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Joint presentation	Yes
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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	<p>Visitors want accommodation choices. Many want privacy, gardens and full cooking facilities which are not offered by other types of accommodation. If there are not enough places to stay visitors drive through after a fuel and toilet stop. In this past year my cottage guests have comprised a local family needing a month's stay while their house was finished, a builder for a month helping rebuild westport, a woman for 6 months here to care for her sick aged parents, and a range of visitors for the national surf champs, the marathon, the dance comps, cycling and walking. They have spent money at Donaldos in Carters Beach and other food and hospitality places in the area, bought quilts, art, fuel, gifts etc etc. Short term accommodation like this is used NOT just for short term but for a range of housing for the longer short term. Without it many of our satellite visitor areas e.g. punakaiki, fox river, carters beach, grantiy etc would be full of empty badly maintained holiday houses which only wealthy people can afford. Ex-locals like me would be unable to afford our high rates without being able to cover the expenses required to own property here. I would sell my two tiny cottages to probably a rich nelsonian who can afford to let them sit idle until they want to come down. Currently I employ several locals to help me run the place and keep it tidy. Make it any more difficult to provide and share my place with visitors and I along with a bunch of others keen to support and invest in the Buller and its tourism future, will give up. Get rid of the restrictions!</p>	<p>Buller District Council's moves to restrict residential visitor accommodation GRZ - R6 in residential areas. Rules requiring owners/operators to live on site e.g. homestays etc should be scrapped and other restrictions out of kilter with the rest of the region should be scrapped to. Investors need consistency throughout the Coast. One Plan should be One Plan not One Plan except except except.... The region needs all the accommodation it can get to support the new cycle and walking trails and the area's events and emergency accommodation needs. It was strong domestic tourism that got BDC and the area through the Covid downturn. It is economic suicide to throttle this part of the region's accommodation, now.</p>

Documents included with submission

None