

Plan Change 23 – General Rural Zone, Natural Features and Landscapes and Natural Character

Further submission on Proposed Plan Change 23 to the Mackenzie District Plan.

Form 6 Under Clause 8 of the First Schedule of the RMA 1991.

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6. I am a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest that the general public has for the following reasons:
7. (a) Mackenzie Guardians Inc (the Society) was incorporated in 2009. The aims of the Society are to promote the protection of the natural/naturalistic wildlife, water, vegetation, heritage and landscape values of the Mackenzie Country. Since it was formed it has participated in a number of plan and policy development processes in order to achieve its objectives on behalf of concerned members of the community in the Canterbury region.

(b) The Society participated in MDC Plan Change 13 and presented expert landscape and ecological evidence in the Environment Court. The purpose of PC13 is to provide greater protection of the landscape and ecological values of the Mackenzie Basin Subzone from inappropriate subdivision, development and use. The Society is currently a participant in MDC Plan Change 18, the chapter of the Plan that focusses on Indigenous Biodiversity.

Further submission points:

Support/oppose the submission of:	Particular parts of the submission that is supported/opposed are:	Reasons for support/opposition are:	Seek that the whole or part of the submission be allowed or disallowed:
Herman Frank PC23.06	Support Points 6.02 Natural Features and Landscapes NFL Policies NFL-P1	Important to recognise connection between the Mackenzie's natural features and landscapes and its rare indigenous biodiversity.	Allow
Director General of Conservation	Support Point 7.03 Interpretation	PC 18 is not operative. Subdivisional fencing	Allow

PC23.07	Definitions Pastoral Intensification	should be retained in this chapter to maintain consistency.	
Director General of Conservation PC23.07	Support Point 7.05 Natural Character Standards NATC-S1	Amendment will recognise and protect Habitats of indigenous species and ecosystems.	Allow
Environmental Defence Society PC23.20	Support Point 20.05 Natural Features and Landscapes Rules NFL-R8	Large scale loss and fragmentation of indigenous ecosystems have occurred in the Mackenzie District in the last 20 years. The lengthy PC13 process addressed this loss. A rule that provides for over sowing and topdressing as a controlled activity in the NFL chapter will permit further degradation of the Mackenzie ONL and ongoing loss of remaining rare indigenous habitats and ecosystems.	Allow
Environmental Defence Society PC23.20	Support Point 20.06 NFL Matters of Discretion NFL-MD2	Maintenance of indigenous biodiversity is a requirement under the RMA. There is a growing body of expert evidence in relation to “edge effects” which should be included in the Plan.	Allow
Forest and Bird PC23.36	Support Point 36.02 NFL Policies NFL-P11	Lack of certainty as to how this policy will protect natural values including indigenous biodiversity.	Allow
Forest and Bird PC23.36	Support Point 36.05 NFL Rules NFL-R8	The proposed rule will permit ongoing indigenous biodiversity loss.	Allow

Forest and Bird PC23.36	Support Points 36.07, 36.08, 36.09 NFL Rules NFL-R10 NFL-R12 NFL-R13	Non-Complying activity classification is appropriate in the Mackenzie ONF and ONL to protect indigenous biodiversity and rare ecosystems.	Allow
Forest and Bird PC23.36	Support Point 36.11 GRUZ Objectives GRUZ-02	Including the amendment to maintain and protect natural landscape character, features and indigenous biodiversity values in the rural zone will give effect to the RMA and other Planning documents.	Allow

Mackenzie Guardians wish to be heard in support of their submission.

The Society would be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with others making a similar submission.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide a further submission.

Mackenzie Guardians Incorporated.

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