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Wish to be heard	Yes
Joint presentation	Yes
Trade competition	I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
Directly affected	N/A
Withhold contact details?	No

Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
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Natural Environment Values	Natural Environment Values	Amend
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I oppose the designation of the entry to Kahurangi National Park/Fenian Track/Adams Flat (aka The Pyramid) as an expanded mineral extraction area. I'm not clear if the best way to do this is to AMEND the Natural Environment Values and/or OPPOSE the Mineral Extraction Zone currently designated and planned to expand at the entry to Kahurangi National Park along the Oparara River. The decision sought is to protect it from further environmental destruction that is now, and increasingly visible, part of the aesthetic character of Karamea, entry to a National Park with notable trees and species and is 30 million old rock with yet to be assessed protected species, fossils, and caves. Whether it is best to designate this area as an Outstanding Natural Landscape and/or Outstanding Natural Character and/or Outstanding Coastal Natural Character is unsure, but the intention is to not allow this 30 million year old Pyramid to be permanently destroyed for short term fertiliser usage.

The entry to the Kahurangi National Park/Fenian Track is a one of a kind majestic entry with two dramatic and ancient limestone pyramids along the beautiful Oparara River. It is often referred to as 'The Pyramid' as its unique visual appearance shows the grand entry to Kahurangi National Park. This is part of the 'Karamea skyline' as it is visible from the entire Oparara Loop, the Last Resort (town) and the entirety of the Karamea Coastal area for locals and tourists. My main concerns include:

1. It is proposed as a mineral extraction zone (or expanding the zone) that will result in additional and absolute devastation to 'The Pyramid' at a national park entry. It is now visibly scarred as extraction moves up the Pyramid.
2. This Pyramid is limestone and some of the oldest rocks in New Zealand and holds a plethora of rare protected species in New Zealand as outlined by DOC including glow worms and Powelliphanta snails (the shells of which are found across the Pyramid and at the quarry) let alone what can be identified in the caves of the Pyramid. Blue ducks and other rare species are also found on and in the Oparara River.
3. This park entry has beautiful and rare SYMMETRICAL foothills along Oparara Valley with notable trees of aesthetic and botanical importance.
4. There are also protected species backing up directly to Kahurangi National Park with freshwater streams flowing directly into the Oparara River and National Park. The outfall of mineral extraction here includes dust and noise pollution into the Park and surrounding lifestyle blocks as well as into the river.
5. The activity at the entrance to the Park is already disruptive with dust, environmental damage, river run-off that affects the park and quarrying further up the Pyramid will permanently destroy this entry point as well as the rare visible beauty of 2 symmetrical pyramids - all visible to any tourist traveling to the Heaphy or Oparara Arches as well.
6. Ancient hidden limestone caves and ancient fault lines that are yet to be explored and documented in the Pyramid are likely to include fossils and artifacts millions of years old along with protected species as in the park 100 meters away..
7. It may be a site of Maori Significance and this has yet to be assessed or ascertained.

Our request is to mitigate and avoid further damage by limiting mineral extraction to this beautiful area and ensure it can be rehabilitated and preserved for the visual beauty and posterity of the Karamea Community and Karamea Coastal area for generations to come. We've been advised the best way to do this is to have it be protected as an Outstanding Natural Landscape but we welcome direction as to how protect this area. This process is extremely hard to navigate and understand whether opposing an item or amending it and what 'drop down' to select hence including our clear rationale here.

This land is truly unique in not only its flora and fauna backing up literally to the National Park, but also in its aesthetic value that has already seen enhanced clear cutting and blasting of 30 million year old limestone. As part of the coastal environment and with rural lifestyle block homes nearby, it is of aesthetic value to our entire coastal community due to its visibility. Expanded mineral extraction would not only further decimate the visual majesty of the area, but the excessive earthworks would further act as a deterrent to access to the Kahurangi National park and Fenian Track and pollute the nearby forest and Oparara River.

I appreciate there is a felt need for fertiliser, but in the 21st century is there not a better option than destroying a majestically visible 30 million year old pyramid entry to a National Park with yet to be identified species and fossils?

Sources:

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/parks-and-recreation/national-parks/kahurangi-np-visitor-information.pdf>

<https://www.doc.govt.nz/parks-and-recreation/places-to-go/nelson-tasman/places/kahurangi-national-park/things-to-do/tracks/fenian-walks-and-tracks/>

Documents included with submission

Document name Park Entry

File [parkentry.jpeg](#)

Description Entry to Kahurangi National Park/Fenian Trail/Adam's Flat

Document name Pyramid extraction moving up

File [pyramid2.jpeg](#)

Description Extraction moving up Pyramid at entry National Park

Document name Symmetrical Pyramid Entry to National Park

File [symmetricalpyramids.jpeg](#)

Description 2 rare symmetrical pyramids at entry to Kahurangi National Park/Fenian

Picture 1: Entry to Kahurangi National Park/Fenian Trail with extraction increasing

Picture 2: Extraction clear cutting moving up the Pyramid

Picture 3: Shows scarring now visible on once symmetrical 30 million year old limestone pyramids at entry to National Park

Mineral Extraction Zone	Mineral Extraction Zone	Oppose
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NO EXIT



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Kahurangi
National Park

Fenian Track →
Adams Flat





