

Timaru Proposed District Plan

Submission

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Form 5

Submission on publicly notified proposal for policy statement or plan Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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I am directly affected by an effect of the proposed plan, that I do not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

The specifics of my submission is Sites and Areas of Significance to Maori.

I strongly support the position of Federated Farmers of New Zealand and their submission.

I wish to be heard in support of my submission

My submission has be outlined below and is the following;

I have recently received a letter with regards to the Timaru Proposed District Plan. In which some SASM have been highlighted over some areas of our farm. More specifically SASM-23 with regards to water (Wai Taoka). Though I understand the importance of preserving such areas I do, however, believe that the mapping of such areas to be overreaching. With regards to the area running down along the Rangitata river. It is proposed that an area, over 600m from the river has been deemed as a SASM. Our paddocks which are used for grazing animals and winter crops are far from the bed of the river and substantially higher than that of the river bed, over 50m. We are stewards of the land and have a large focus on the environment that we farm. Having planted thousands of tree for shade and shelter, preserving the quality of our paddocks to be as rich and productive as we can.

I am not sure on what basis the mapping is done but this farm has been held by us since over 30 years to very high standards, winning several environmental awards along the way. We are committed to continuing this high standard and farming practices. Adhering to many of the new rules and regulations implemented by the government and local councils.

We believe that with better mapping and more farm based approach with the mapping, this will eventuate in areas that have been unintentionally mapped without proper consideration for private landowners and their needs. This has been identified by other farmers in the area, who I have hopped will submit.

On the basis of what has been mapped and the belief that my land has been incorrectly mapped, I oppose all the rules as they stand, apart from the accidental discovery in SASM-R1, PER-2. I believe it is important to protect our history and culture for future generations to enjoy.

I am also concerned about SASM-P4, it is important to note that private property rights need to trump access onto private land. It is important that as a farmer I have a business to run. I can not managed to make sure all areas of my farm are safe and able to be accessed. It is also not fair on stock and animals to have strangers walking through their paddocks. From a logistical and stock welfare perspective, this policy needs to be re-written or removed. I am all for having access, but only when a relationship is created between the local iwi and myself as the landowner. This should not be forced upon me as a ratepayer.

I am also not in support of the SASM - R6 and R8. These are way too over prescriptive and create unnecessary regulation on me as a landowner. I know what my land requires and what enable sustainable management of the land. The evidence of planting trees, shade and shelterbelts are important for stock welfare and land management. The environment is forever changing and to restrict activities because of my overlay when something may not be on their land is hard to fathom. Until I have my land remapped I strongly oppose this rule.

Below are some arial shots of the areas mapped out in the Proposed Plan showing the use as farm land.

So in summary it is my belief that that the map is over reaching and could impact us on the farm in the years to come.

I authorise this as my submission to the Timaru District Council
Name: Ashley Carr
Date: 15.12.2022

For the rest of my details please contact me above for the following.

Wai Taoka

View section

Unique Identifier: SASM-23
Name: Rākitata (Rangitata) River (including south branch)

Wahi Tupuna

View section

Unique Identifier: SASM-6
Name: Bēkitahe/ Orari/ Te Umu Kahā/ Mt Peel upper catchment

Wai Taoka Lines

View section

Unique Identifier: SASM-23
Name: Itākitata (Kangitata) River (including south branch)

Natural Environment Values

Light Sensitive Area

View section

Notable Tree Group

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