

To: Ministry for Environment, indigenusbiodiversity@mfe.govt.nz

From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Re: He kura koiora i hokia: a discussion document on a proposed National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity

The [REDACTED] is making this submission to the Government's National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity discussion document. We wish to emphasise the importance that any new policies, requiring changes by farmers, include due consideration for the potential negative consequences they may have on farmer and family wellbeing. We ask that any changes allow adequate time and support to farmers, to facilitate them to manage these changes, minimising potential negative effects on their wellbeing. We support aspirations to achieve, successful businesses and thriving rural communities.

We wish to emphasise that we are presently operating in an environment of significant change and uncertainty, much of which comes from external sources and are outside our family's control.

Our farm is located in the beautiful [REDACTED] in North Canterbury, our sons will be 4th generation owners of the farm which has been in our family for 101 years

Our farm is operated as a cropping and beef fattening property with a small amount of irrigated land producing small seeds.

We have approximately [REDACTED] our property in moderate to steep hill country and the balance in fertile flats.

With natural springs one of which runs year round and others only for periods of the year.

We have planted pines for erosion control Poplars for enhancing gully protection, and fenced dry Nor West facing off to control grazing, all this has been completed over 30 years ago.

We are now in the process of fencing water ways, and as part of limiting fertiliser run off and contamination of water ways we stopped using aerial application of fertilizer some 20 years ago.

While we support in principal protecting biodiversity we would prefer an extension of the QE11 Trust formula.

As you can see from our comments above we have been carrying out protecting our property for over 100 years and will continue to do so.

WE DO NOT NEED TO BE FORCED into, at huge cost to carry out this type of work within a limited time frame.

Could you please provide to us accurate figures on the cost you have forecast for your proposals to be implemented, we have not seen this to date.

Yours sincerely

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