 8 webpage](#). 'Rebuttal evidence' (responding to previously circulated evidence of submitters) and updated recommendations of the Council's planning staff in response to submitter evidence are currently being added to this webpage.

This webpage will continue to be updated as soon as possible as further documents are received.

Kind regards
Rotorua Policy Planning Team