

EACP Committee

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With Aloha,



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Dear Mr. Earl Matsukawa,

Please accept my comments on the Draft EIS for the proposed (water) lease for the Nahiku, Ke'anae, Honomanu and Huelo License areas.

I care very deeply about this proposed lease of public water because I am a concerned upcountry resident, a "small kine" farmer, substitute teacher, as well as a small business owner and healthy Tutu.

The EIS needs to include the impact on Hawaiians and others in East Maui who don't live along the 10 "restored streams". At least 12 streams in the East Maui lease area had no IIFS process.

These streams serve rural communities. The EIS needs to include a discussion of what would be done to mitigate their situation and provide them adequate stream water to support the farming and cultural needs of those communities.

The DEIS incorrectly concludes that the Water Commission decision restoring 10 East Maui streams and offering some partial flow to other streams, mitigates any impacts to all East Maui cultural users and residents, and provides plenty of water for all East Maui residents.

This is not true. Hundreds of people live in the Huelo lease area with no public water system. They live along streams that have not had any restoration. The preferred Alternative in the EIS would continue the complete diversion of their streams. The EIS needs to discuss this fact and offer mitigations.

The EIS needs a discussion on the positive aspects of having more local SMALL farmers throughout Maui, NOT just large farms in Central Maui.

We MUST move towards FOOD SECURITY and FULL SUSTAINABILITY which will require MORE LOCAL SMALL FARMERS using regenerative farming methods that are water efficient!

The DEIS concludes that Upcountry Maui and East Maui have very limited capacity to support farming, when these were once areas that once fed large parts of Maui's population and produced abundant food to trade to foreign ships.

The EIS needs to discuss alternative water use levels for "Mahi Pono" lands that will allow more water to be available for east Maui and for the County's upcountry system and the farmers (LIKE ME!) it supports.

We need policies in place to ASSURE that there will be plenty of water for these east Maui farms, upcountry farms and island wide farms as well.

Because of this missing information, the DEIS is INSUFFICIENT.

I will expect the Final EIS to contain this missing information and I wish to be a consulted party and be kept informed.

The EIS needs to address the real issues that contribute to food sustainability on our precious island, such as long term solid health and restoring more of our watersheds!

We MUST think and PLAN AHEAD for the sensible measures that we must take to respond to the uncertainties of changing climate conditions in Hawaii.

The 2700 page document that is the "proposed EIS" is full of assumptions that "things can just continue as they've been for over 100 years." **THIS IS NOT supported by facts and is UNACCEPTABLE!**

MAHALO for your consideration,
WE ARE WATCHING YOU!! BE PONO!

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