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Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
NATURAL ENVIRONMENT VALUES	ECO-SCHED5	Oppose	<p>We have SNA numbers 39, 40,41, 42, 43 & part of 59 which are part of our property at 288 North Block Road, Wakarara.</p> <p>We also have half of SNA number 144 (the western half) on a block at 1589 Wakarara Road.</p> <p>We wholly disagree with the concept of SNAs.</p> <p>A couple of key points:</p> <p>The bush on the areas at Wakarara on which you have deemed 'SNA' are dying. Consecutive droughts have seen the demise of predominantly native beech in addition to small number of totara, rimu trees etc.</p> <p>The effect of these trees dying is that they are extremely fickle and brittle and with the westerly wind that we can get at Wakarara, they often fall down requiring a certain amount of clearing particularly if they damage existing fence lines or are prohibiting normal farming practice.</p> <p>Very few of the SNA identified areas are fenced off. There is valuable grazing land within them.</p> <p>We have bait stations for possum control within these areas as well.</p> <p>If these 'SNAs' bush areas disappear due to climatic conditions i.e. drought – how will you identify and eliminate them due to them no longer existing? Will this land always be deemed an 'SNA' and if so, why? Will we be required to regenerate the areas and if so, why? This would have serious financial repercussions for us and by you claiming SNAs, we are already be saddled with rateable areas for which we have very little freedom of use over.</p> <p>It would appear to me that farmers are bearing serious financial costs with unbridled regulation from this government and by standing with them on SNAs, you are as bad as them. If there was equity in this world, of which I am under no illusion that there is any, why are town folk getting away with no repercussions at all? Throughout COVID, the world cleaned itself up but unfortunately the world has a very short memory. While farmers kept NZ ticking along and continue to, all we see around us is regulation, pine trees & housing developments which continue to reduce farmers ability to feed the world which is an absolute necessity. And while we kept ticking along, the world cleaned itself up. Ironically there was the same number of livestock, living, breathing and producing but what there wasn't, was the excessive burning of fossil fuels. And now...how much Indonesian coal are we burning to produce power in NZ? How is this allowed without any accountability whatsoever. This SNA legislation is abhorrent and while other sectors of society get away with doing what they always have, you should be standing up for your farming constituency and saying no to SNAs in this area.</p> <p>The largest irony for us up at Wakarara is that we boundary the most significant natural area in Central Hawkes Bay being the Ruahine Forest Park – haven't you got enough already?</p>	Reject SNAs wholly

Documents included with submission

None

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