

Good afternoon, my name is Paul Robottom and I am farming at Pendle Hill Station up Wakarara road towards the Ruahine Ranges.

I am the fourth generation of our family farming in CHB and I am here to present my submission not only for myself but all the hard-working family members before me. They have worked their hearts out to break in and develop the farmland over generations.

I farm 1000ha over 2 properties running Sheep and Cattle over steep hill country land.

The home farm at Pendle Hill Road and an extensive very steep farm up Hinerua Ext Road beside the Ruahine Ranges.

My father Bill Robottom who died 2 years ago was strongly against (that is being quite mild and a lot of other words and language was used to show his objection) the SNAs and ONF being imposed onto landowners.

In my opinion this constitutes a land grab or at the very least the premise that the Council and Central Government representatives can better look after this land than the present owners.

Our family have been guardians of this land for many generations and effectively you are stripping that right from us imposing a regime that in your opinion will do a better job than us of managing the land. We take great exception to this and have no intention or desire to cut or destroy the natural bush.

The areas highlighted on our property reflect the effort we have put in over the years to environmentally enhance those areas. You are now saying you want to take that right over with the stroke of a pen and drawing a line on a map from a computer in Wellington.

This seriously undermines what this family has achieved to date.

Firstly, I would like to thank the section 42A report author for listening and agreeing to remove some SNAs from my property and I support the recommendation of the s42A report.

At the very least I would also like the areas that are not indigenous vegetation on my property to be removed.

I would also like the ONF removed from my property that continues over the Forest Park Boundary. This is just a grass gully that is grazing land cannot be seen by anyone.

I also want the SNA 27 removed from my forestry block that is on its second rotation and was harvested back in 2001.

For some reason you have the SNA running through the middle of the forest that is the same both sides of the SNA area.

Also the western side of the same SNA 27 on our property that is blackberry/grass and willow trees for erosion control.

The rest of SNA 123 should also be removed because it is the same vegetation type as the areas recommended to be removed in the 42A Report.

More parts of SNA 1 can also be removed due to being the same area as SNA 1, 31 and 34 that was removed in the 42A report.

We are all only guardians of this land for a short lifetime and our plans and goals are to leave the land in better state than when we started for future generations.

Thank you for listening to my presentation today.