

Hi my name is Murray Stewart, I farm at Taramakau Settlement and Turiwhate with my wife and 2 sons and their wives on 2 dairy farms and 1 beef and sheep farm, It is a multi-generational operation and I am 4th generation.

I find the Definition that you have used for ONL 27 to be wrong, with the statement of Mature Indigenous Bush incorrect as most of the lowland bush has been milled or in areas like the Greenstone and Kumara mined. It is instead regenerating indigenous bush, and the riverbeds are mostly gorse, With the comment that it is Beech Forest, To get beech forests you have to go to Aickens or Otira before you see any stands of Beech, the rest is podocarp.

Beauty is in the eye of the beholder I have seen Tourists photographing ragwort, lupins and hydrangeas along the roadsides, As well as the hillsides.

It appears ONL is being used as a defacto SNA, hindering development and maintenance of farmland and infrastructure.

In our case it will make it hard to access rock for river protection works, The closer we can get rock to where the river protection is needed the more economical the jobs become.

The rock that we have been using is along the bush edge of the farmland being deposits from old slips off the hills.

I would call that all private land be excluded from ONL.

The original mapping was way out of date.