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Submission to the Local Government and Environment Select Committee on the Resource Management (Simplifying and Streamlining) Amendment Bill 2009.

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Tree and Bird Life Protection on Waiheke : Much of Waiheke lies within Bush Residential zonings. Under Section 76 [4A] of this proposed Bill virtually all of these trees would be at risk, with a consequent effect upon our abundant bird life and biodiversity and current way of life.

Reduction of Public Participation: The proposed Bill shifts the balance of the RMA away from environmental protection and community involvement. It therefore erodes the purpose of the Act as per Section 5 [2].

Higher Appeal fees and Security for costs:: The present fee level enables community groups and even individuals to participate in the Appeal process to some degree effectively. Case history has shown that this has been a necessary and cost effective safeguard against irresponsible development. This proposed amendment will castrate legitimate community involvement to the detriment of the environment.

Reduction in Public Participation due to reduced Resource Consent Notification:
Only about 5% of Resource Consent applications are notified now. Case study histories suggest that the cumulative effects of this Section 94 proposal will be very significantly detrimental.

Restrictions on Appealing Plans and Plan Changes : As stated, this proposal, along with others, undermines a cornerstone of the RMA, namely effective public participation.

- **I / We wish to be heard of this submission**
- **I/We wish to support the submission of the Hauraki Islands Branch of Forest & Bird**
[delete as desired].
- **I/We wish to support the submission of the Waiheke Island Community Planning**
Group Inc - WICPG [delete as desired].
- **I/We wish to be represented by WICPG at hearings of submissions** [delete as desired]

Signed: **Signed:**

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