To Whom It May Concern

Our farm [redacted] is [redacted] of steep Canterbury hill country sheep, beef & forestry. Our family have been here 55 years. I run the farm as a low cost, low impact regenerative farming. My parents left lots native bush including [redacted] reserve fenced in 1983. I recently had helicopter in to do wilding pines. I have recently fenced off from stock another [redacted] block native bush & removed cattle from a [redacted] block which is seeing significant regeneration. This [redacted] block is still grazed by sheep to help control weeds & as a drought buffer block. All this biodiversity work has been at our cost. I am frustrated & annoyed that biodiversity policies continue to penalise our family when we are trying to do good environmental work. Given the huge amount of indigenous biodiversity on The [redacted] I have major concerns that the NPSiB requirements will threaten the financial viability of our farm & undermine its capital value.

We support the QEII Trust & catchment board systems as the best approach to protecting biodiversity on private land. Voluntary, a genuine partnership and advice/rules/actions tailored to each farm.

Sincerely [redacted]