

# Online submission

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

## Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
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Natural Environment Values      Natural Environment Values      Amend

We wish to amend the Outstanding Natural Landscape, Outstanding Natural Character, and/or Outstanding Coastal Natural Character to include the entry to Kahurangi National Park/Fenian Track/Adams Flat also known as 'The Pyramid' in Karamea.

## Documents included with submission

None

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 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. Our main concerns include:

It is proposed as a mineral extraction zone that will result in additional and absolute devastation to 'The Pyramid' at a national park entry.

This Pyramid is limestone and some of the oldest rocks and holds a plethora of rare and a multitude of 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)..

This park entry has beautiful and rare SYMMETRICAL foothills along Oparara Valley with notable trees of aesthetic and botanical importance.

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 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.

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..

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. We've been advised the best way to do this is to have it be protected as an Outstanding Natural Landscape. We welcome direction as to how protect this area.

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 pollute the Oparara River.

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/>