

Online submission

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Directly affected	N/A
Withhold contact details?	No

Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
[General]	[General]	Oppose	you have marked my property with an sna and effectivly taken 95% of my land i totally oppose it as it is theft by government you have 85% of the bush on the coast locked up with doc already, which you took years ago!! get off my land!!	you're steeling my land stop steeling land.
Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	Oppose	Its my land and to gain resourse consent to remove and use my own trees be it exotic or indesginous from my own land is unaffordable and will limit what i can and can't do on my own property. The council did not consult or take into account the existing areas as detailed above, instead they drew a line from a desk top computer and took 95% of my property?? I want it reassesed and disolved off the bottom half of my property and compensated for the rest.	I want the government to take into account my existing land use rights, building sites(*3 sites*5000m2 per site), deer traps * 2 sites * 1h sites, logging tracks, landing pads (*3 sites 3000m2 each site) for my sustainable forestry permit and also a 50 + year old pine plantation which you have put all under the SNA???? (DOC 004) This wording (doc 004) is incorect. this is my land and it should say nicholas johnston as property/title owner????These areas need to be excluded from the SNA area and report as they are pre existing and needs to be documented accordingly.
Mineral Extraction Zone	Mineral Extraction Zone	Oppose	reinstate the land and forest you destroyed and exclude my land from the sna as to the existing landing pads, tracks, deer traps, pine plantation and building sites which are on my property and have been for 100 years!	you destroyed the whole hill side of mount buckley for the kiwi quarry which was in an sna and then the council government excluded it from the sna area?? due to existing land use rights (which i have aswell.). You were meant to protect this area as a special corridor but you didn't you destroyed the whole ecosystem and now its been closed due to unsafe issues (which they knew of before they destoyed it. undercutting of the river and road. and now you want to inforce impose an SNA on me and my property? not going to happen.!

[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>Hi This is nick Johnston I'm contacting you in regards to SNA proposed boundaries and already imposed properties with an SNA?? Firstly I contacted WCRC 9 years ago, (and prior to that the old owner i bought the property from opposed and submitted the same infomation and again nobody listening and just swept under the carpet.) to ask about this SNA and i was told to contact GDC as it was in the grey distric so i did and i feel like i was delyed and detered for the last 9 years as i have been told to contact the WCRC once again.</p> <p>I was reading the article in the Otago times about Mr Barrett in Stillwater and it sounds exactly the same as to what happened to my property that I bought off Bruce lightfoot (75 + year old) 3 years ago as he fought and fought with the council and with a lawyer as he had a sustainable forestry permit on the property that he had for 30+ years (and logged 100 years before) and still has one on it luckily (which I will be milling in the near future). I'm worried I may not be able. Unfortunately he didn't let the council or doc onto his property either when they were proposing the sna areas and as a result they (the council) did the same as with mr Barrett and did a desk top exercise and assessment with no landowner consultation reached and takeover three quarters of my land aswell by drawing a pink line through the property and a new name where the title owners name usually is said DOC-004???? I'm pretty sure Doc doesn't own it, as I do!</p> <p>He had had enough of everything as he was diagnosed with cancer and couldn't fight it anymore and moved to Australia he then sold the property to me and now I'm trying to sort this out as I am Dumfounded with what they (the council) have done in the last three years with the quarry around the corner at kiwi point as I have an old map of the proposed sna area and the area of the quarry was very small area and then the next map I saw they had pushed the boundaries of the quarry to take up the whole side of mount Buckley which is on the other side that I own? I don't understand why or how as a government or council owned quarry they could destroy a whole ecosystem! In a time when they are imposing sna areas on privately owned land and not protecting land they or we as a nation own, and not look at pushing Bruce Lightfoot's (now mine) boundary areas out for building areas, deer traps, landing pads, tracks and my pine plantation which already exists.</p> <p>I'm Just wondering why there are two different types of assessing sna areas 1. privately owned land and 2. government, doc or council owned??? Seems to be working in favour for the government claiming more land and not paying a cent. I was lucky enough to get all the emails from him (Bruce lightfoot) to the council and lawyers so that I knew what was going on. Many thanks for your time If you would like to talk about this please don't hesitate to email or call me on 0221361552 or 0225741831 or I could come into the offices and meet you there? Cheers Nick Johnston</p>	SNA boundries and red lines? stop steeling our land
[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>you are steeling 95% of my land by not letting me do things on it and chargeing me for things i want to do and other people don't need to pay anything like DOC which doesn't pay rates or fees to do things on public land. Public land not private!!!!!!!</p> <p>I want the government/council recongnise and record acordingly the existing land use rights on the property with regards to existing building sites, landing pads, deer traps, pine plantation and forestry tracks on my property and exclude these areas from the sna area just like you did with Kiwi Quarry on the other side of mt buckley. the difference will be i wont destroy the ecosystem.</p>	I request the government/council recongnise and record acordingly the existing land use rights on the property with regards to existing building sites, landing pads, deer traps, pine plantation and forestry tracks on my property and exclude these areas from the sna area just like you did with Kiwi Quarry on the other side of mt buckley.
[General]	[General]	Oppose	get your hands off my land if you want it, buy it!!!!!!! i bought it.	return my land
[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>you are giving two or three different status on properties owned by iwi, government/council/doc and private non maori land owners and this is discrimination and are being racist.</p> <p>you own or have stolen already 85% of the native bush on the west coast and now you want to claim or steel and lock up the rest of the land you don't own!! GET OFF! i love my land and dont wont it distroyed but i also dont want to pay the government extra money for doing the same thing that has been done on this land for over 100 years cut back and logged where other properties dont pay shit!!</p>	dont be racist and discriminant about the lands you are imposing sna's on.
[General]	[General]	Oppose	protect the land you own already and stop imposing restrictions on the land you dont own!	the government has wasted \$2m+ on these plans and could of bought the properties that you want to impose the sna's on and it would of all been sorted.

[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>protect your own land and leave private land alone u have no right to steal more land and impose all the restrictions and resourse consents and hoops that we have to jump though and pay to carry out forestry work and clear land for new buildings that cant be seen from the road.</p> <p>As to supports of this. They probably dont own any of this land and its easy for them to say yeah i support these SNA areas as they really have nothing to do with this land as i bought it and they just want more for nothing!,</p>	<p>To have the submissions acturaly heard!</p> <p>I submitted against this last time and nothing was done and then when i ask how things were going i was told the submission period had closed and nothing furthur could be done, and the previous owner also opposed the areas in question and also wasn;t heard just imposed and walked over so whats the point of submitting something when the government has already made there mind up?????????? they can buy it!!</p>
[General]	[General]	Oppose	<p>One of my properties which is not in the sna is 6000m2 is now valued at 180k and my 180000m2/18hectre property which is right next to the other is only valued at 110k so because of the proposed and imposed, (2011 imposement which we put submissions in and never got heard, with you the government/council just drawing a little pink line through the property and we had no right to say otherwise.!) THIS IS STEALING!!</p> <p>With an sna over my property the value of the property is a 10th of what it should be, we're not happy!!</p> <p>I will be cutting trees down and clearing all the landing pads,old building sites, deer traps, pine plantation and forestry tracks so i can put some cabins up there and i will not be paying extra consent fees to do so.</p> <p>If you want to control it, then buy it yourself!!!!!!!</p>	<p>Exclude half of my property from the sna (as you did with kiwi quarry) due to existing land use rights, so i can subdivide some of my property so it will be worth something in the future.</p>

Documents included with submission

- Document name** Existing tracks landing pads building sites

File [a485c606269842659e5bf0a7352de95f.jpeg](#)

Description Existing tracks landing pads and building sites

- Document name** Natural value

File [abdf245678e5436ca3dd1d86a5044b7a.jpeg](#)

Description Ecological significance report

- Document name** sna boundry

File [img_4718.jpg](#)

Description red line imposment

- Document name** wallsend early 1900

File [img_4720.png](#)

Description cut over 100 years ago

Existing landing pads & logging tracks



Plot of Bruce Gordon (Owner)

DOC-004

id Reserve Legal Riverbed (LINZ)



Existing building sites

Confirmed SNA B



DOC-004

NATURAL VALUES

1. Structure & Diversity:

The permit area has a mixed topography, comprising a basin and low hill slopes. Vegetation consists of a mix of tall, essentially unlogged, forest of hard beech-rimu-[miro]/dense quintinia-toro-kamahi/dense shrub ground cover in the basin, and surrounding logged forest of hard beech-[miro-rimu]/ beech saplings-quintinia-kamahi/light ground cover or variations of these. Occasional red beech, totara and kahikatea are also present. In old heavily logged areas there are dense thickets of almost pure sapling-small tree hard beech. A well-formed forest structure is present in the basin area, whereas logged sections lack some of the normal diversity that would be expected in such types. Both are however typical frontal hill country types.

2. Ecosystem Processes:

One small creek flows from the area, with the main south branch track crossing a tributary channel of it. It is likely harvesting will result in a minor siltation discharge during operations, but this will not impact on the Grey River or other water systems.

Logging of individual tree or groups of trees is to be undertaken. Good regeneration of hard beech and miro occurs throughout. Totara, rimu and red beech has only localized regeneration. The intention is to supplement podocarps natural regeneration with nursery raised planting stock. It is expected red beech will naturally/adequately regenerate without the need for supplementary planting. Natural regeneration, along with planting, will result in a high forest with a similar diversity and structure.

The applicant does not discuss the areas wildlife values in any detail. The area provides habitat for a range of common bird species. Impact of the proposal will be minimised by relatively low and scattered harvest.

3. Ecological Significance:

The area occurs near the junction of Hochstetter, Greymouth and Blackball ecological districts.

Forest types present are not unique in terms of their occurrence through the region, being well represented on private, local body and crown land.

The two distinctive forest types present contain plants commonly found in similar community/geographic types.

The proposal is not considered a significant impact on the forest types in terms of their regional representativeness or distinctiveness.



View of the coalmining town of Brunner, showing the bridge and mine. Ref; PA1-0-498-36, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand.

By the 1880s the underground Brunner