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Submission points

Plan section	Provision	Support/oppose	Reasons	Decision sought
Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori	Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori	Oppose	<p>My husband and I own residential properties in Central Greymouth.</p> <p>Our most recent acquisition were two small residential zoned titles of land in Central Greymouth which were acquired from Mawhera Incorporation Ltd (Mawhera), which only settled in late May 2022.</p> <p>We were not only disappointed, but also surprised to find just a few short weeks later the area had been zoned as a "Site and Area of Significance to Maori" with immediate legal effect.</p> <p>We do not believe the site is of such significance to Maori, given that they already owned it and made a conscious decision to sell it to us.</p> <p>Mawhera actually went to the trouble of locating and contacting us, as neighbouring property owners on two occasions, asking if we wanted to purchase the two titles from them.</p> <p>Also understand that the lengths that Mawhera went to in order to rid themselves of this Site of Significance to Maori, were quite protracted. The land needed to be put before the Maori Land Court to transfer it from Maori Land to General Land, so as it could be disposed of by Mawhera.</p> <p>This process took over 12 months.</p> <p>If the land truly is of Significance to Maori, why has the Maori Land Court recently passed an order determining the land status of many properties within Central Greymouth to be General, as opposed to Maori Land.</p> <p>In considering this, please understand that in all cases, it was Mawhera Incorporation that lodged application with the Maori Land Court seeking such an order of determination (in some cases such as ours, as recently as October 29th, 2021).</p> <p>The land was clearly not sold by Mawhera out of spontaneity or on a whim.</p> <p>I feel that as Mawhera acts in the commercial interests of West Coast Iwi, they have acted duplicitously by disposing of properties in very recent time, only then to have the Iwi they represent include these properties in Sites and areas of Significance to Maori under the Te Tai O Poutini Draft Plan during consultation.</p>	<p>I want Council to make provision for exemption under the Plan for all properties that have been willingly sold by the Mawhera Incorporation, and directly or indirectly associated entities, within the last five years, and that have also now been identified under the Te Tai O Poutini Draft Plan as Sites and Areas of Significance to Maori.</p> <p>This provision should apply especially to land that the Mawhera Incorporation, and directly or indirectly associated entities, have had moved from the Maori Land Register to the General Land Register.</p>

Documents included with submission

None