

Submission on Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea.

Form 5 Submission on publically notified proposal for policy statement or plan, change or variation

Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

To: Timaru District Council - Planning Unit

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This is a submission on the following proposed plan (the **proposal**): Proposed Timaru District Plan - He Po. He Ao. Ka Awatea.

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I wish to be heard: No

I am willing to present a joint case: No

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition in making this submission?

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Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that

(a) adversely affects the environment; and

(b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition

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Submission points

Point 21.1

Section: SCHED6 – Schedule of Sites and Areas of Significance to Kati Huirapa

Sub-section: SCHED6B – Wahi taoka areas

Provision:

SASM7	Kākahu basin and foothills	This is one of the few remaining areas of ngahere in the district. Values include mahika kai, taoka species, ara tawhito, harvest of materials, trading, ngahere, Kā tuhituhi o neherā.
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Sentiment: Amend

Submission:

We aim to farm in the most sustainable way so that the land can be left for the future generations in a better position than when we started. We, as a family, have been farming Cattle, Sheep and deer in this area for almost 50 years. This is the first time we have ever heard of our land being a site of Maori significance. It is extremely important to us that we leave our children and their families a viable farming operation that protects their livelihoods in years to come. We value our land as much as Maori descent do, We feel it is unfair to blanket rule our entire farm as one big SASM (7). We require more clarity around where these particular sites on our privately owned land are. We request that Local Ranunga give us speciifc detail on what it actually is that we are trying to protect. The SASM-7 Area includes a diverse range of farmland but no specific pinpoints which we are struggling to understand.

We are constantly looking at improving what we can do to ensure we can look after the biodiversity already present, and add to what is already there. We believe that we are already managing the land in a sustainable manner and requiring us to apply for additional consents to change what we do each year will result in a significant increase in both time and costs. This adds alot of extra cost to any consent application that needs to be taken into account by the decision makers.

Relief sought

We request further information is provided to us , as to what is specifically significant within these areas and then adjust the areas to more accurately reflect these sites. The provisions applied to these areas should then reflect the varying level of significance of each area.

Consideration must be taken for the fact many of these provisions are already covered by existing provisions within ECAN's consents. Requiring another consent from the Timaru District Council would result in a duplication of time and money for no material gain. This adds significant costs to the whole process and delays farmers the opportunity to be nimble in their decision making as it slows down the whole process. It also adds to the increased stress of farmers as it adds a whole new layer of rules and oversight that needs to be complied with. We do not believe this is fair nor reasonable when mental stress is already a very significant issue for the rural community.