

Groundswell NZ submission 562 presentation to TTPP hearing panel.

The focus of our submission is Section 6 matters relating to natural and cultural values on private land. The main concerns raised by West Coast property owners is consistent with elsewhere around the country – the use of mapping and/or rules to address Section 6 matters, particularly SNA's, SASM's, wetlands and the various landscape classifications.

In our presentation we would like the hearing panel to consider:

1. How to define 'protect' in relation to natural and cultural values on private land? What factors are important in achieving protection? How does the TTPP planning approach of mapping and rules achieve protection?
2. How does the TTPP approach to section 6 matters achieve the purpose of the RMA section 5 (copied below).
3. Section 32 is a fundamental component to ensuring successful planning outcomes. The overriding objective of section 32 is for planning decision makers to be assured that the chosen planning mechanisms will work.
4. Alternative approaches to protecting natural and cultural values on private land reflecting on the definition of protect and the factors critical to achieve protection.

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5 Purpose

(1)

The purpose of this Act is to promote the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.

(2)

In this Act, **sustainable management** means managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while—

(a)

sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (excluding minerals) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and

(b)

safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and ecosystems; and

(c)

avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.