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General responses to the proposals:

- Overall I oppose the national policy., In its present state is unworkable for me. The proposals seem unnecessary as we already have a good relationship with our Regional Council Horizons. We also work with QE11 trust to fence and protect areas that we have self identified as SNA's at a significant cost to our business over the past 20 yrs and there is more we intend to do as finances allow. Because we get our income from the work we do, markets change from year to year and schedules change from week to week nothing is guaranteed unlike governments and councils.
- As a third generation farmer my wife and I farm 820ha in the King Country.
- As a farmer our standard charges have increased yr on yr sometimes above inflation thus leaving less and less to survive and do the improvements many good land owners are doing around the country.
- NZ as a whole is a SNA and as a whole we need to carry on working together to protect what we have and that means working together without hard and fast rules that are so contradictory. eg 3.8 New Criteria May Result In Most Indigenous Vegetation as Significant: we have been controlling weeds for 100yrs. Now you are going to tell us they are not a weed and we have to protect and replant, for eg manuka. We have been cutting this weed off our land for generations now it is protected and subsidised to plant. A weed is a plant growing in the wrong place, you cant have a blanket rule over the whole country.
- As a country we cannot afford this in the time frame of 5 years, because there is not enough trained people to do all the identifying.
- It is very concerning that the people that have put the statement together have not attempted to do a cost benefit analysis for councils, land owners, urban or the country as a whole.
- I am very worried for fellow NZ's if this is brought into law as this would show us that the government is not at all concerned about our well being.
- Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission.