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Speaker Notes in support of my opposition to the proposal by Glen Isla Protection Society Inc to construct a coastal protection structure at Waihi Beach.

I oppose this proposal as detailed in my submission, dated 20 February 2025 and I seek that this Hearing Authority **declines the application** to build the proposed sea wall structure on public land at Glen Isla Place.

I have considered the information available to me regarding the application alongside other submissions in opposition to the proposed coastal protection structure.

The current condition of the sand dunes in front of Glen Isla place does not support claims from Glen Isla Protection Society (GIPS) that construction of a seawall is required on public land to protect their beachfront properties.

I believe there are numerous alternative softer ways of protecting the properties at Glen Isla Place. I support sand push ups, and more effective management of the Three Mile Creek Dredging Plan.

This proposal seems to me to have lacked transparency and credibility from the onset. It seems to me that it is one family's quest under the premise of a dune protection scheme (GIPS) to protect their private property and an indoor swimming pool they have constructed on an adjacent property.

I wish to acknowledge my suggestions in **Section 2 (a) and 2 (b)** of my submission that my concerns would be reduced if the consenting authority gives consideration and lenience towards the applicant(s) positioning a sea wall constructed of sandbags within their own properties and therefore conducting all construction activities and machinery access exclusively from within the applicant(s) private properties.

I attach Photos taken on 8 August 2025 in support of my notes.







