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**SUBMISSION RE:**

PLAN CHANGE 23 – RURAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT SUBMISSION ON PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 23 TO THE MACKENZIE DISTRICT PLAN.

Trade Competition – I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

I do not wish to be heard in regard to my submission.

**Re Proposed Outstanding Natural Feature “Tengawai Cliffs”**

The Tengawai Cliffs are a most important feature within the Eastern Mackenzie District which has been unfortunately overlooked in the Landscape Study. I have visited the area on several occasions and have seen the impressive limestone rock formations and some of the critically endangered plants growing there. I understand that there is a very high number of threatened species there for an area of this size. Including endemic plant species which have a highly threatened status and are not found elsewhere, such as the Manahune limestone gentians. As well as critically threatened native plants the Tengawai Cliffs also provide important habitats for native skinks and geckos of which at least two are classified as being “As Risk”.

The geological features of the Tengawai Cliffs are most impressive and stand out for their special formations not seen in other areas of our Region. So, I feel it is most important that the Tengawai Cliffs receive the highest level of protection in the Mackenzie District Plan. Images of these outstanding landscape features are included in the book *Landscape of Dreams Nature’s Treasure Chest* by Hermann Frank.

I therefore would fully support and recommend the inclusion of a new ONF in the Mackenzie District Plan and look forward to such action being taken by the Council.

-Fraser Ross – Timaru.