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I support the desire to protect our significant indigenous biodiversity however I have concerns around

- the definition of SNA which is too broad and not sufficiently defined; and
- the proposals are so vague it is difficult to determine the exact effect on our farming operation.

We have [REDACTED] of native bush and tussock land and if this was compulsoryily retired from [REDACTED] the resulting 55% loss of land would have a significant impact on the balance of our hill country operation and it's profitability. Added to this loss any requirement to manage pests, weeds & fencing would be prohibitive and likely large areas across the country would become a fire hazard. All this would also have a significant and direct negative effect on annual tax payments.

I suggest the proposal only needs to capture the truly significant flora & fauna. Lack of certainty around these and other farm related proposals are making investment decisions difficult and conservative in the current farming environment.

I strongly suggest the government invest in undertaking serious costings of its proposals around Carbon, Waterways & now Indigenous Biodiversity to ascertain the effectiveness of these policies in addressing the perceived issues; and the flow-on effects through communities and to the Government's revenue stream.

Nga mihi.

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