

TO the administrator MDC District Plan

Ian Morrison Silver Hill

The recommendation of the 42A report to support the Hermann Frank addition to the FMA on Silver Hill is very concerning and not consistent with other decisions in the immediate area .

This is a large area some 339 hectares in total that is below the 500-metre mark with an average of 400 metres. It is divided into 20 paddocks of around 17 hectares, some smaller some larger all top dressed and over sown annually since the 1960s.

The gully to the north being Tramway Bush was identified as Site 80 SNS in 2001 and included in the District Plan with my blessing at that stage. The recommendation was that the lower reaches were not identified as reaching the criteria for the plan. Neither was the gully named Cherry Bush (see recommendation of Dr David Norton in his report dated 20 March 2004) which the original FMA bisects in the middle.

Although some areas may have some value biodiversity wise these would be better dealt with by the biodiversity legislation to follow as none of this can be seen from the road and is therefore out of scope.

There is a 13-hectare pine production forest in the northeast corner currently growing a second rotation.

And was harvested in 2016 after 24 years with outstanding results. This is perfect forestry country, not visible and good rainfall.

The remaining area is in very good pasture being flat to rolling hill and established pasture through cultivation and spray establishment. It is highly modified from native and is the powerhouse of the rest of the 1140 hectare run block which is more extensive although OSTD frequently.

Silage/hay are frequently made, and winter feed crops grown on this site.

There is cattle yards sheep yards and a hut beside the river boundary and if the block was ever to be run as stand alone a homestead may be built within that vicinity. The run is consented to carry 3800 stock units.

Extensive consents are in place from the commissioner of crown lands including for cultivation, fencing, OSTD, water scheme and plantation forestry. These go through a rigorous consultation with Linz, Doc and Māori. These are legal existing use rights. They are all included in S2a and S2b .

I request the removal S2a and S2b from the Plan for the above reasons .

I did not have the ability to receive a site visit from Ms Plfuger and Nick Boyes as I was away in the North Island when notification came through as an email with no follow up phone message and although I was home on the 7th of April I was unaware .The visit would have been helpful to us all as I see an area south

of the Tengawai Gorge with similar levels of intensification and perhaps steeper was not recommended for inclusion in the FMA after the visit .

I hope you will give this due consideration and will attach David Nortons report and some photos if I am able to.

Ian Morrison

As I was unable to attend a site visit any reference to my submission and to a site visit should be struck from the record.

A site visit with the landholder is not a view from a hill one kilometre away ,a look at a map and no landholder present.

This is in relation to S2a and S2b 42a report para.338 ,339 ,340

I have sent supporting information for my submission

Tengawai Cliffs 42a ss5 336

The new map of this area (appendix 5) Includes areas where there are no Cliffs and in fact utilities like water and tracking are and also cultivated land . I request a re map of this area to be more accurate

The attached report is a gully that Ms Pfluger refers to in 338 She also refers to the Tramway which as already

Designated as a SNS

These 2 gullies should not trigger a FMA of the whole area as Ms Pfluger has stated the area is not readily visible from any public roads

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