

**Q4: Preservation of Kuaotunu's dark skies i.e. limiting artificial light which impedes visibility of the night sky**

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Good for Stargazers where I believe this initiated, but also for it's indication that our Rural community lifestyle is being protected - ie minimising of urban/commercial/development.

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As a child the night sky was an absolute picture in the area and we would gaze at it often. It is now ruined by street lights and lights at the camping ground.  
There are more lights in Kuaotunu that we have at home.

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Although it can be argued that street lighting is a safety issue, when most people are here, ie the Christmas holiday period, street light are not really required

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Honestly in my view this is a natural consequence of 1. and 2. and is important for our own sanity rather than for attaining a 'status' that will be 'granted' from the States.

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Again desirable, but do not agree with interfering with ratepayers rights to illuminate their own properties as they see fit

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Would be great if we were able to gain the dark skies reserve status of Tekapo here?

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Preservation of Dark Skies at the expense of safe, illuminated pedestrian walkways is a debate that needs further consideration

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When you come form a most beautiful Stargazers evening, you wish for people to enjoy their homes without lighting it up like a christmas tree!!

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Again, just because it gives us a point of difference and makes the place even more magical.

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It is enough having the glow from Matarangi - our night sky is becoming a rarity lets keep it that way.

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I love that I can experience the night sky without the street lighting - it is one of the attractions when friends and family are visiting

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Need to balance this against public safety but consider that lighting is adequate the way it is.

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No street lights

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Limiting of artificial light would be appreciated not only for the dark skies but also for health reasons such as improved sleep quality

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As long as there are sufficient lampposts at strategic places on streets.

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This is something visitors always comment on so yes, let's retain it!

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Need to have appropriate mechanisms in place to ensure that the maximum level 1 lux is not exceeded.

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In the Coastal Village and Rural zones the following District Plan rule applies:  
Maximum lux level received at any point beyond the site, as measured vertically and horizontally - 1 lux

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It's almost too late. Need to convince people building new homes/baches to have fewer external lights - and also convince our local and Mercury Bay sparkies!!!!!! New houses up on the hills behind

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us are spilling light most of the night because they are so high, even though their lights may be shielded to some extent.

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We do have an extraordinary night sky and we should not jeopardize it. There are already too many very bright lights on Bluff Rd especially around the campground. We've managed til now without street lights - we don't need them - and we should restrict any all-night bright lights on houses. Sensor lights are OK.

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REALLY.... Light pollution of our skies is NOT really a problem here. It's just been in the media this week. 70% of N-Island, and 90% of S-Island has NO light pollution. It's a AKL/HAM/TAU problem. NOT a Thames and whitianga problem. Let alone....

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Best view of the milky away forever.

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Our out of town visitors almost always mention the night sky here.

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It is special and we always enjoy it - such a contrast to the light polluted skies of any city

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I'm always disappointed to look down at Kuaotunu west at night to see the camp grounds lights ablaze and people's security lights on, well into the wee small hours. It's not just street lights that are the problem.

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The use of bollards instead of lamp posts.

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very very hard to get lights and especially advertising taken down again. try get BP/Z/mobil/kfc to turn off they big ugly light every night...

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Light and noise pollution are the two pollutants that are often overlooked when people are discussing quality of the environment and they are just as important as the others causes of environmental degradation.

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it is beautiful

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There needs to be a balance here. Street lighting at night is important for safety of pedestrians

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Perhaps using sensor solar lights that illuminate when people are walking close to them at night rather than having the lights on permanently, and utilizing downward facing street lighting where necessary

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Good for the tourist economy, keeping the night sky visible, good for insects.

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Again artificial lighting is an intrusion best kept to a minimum.

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i appreciate some street lights in the village if i finish work late.....especially in winter time when there is hardly anyone around.

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Think this is a great idea but not sure how it would be implemented.

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Our amazing night skies need to remain unimpeded by further artificial lights such as streetlamps etc.

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Safety for all should be considered a priority

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That's why we live here. Zero, or minimal light pollution is such a rare and special thing. Glass of wine, comfy chair, the night sky and kiwi calling....way better than Netflix and work phone calls after business hours.

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Retain content of existing and very specific existing Community Plan. This is totally in keeping with our small urban village

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This is such an important feature of the Kuaotunu community

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The initial houses built in the Kawhero Drive area were made aware of this need but it has been overlooked by more recently. We need to request new residents adhere to this need.

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Our overseas visitors that stay in our accommodation just love looking at the stars at night

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I feel that it is very important to us as human beings to be able to see the stars clearly. In so many places where people live, the view of these wonderful stars has been sacrificed for 'safety', advertising, convenience, and whatever other reasons. I think this is detrimental to the health of both adults and children.

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Another part of the uniqueness of Kuaotunu that needs to be protected from light pollution.

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You bet of the up most importance

We can start with pulling down that the flashing 50km sign near the tennis courts... That thing lights up the sky and drives me nuts (although I think I'm already that way before the sign).

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