

Proposed Te Tai o Poutini Plan

Response to Panel Minute 21 Natural Features and Landscapes

Prepared for Ms Lois Easton, by Bridget Gilbert, Landscape Architect | 4 April 2025

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ONL 31 – specifically, the Cobden to Point Elizabeth frontage where part of a pine plantation has been carved out and there are large areas non-indigenous vegetation.	ONL 31 has been amended to remove larger scaled production forestry areas.
ONL 27 – in particular, the location of the ONL boundary along the Taramakau River which may incorporate areas of river protection works; and to the south of State Highway 73 near the boundary with ONL 25, where there maybe quarry sites on the edge of the ONL.	<p>The ONL27 mapping has been amended to exclude the small-scale quarries on the edge of the area (located on south side of SH73.</p> <p>No other changes are recommended to the mapping of ONL 27 in this location as it would appear from the aerial photography of the area that any river protection works are of a scale that they do not form a dominant or prominent element that shapes landscape values. It is also noted that the Schedule 5 Preamble recommended by Ms Easton, acknowledges that the schedules do not address modifications such as infrastructure and that such existing modifications are of a scale, character and/or location such that the area still qualifies as outstanding.</p>
ONL 29 – adjoining Mitchells.	<p>No change to the mapping of ONL 29 near Mitchells is supported from a landscape perspective.</p> <p>As explained in the January 2024 Landscape Report:</p> <p><i>Relying on the updated ONL mapping (January 2024), the extent and configuration of the ONL 29 mapping near Lake Brunner Eco Lodge is considered to be technically correct. In particular, the ONL captures the elevated and contiguous bush-clad land in the area, with the ONL boundary aligned to follow landform and/or bush edges.</i></p> <p><i>The submission seeks that land is excluded on the basis of their intentions to expand the Lake Brunner Eco Lodge. Such an approach does not align with landscape assessment best practice which assesses the landscape 'as it is' (taking into consideration the 'existing environment') and does not include consideration of development that may or may not occur at some time in the future as a relevant part of landscape values.</i></p>

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ONL 44, 45 and 46 just south of Fox River.	The mapping of ONL 44, 45 and 46 has been reduced (and extended in places), in the vicinity of Fox River, near Pahautane in the October 2024 mapping version so that it better corresponds to the extent of mature contiguous bush cover
ONL 45 around 4224 State Highway 6, Punakaiki.	The mapping of ONL 45 around 4224 SH6, Punakaiki, has been reduced (and extended in places), so that it captures the contiguous elevated bush areas only.
ONL 41 in the vicinity of the Cascade Mine where there is an overlap with the Buller Coalfields Zone.	The overlap of ONL 41 with the Buller Coalfields Zone is supported from a landscape perspective, as there is nothing in the overlap area that sets it apart from the balance of the ONL.
ONL 54 in proximity to the West Coast Regional Council quarry off Arapito Road.	The overlap of ONL 54 with the Mineral Extraction Zone is supported from a landscape perspective, as there is nothing in the overlap that sets it apart from the balance of the ONL.