Our Story:
We are a family company encompassing on in the Country. Ourselves are on a small block of hectares approx. native bush. 60% is steep with plateau areas and a small % flatland. We are currently running (potential), but due to 2 harsh summers we are thankful to be under stocked.
Two generations are working both farms, with the intention of future generations carrying them on.
We like most farmers love the land and lifestyle. We wish to protect its beauty and productivity for the sake of our national GDP - of which farming is still the biggest earner.

Comments on NPS Plan:
3.6 Precautionary Approach
We support this IF there is ongoing consultation with landowners. Eg How information on SNA’s will be acquired and then how they will be used.
A possible solution could be area by area local meetings for full information to be disclosed, queries answered. We are happy to work together to move forward.

3.7 Social, cultural, economic wellbeing
Support. When farmers are unable to take initiatives to progress and prosper their businesses, their wellbeing is compromised. This is linked to our rural societies and cultures- our communities. Policy and plan must make provision for this.
Solution: Resources made available for mental health and wellbeing

3.8 Identifying SNA’s
Oppose
New categories could result in greater farming areas being detained for experimental reasons
Solution: Plan must have proven documented scientific proof before larger areas of land are effected

3.9 Managing effects on SNA’s
Oppose
This should be avoided until documented evidence of loss and disruption is available
Solution: Much longer time parameters in place for evidence to be acquired

3.12 Existing Activities in SNA
Support
Can be managed with Landowner documenting effect of existing activity on SNA
3:13 Areas around SNA’s
Oppose
Especially with smaller properties, buffer zones can cause economical hardship to landowners. Loss of effective land size can cause a property to be uneconomic

Solution: Effective land percentage be in reasonable ratio to ineffective

3:17 Increasing Vegetation Cover
Oppose
Who sets the percentage- will existing coverage be taken into account?
Whole farming units given to tree farms kills land quality and communities

Solution: Don’t blanket same policy over entire nation

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