Appendix A - Decisions on Submissions
Topic 45: Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity

Submitter (S) Further Submitter (FS)	Provision	Decision Requested	Decision	Alter Plan
S109.012 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: Biological diversity (or biodiversity)	Retain Interpretation: Biological diversity (or biodiversity) as notified	Reject	
S126.009 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.010 Kevin Robertson S143.021 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.022 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.012 Ronald Crispin S68.130 John Baynes	Interpretation: Biological diversity (or biodiversity)	Amend term and make any necessary consequential amendments: Biological diversity ~~(or biodiversity)~~ Only the RMA term should be used.	Accept	Yes
S109.002 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: Biodiversity Covenant	Retain Interpretation Biodiversity Covenant as notified	Accept	
S109.004 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: Council Authorised Biodiversity Management Plan	Amend the definition of 'Council Authorised Biodiversity Management Plan' as follows: "means a management plan that is approved by the Council and mana whenua as part of an assessment of the ~~biodiveristy~~ biodiversity values undertaken or reviewed by a Council endorsed ecologist. The plan will ensure that Significant Natural Area and taonga species values are protected.	Accept in part	Yes
S139.022 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	Interpretation: Council Authorised Biodiversity Management Plan	Add definition: "approved biodiversity management plan means a management plan approved by the council as appropriate for the management of the biodiversity values of a site and includes a QEII Trust management plan for the site or a mana whenua endorsed site plan."	Accept in part	Yes
S109.005 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: effects management hierarchy	Retain as notified S109.069 Department of Conservation	Accept	
S130.002 Mercury NZ Limited	Interpretation: effects management hierarchy	Refine to hierarchy for management of biodiversity, which sets out tests where avoiding, remedying, mitigating cannot be achieved, and offsetting/compensating becomes a necessary tool. (REG) activities require placement in proximity to renewable energy resources, and there may be instances where offsetting or compensation is necessary. Amend Biodiversity Effects Management Hierarchy	Reject	
FS30.050 Transpower NZ Limited *FS24.003 Contact Energy Ltd*		*Allow S130.002 Mercury NZ Limited*		
S3.092 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.092 Trudy Bokser S116.092 Nathan Bokser S118.092 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.128 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.094 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.094 Karen Temple S20.094 Sarah and Peter Barclay	Interpretation: improved pasture	Retain 'improved pasture' definition as drafted.	Accept	

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S24.094 Helen McIntosh S68.096 John Baynes S117.092 Greg Bokser S148.198 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt				
S126.025 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S3.093 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.093 Trudy Bokser S116.093 Nathan Bokser S118.093 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.129 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.095 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.095 Karen Temple S20.095 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.095 Helen McIntosh S68.097 John Baynes S115.026 Kevin Robertson S143.037 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.038 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.028 Ronald Crispin S68.146 John Baynes S117.093 Greg Bokser S109.006 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: indigenous vegetation	Retain indigenous vegetation definition as notified	Accept in part	
FS31.005 Department of Conservation		*Allow S109.006 Department of Conservation. This definition requires correction in line with the NPS-IB as the definition refers to the National Planning Standards which does not contain a definition of indigenous vegetation.*		Yes
S104.015 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/ Wantwood Station S105.015 Farm Manager - Wantwood Station S127.015 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters	Interpretation: indigenous vegetation clearance	Clarification required for the reasoning of having two definitions for vegetation clearance and indigenous vegetation clearance or amalgamate them together.	Accept in part	
S109.007 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: indigenous vegetation clearance	Amend as follows: means <u>any activity that destroys, damages or removes</u> ~~means the clearing or removal of~~ 'indigenous vegetation' by any means, including clearing, cutting, crushing, cultivation, covering, irrigation, chemical application, drainage, stopbanking, overplanting, burning, or any other mechanical means as well as mob stocking.	Accept in part	Yes
S3.094 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.094 Trudy Bokser S116.094 Nathan Bokser S118.094 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.130 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.096 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd	Interpretation: indigenous vegetation clearance	Either: Amend the definition for indigenous vegetation clearance as follows: Means the ~~clearing or~~ removal of indigenous vegetation by <u>vegetation clearance</u> ~~any means, including cutting, crushing, cultivation, irrigation, chemical application, drainage, stopbanking, overplanting, burning or any other mechanical means as well as mob stocking.~~ Or: Delete the definition of Indigenous Vegetation Clearance entirely	Accept in part	

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S19.096 Karen Temple S20.096 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.096 Helen McIntosh S68.098 John Baynes S117.094 Greg Bokser				
S126.026 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.027 Kevin Robertson S143.038 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.039 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.029 Ronald Crispin S68.147 John Baynes S115.049 Kevin Robertson	Interpretation: indigenous vegetation clearance	Amend definition and make any necessary consequential amendments: Means the clearing or removal of indigenous vegetation by any means, including cutting, crushing, cultivation, irrigation, chemical application, drainage, stopbanking, burning or any other mechanical means. ~~as well as mob stocking.~~ It does not include grazing of pasture or improved pasture species in that area of indigenous vegetation.	Accept in part	
S109.009 Department of Conservation S3.098 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.098 Trudy Bokser S116.098 Nathan Bokser S118.098 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.134 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.100 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.100 Karen Temple S20.100 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.100 Helen McIntosh S68.102 John Baynes S117.098 Greg Bokser	Interpretation: maintenance of improved pasture	Retain maintenance of improved pasture definition as notified	Accept	
S109.018 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: Threatened or At Risk, and Threatened or At Risk (declining)	Retain Threatened or At Risk, and Threatened or At Risk (declining) definition as notified.	Accept	
S148.002 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt	Interpretation: significant natural area (SNA)	SNAs to be mapped in collaboration with landowners before being included in rules. Further, if an SNA is not mapped, it cannot and should not have any restrictions on it.	Accept in part	Yes
S104.017 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/Wantwood Station S105.017 Farm Manager - Wantwood Station S127.017 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S113.105 Trudy Bokser S116.105 Nathan Bokser S118.105 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.141 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters	Interpretation: significant natural area (SNA)	The whole waterfall range is not identified as SNA1, waterfall range is predominately identified as an ONL. Amend the definition as follows: Has the same meaning as per the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and means: (a) Areas identified as SNA-1 ~~(Waterfall Range)~~ and SNA-2 (Pukerau Red Tussock Reserve) on the planning maps until a suitably qualified ecologist engaged by Gore District Council determines that it is not an SNA (b) any area that is notified or included in a district plan as an SNA following an assessment of the area in accordance with Appendix 4 SNA also includes areas meeting the criteria outlined in Appendix 4	Accept in part	Yes

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S18.107 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.107 Karen Temple S20.107 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.107 Helen McIntosh S68.109 John Baynes		~~including those~~ ~~identified at resource consent stage or as part of a~~ ~~Farm Environment Plan~~ assessment or as part of a Biodiversity Covenant.		
S109.016 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: significant natural area (SNA)	Retain with amendments as follows: Has the same meaning as per the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and means: ~~(a) Areas~~ ~~identified as SNA-1 (Waterfall Range) and SNA-2~~ ~~(Pukerau Red Tussock Reserve)~~ Any area that is identified as an SNA on the planning maps until a suitably qualified ecologist engaged by Gore District Council determines that it is not a SNA. (b) Any area that is notified or included in a district plan as an SNA following an assessment of the area in accordance with the criteria set out in Appendix 4. For the avoidance of doubt, a SNA also includes areas meeting the criteria outlined in Appendix 4 that may not yet be identified on the planning maps including those identified at the resource consent stage or as part of a Farm Environment Plan assessment or as part of a Biodiversity Covenant.	Accept in part	Yes
FS10.006 Port Blakely Limited		*Disallow S109.016 Department of Conservation. Contrary to how territorial authorities should assess and identify SNAs under the NPS-IB.*		
S126.048 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	Interpretation: significant natural area (SNA)	Amend definition and make any necessary consequential amendments: Has the same meaning as per the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and means: (a) Areas identified as SNA-1 (Waterfall Range) and SNA-2 (Pukerau Red Tussock Reserve) on the planning maps until a suitably qualified ecologist engaged by Gore District Council in partnership with landowners determines that it is not an SNA**; or** (b) any area that is notified or included in a district plan as an SNA following an assessment of the area in accordance with Appendix 4 and in consultation with the landowner. ~~SNA also includes areas meeting the~~ ~~criteria outlined in Appendix 4 including those~~ ~~identified at resource consent stage or as part of a~~ ~~Farm Environment Plan assessment or as part of a~~ ~~Biodiversity Covenant.~~	Accept in part	Yes
FS10.007 Port Blakely Limited		*Allow S126.048 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S3.105 Stoney Creek Station Limited	Interpretation: significant natural area (SNA)	Amend the definition for significant natural area to reflect the NPSIB wording, as follows: Has the same meaning as per the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and means: ~~(a) Areas identified as SNA-1 (Waterfall~~ ~~Range) and SNA-2 Pukerau Red Tussock Reserve) on~~ ~~the planning maps until a suitably qualified ecologist~~ ~~engaged by Gore District Council determines that it is~~ ~~not an SNA~~ ~~(b) any area that is~~ ~~notified or included in a district plan as an SNA~~ ~~following an assessment of the area in accordance with~~ ~~Appendix 4SNA also includes areas meeting the criteria~~ ~~outlined in Appendix 4 including those identified at~~ ~~resource consent stage or as part of a Farm Environment Plan assessment or as part of a Biodiversity Covenant.~~ (a) any area that, after 4 August 2023, is notified or included in a district plan as an SNA following an assessment of the area in accordance with Appendix 1 of the	Accept in part	Yes

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		NPSIB; and (b) any area that, on 4 August 2023, is already identified in a policy statement or plan as an area of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitat of indigenous fauna (regardless of how it is described); in which case it remains as an SNA unless or until a suitably qualified ecologist engaged by the relevant local authority determines that it is not an area of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitat of indigenous fauna.		
FS17.099 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.105 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S109.017 Department of Conservation	Interpretation: specified highly mobile fauna	~~Has the same meaning as the NPSIB -~~ means the Threatened or At Risk species of highly mobile fauna that are identified in Appendix 2 of the NPSIB or listed in an Appendix to this plan or are identified in an assessment of effects or evidence filed during the course of a resource consent application.	Reject	
S122.002 Fulton Hogan	Interpretation: vegetation clearance	Either extend the reference so that it is clear that it references back to the NES-F, for example: "(i) the removal of sphagnum moss for the purpose of a harvest in accordance with regulation 48 or 49 of the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater Regulations 2020"; or delete the reference to regulations 48 and 49. "(i) the removal of sphagnum moss for the purpose of a harvest ~~in accordance with regulation 48 or 49;"~~	Accept in part	Yes
S104.016 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/ Wantwood Station S105.016 Farm Manager - Wantwood Station S127.016 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters	Interpretation: vegetation clearance	Hard to distinguish the difference between Vegetation Clearance and Indigenous Vegetation Clearance. Clarify the reasoning for having two definitions or amalgamate them into one. Remove references to application of seeds from exotic pasture species as a method of vegetation clearance.	Accept in part	Yes
S3.106 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.106 Trudy Bokser S116.106 Nathan Bokser S118.106 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.142 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.108 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.108 Karen Temple S20.108 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.108 Helen McIntosh S68.110 John Baynes S117.106 Greg Bokser	Interpretation: vegetation clearance	Querying why grazing has been so limited in this definition as when managed should not constitute vegetation clearance. Amend the definition of vegetation clearance to read:- (a) the disturbance, damage, destruction, or removal of vegetation by any means (for example, by cutting, crushing, application of chemicals, or burning); and(b) includes activities that result in the disturbance, damage, destruction, or removal of vegetation (for example, ~~over-planting,~~ applying the seed of exotic pasture species, ~~mob stocking~~, or draining away water); but (c) does not include-- v) ~~the~~ grazing ~~of improved pasture within the relevant setback from a natural wetland~~	Accept in part	Yes
S143.061 Rural Ratepayers Group S115.050 Kevin Robertson 148.062 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.052 Ronald Crispin S68.170 John Baynes S126.049 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	Interpretation: vegetation clearance	Amend definition and make any necessary consequential amendments: Means (...)(c) does not include vegetation clearance which is ancillary to primary production activities, such as-- (i) the removal of sphagnum moss for the purpose of a harvest in accordance with regulation 48 or (...) (v) ~~the grazing of improved pasture within the relevant setback from a natural wetland.~~pasture maintenance; (vi) clearance for the purpose of maintaining rural fire breaks; **(vii)** clearance of airstrips, helipads, vehicle entranceways, accessways and driveways, farm tracks and stock crossings of waterways;	Accept in part	Yesa

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		clearance around farm buildings and farm infrastructure, water supply dams, pipelines and troughs; (ix) cultivation; (x) clearance or disturbance by animals including grazing; (xi) activities associated with fruit tree or fruit vine plantations; and (xii) clearance of ve		
S139.022 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	Interpretation New Definition	Add definition: "approved biodiversity management plan means a management plan approved by the council as appropriate for the management of the biodiversity values of a site and includes a QEII Trust management plan for the site or a mana whenua endorsed site plan."	Accept in part	Yes
S109.020 Department of Conservation	Interpretation New Definition	Insert a new definition for "biodiversity compensation" as follows (or words to similar effect): Has the same meaning as per the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and means: Means a measurable conservation outcome that meets the requirements of the NPS-IB Appendix 3 and results from actions that are intended to redress any positive actions (excluding biodiversity offsets) to compensate for residual adverse biodiversity effects arising from activities after all appropriate avoidance, remediation, mitigation and biodiversity offset measures have been sequentially applied.	Accept	Yes
FS9.8 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated *FS24.002 Contact Energy Ltd*		*Allow S109.020 Department of Conservation*		
FS20.002 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S109.020 Department of Conservation The plan must achieve the purpose of the Act and give effect to relevant higher-order planning documents.*		
S109.019 Department of Conservation	Interpretation New Definition	Insert a new definition for "biodiversity offset" as follows (or words to similar effect): Has the same meaning as per the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and means: "means a measurable conservation outcome that meets the requirements in the NPS-IB Appendix 3 and results from actions that: a. redress any more than minor residual adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity after all appropriate avoidance, minimisation, and remediation measures have been sequentially applied; and b. achieves a measurable net gain compared to that lost.	Accept	Yes
FS9.1 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated *FS24.001 Contact Energy Ltd*		*Allow S109.019 Department of Conservation*		
FS20.001 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow S109.019 Department of Conservation in part. The plan must achieve the purpose of the Act and give effect to relevant higher-order planning documents.*		
S110.001 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	Interpretation New Definition	Add: Ecological District: A particular geographical region that has a characteristic landscape and range of biological communities**.**	Accept	Yes
FS17.101 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S110.001 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc. The proposed definition does not align with the NPS-IB definition*		
S110.002 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	Interpretation New Definition	Add: Ecosystem Services: The benefits obtained from ecosystems such as: (a) supporting services, (e.g., nutrient cycling, soil formation, habitat creation); and (b) provisioning services, (e.g., food, freshwater, wood, fibre, fuel); and (c) regulating services, (e.g., water purification, climate regulation, flood regulation, disease regulation); and (d) cultural services, (e.g., aesthetic, spiritual, educational,	Reject	

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		recreational)		
FS17.102 Federated Farmers		*Allow in part S110.002 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc. The proposed definition does not follow the NPSIB definition verbatim.*		
S126.092 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.093 Kevin Robertson S143.104 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.105 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.095 Ronald Crispin S68.213 John Baynes	Interpretation New Definition	Include a definition of exotic weed. The classification of plants as a weed can be subjective, for example white clover is considered to be a weed by some while its growth is encouraged by others	Reject	
FS31.004 Department of Conservation		*Allow S126.092 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S146.035 Southland District Council	ECO - General	Good provisions on restoration of significant management areas.	Accept in part	
S69.004 Ian Davidson- Watts	ECO - General	Agree with the proposed plan's approach to protect all indigenous vegetation until the SNA process is resolved. Identification of SNAs is completed ideally within 18 months of notification, engagement with affected landowners and full discussions about the value of their SNAs and the support they can receive can be undertaken. Recognition of those with the stewardship of these areas with rates relief, financial incentives and support, advice, management plan approach, free council consent process for agreed activities support, help for funding applications to assist with fencing, pest and weed control and work with local iwi.	Accept in part	
FS25.015 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow in part S69.004 Ian Davidson- Watts. Stoney Creek does not support the significant restrictions proposed through the protection of all indigenous vegetation until the SNA process is resolved.*		
S128.021 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO - General	Identifies that further work required to give effect to NPSIB so current provisions a partial step.	Accept in part	
S136.007 Jenny Campbell	ECO - General	Significant Natural Areas should be retained above all other considerations e.g., possible buildings.	Accept in part	
FS9.14 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S136.007 Jenny Campbell*		
FS25.011 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S136.007 Jenny Campbell as it is inconsistent with the provisions of the NPSIB which allow for some development and grazing within SNAs*		
S136.008 Jenny Campbell	ECO - General	SNA's need to be identified & protected, with no grazing in them	Accept in part	
FS9.15 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S136.008 Jenny Campbell*		
FS17.008 Federated Farmers *FS25.012 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S136.008 Jenny Campbell*		
S136.009 Jenny Campbell	ECO - General	Ecological corridors in conjunction with SNA's are an imperative in order for organism	Accept	

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		to be able to travel along these eg between food sources & seasonally.	in part	
FS9.16 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S136.009 Jenny Campbell*		
FS25.013 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S136.009 Jenny Campbell as it is inconsistent with the provisions of the NPSIB which allow for some development and grazing within SNAs*		
S140.006 Robina Johnston	ECO - General	Consider Southern Rata and Haumuri Reserve and native species corridors. Allow for earthworks for stock access via culvert crossings and consented wetland	Accept in part	
S109.047 Department of Conservation	ECO - General	It is recommended that any SNA assessments that have been undertaken to date are included in the proposed plan in accordance with the NPS-IB. In the interim period, the D-G recommends that there are provisions in the plan that capture the identification and protection of new SNAs that are not yet mapped and any highly mobile fauna areas at the resource consent stage. It is not clear how the policies relating to SNAs (ECO P2, ECO P3, ECO P4 and ECO P9) work together and it is recommended that these are amended so that they accurately reflect the NPS-IB	Accept in part	Yes
FS9.11 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S109.047 Department of Conservation*		
FS20.004 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S109.047 Department of Conservation The plan must achieve the purpose of the Act and give effect to relevant higher-order planning documents.*		
FS25.0010 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S109.047 Department of Conservation. that further work to implement the NPSIB should be paused until further direction is provided by the new Government.*		
S68.001 John Baynes	ECO - General	Withdraw chapter. Lack of consultation and impact of provisions that have immediate legal effect	Reject	
S3.116 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.116 Trudy Bokser S116.116 Nathan Bokser S118.116 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S18.118 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.118 Karen Temple S24.118 Helen McIntosh S68.120 John Baynes S127.152 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S117.116 Greg Bokser	ECO – General	Withdraw chapter. A plan change will be necessary to amend rules and map Significant Natural Areas, and blanket protections provide little to no ability for essential pastoral farming practices such as fencing and the construction or maintenance of farm tracks to be undertaken without resource consent.	Reject	
FS9.17, FS9.19, FS9.20, FS9.21, FS9.22, FS9.23, FS9.24, FS9.25, FS9.26, FS9.27 FS9.34 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Disallow S3.116 Stoney Creek Station Limited, S113.116 Trudy Bokser, S116.116 Nathan Bokser, S118.116 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust, S18.118 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd, S19.118 Karen Temple, S20.118 Sarah and Peter Barclay, S24.118 Helen McIntosh, S68.120 John Baynes, S127.152 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters, S117.116 Greg Bokser. The protections offered in the ECO chapter are a minimum to achieve the NPS-IB objectives and RMA objectives, however, we agree that the approach in the proposed Gore DP needs refinement*		
FS20.033 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Disallow in part S3.116 Stoney Creek Station Limited The plan needs to address*		

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		matters in s6 of the RMA but the approach in the proposed Gore DP needs refinement.		
FS17.009 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.116 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S18.002 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S24.002 Helen McIntosh S20.002 Sarah and Peter Barclay S19.002 Karen Temple	ECO - General	Seeks the relief sought within the Stoney Creek submission. Consider that the blanket protections do not provide sufficient ability for pastoral farming practices such as fencing and vegetation clearance for farm tracks	Reject	
FS9.9, FS9.10 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Disallow S20.002 Sarah and Peter Barclay, S19.002 Karen Temple 'Good farming practice' is ambiguous and open to personal interpretation*		
S126.177 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.178 Kevin Robertson S60.180 Ronald Crispin S143.189 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.190 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S68.298 John Baynes	ECO - General	We note that the Council did not include these chapters in the early consultation on the exposure draft. We believe these chapters need to be removed and rewritten with a more practical and enabling approach	Reject	
S9.18, FS9.29, FS9.30, FS9.31, FS9.32 FS9.33 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Disallow S126.177 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ. The protections offered in the ECO chapter are a minimum to achieve the NPS-IB objectives and RMA objectives*		
FS20.026 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Disallow in part S126.177 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ, S115.178 Kevin Robertson, S60.180 Ronald Crispin, S143.189 Rural Ratepayers Group, S148.190 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt, S68.298 John Baynes. The plan needs to address matters in s6 of the RMA but the approach in the proposed Gore DP needs refinement.*		
FS25.014 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.177 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S59.005 Adrienne Crispin S60.002 Ronald Crispin	ECO - General	SNAs should not be incorporated in the plan	Accept in part	
FS9.12, FS9.13 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Disallow S59.005 Adrienne Crispin, S60.002 Ronald Crispin as it is a requirement on territorial authorities to include SNA's in their District Plans in the NPS-IB (3.9)*		
S148.013 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt	ECO - General	If an SNA is not mapped, it cannot and should not have any restrictions on it. Requiring farmers to map these themselves via farm environment plans is Council "passing the buck".	Accept in part	
FS9.28 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Disallow S148.013 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt. Council still has a duty under the RMA and other legislation to protect significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna*		
FS17.001 0 Federated Farmers *FS25.016 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S148.013 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt*		
S110.026 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO- Overview	Change: based on changes to national and regional policy direction, there is a gap in current identified SNAs that ~~will~~ needs to be addressed following the release of the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity.	Accept in part	Yes
S110.027 Royal Forest and Bird Society	ECO- Overview	A 10-year implementation timeframe for the NPSIB ~~is anticipated~~ has been given,	Accept in	Yes

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of NZ Inc		which includes the development of a regional biodiversity strategy, an integrated approach across administrative boundaries, the need to work in partnership with tangata whenua and landowners, and notes that support will be provided from the regional council for mapping which must be completed by August 2028.	part	
S85.017 Environment Southland	ECO- Overview	1. Remove '~~While comprehensive mapping has not been undertaken to identify SNAs in the Gore District~~' 2. Mandate consideration of wetlands for all proposed subdivisions, developments, or land uses.	Accept in part	Yes
S109.048 Department of Conservation	ECO- Overview	Retain with the following amendments. Provide a description of the important ecological values of Gore District and what the provisions are setting out to achieve. - Identify the issues for the District and how they are going to be addressed (drawing on issues from the Southland RPS and the s32 report). - Include a commitment to mapping any high mobile fauna areas and taonga species in consultation with Environment Southland and iwi (for example, river segments hosting threatened species, including non-diadromous galaxiids, kanakana lamprey larval rearing areas and spawning habitat, threatened blackbilled gulls and their habitats, lizards etc).	Accept in part	
FS9.35 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S109.048 Department of Conservation*		
FS20.005 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S109.048 Department of Conservation. The plan must achieve the purpose of the Act and give effect to relevant higher-order planning documents*		
FS25.017 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S109.048 Department of Conservation*		
S139.011 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO- Overview	The relationship of mana whenua with indigenous vegetation is recognised in ECO-O4 but is not discussed in the overview and purpose. Add a new second paragraph after the first paragraph that reads: "All indigenous vegetation is a taonga to mana whenua. Many species are highly valued for mahinga kai (as food, fibre or medicine). Healthy, robust indigenous ecosystems are important to maintain the mauri of the whenua (land), wai (water) and te taiao (environment). Recognising and providing for the relationship of Māori and their customs and traditions with their ancestral lands, waters, sites wāhi tapu and other taonga is a Matter of National Importance under s6(c) of the RMA. For mana whenua the issue does not turn on the protection of specific sites which are identified as 'significant'. The takiwā is home so mana whenua have a relationship with all whenua, wai and ecosystems within the takiwā. Therefore, the focus is on enhancing the quality and quantity of indigenous biodiversity within the District: maintaining the ecological function, integrity and value of established indigenous ecosystems and the habitats that support them; and encouraging areas of regeneration and new planting. As such, mana whenua support an approach which encourages landholders to both retain and enhance indigenous biodiversity and ecosystems on-site. "	Accept in part	Yes
FS9.36 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S139.011 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		

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FS17.011 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S139.011 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S128.022 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO-O1	No amendments required	Accept in part	
S139.012 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-O1	Delete ECO-O1 and replace with "The quantum, quality and health of indigenous ecosystems and habitats is enhanced within Gore District." The narrow focus of the objectives on SNAs alone fails to give effect to the purpose of the Act, the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity or the Regional Policy Statement for Southland. It is also inconsistent with ECO-P8 & ECO- P10 which apply more broadly than SNAs. The objectives and policies should align under s75(1) of the RMA. Objectives should be written as outcomes not actions.	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.013 Federated Farmers *FS25.020 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S139.012 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S85.018 Environment Southland	ECO-O1	Rearrange the objective so that the "protect" statement comes before the "maintain" statement. Maintain should also mean "no overall loss" or aligning the wording to the objective 1 in the NPS-IB	Accept in part	Yes
S109.049 Department of Conservation	ECO-O1	Retain with the following amendments: Maintain, enhance and restore indigenous biological diversity in the Gore District and protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (Significant Natural Areas). ECO-O1 should be amended in order to respond to the deterioration of indigenous biodiversity in the District as identified in the Overview	Accept in part	Yes
FS9.37 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Allow S109.049 Department of Conservation*		
FS25.019 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S109.049 Department of Conservation*		
S127.041 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S142.002 Alan Taylor S24.007 Helen McIntosh S68.009 John Baynes S115.080 Kevin Robertson S143.091 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.092 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.082 Ronald Crispin S68.200 John Baynes S117.005 Greg Bokser S3.005 Stoney Creek Station Limited S126.079 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S113.005 Trudy Bokser S116.005 Nathan Bokser S118.005 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S18.007 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd	ECO-O1	Amend ECO-O1 to read: Maintain Indigenous biological diversity in the Gore District and protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna ~~(Significant Natural Areas).~~ through the identification of Significant Natural Areas. The use of 'significant indigenous vegetation' and 'significant habitats of indigenous fauna' is unclear.	Accept in part	Yes

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S19.007 Karen Temple S20.007 Sarah and Peter Barclay				
FS9.38, FS9.39, FS9.40, FS9.41, FS9.42, FS9.43, FS9.44, FS9.45 The Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Incorporated		*Disallow S3.005 Stoney Creek Station Limited, S126.079 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ, S113.005 Trudy Bokser, S116.005 Nathan Bokser, S118.005 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust, S18.007 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd, S19.007 Karen Temple, S20.007 Sarah and Peter Barclay ECO-O2 covers the identification of SNAs, ECO-O1 is about maintaining indigenous biodiversity. Amendment not required.*		
FS17.012 Federated Farmers		*Support S3.005 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
FS25.021, FS25.023 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Support S126.079 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S153.002 Oakland Farming Ltd	ECO-O1	Maintain Indigenous biological diversity in the Gore District and protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna (Significant Natural Areas). through the identification of Significant Natural Areas. Wording should reflect the NPSIB and to be clear SNAs should be identified	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.018 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S153.002 Oakland Farming Ltd*		
S109.050 Department of Conservation S125.031 Ministry of Education S128.023 Greenbriar Ltd. S126.080 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.081 Kevin Robertson S143.092 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.093 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.083 Ronald Crispin S68.201 John Baynes	ECO-O2	Retain ECO-O2 as notified	Accept in part	
S146.036 Southland District Council	ECO-O2	SDC and GDC could work together to ensure the region's criteria for significant natural areas are aligned. Potentially, some significant natural areas would be on the boundary between the two councils. The section could be served by addressing methods other than rules, as in the Operative Southland District Plan.	Accept in part	
S85.019 Environment Southland	ECO-O2	Support but include the addition of "restore" as this aligns with 3.8(2) of the NPS-IB, however the addition of restore will give effect to 3.21	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.015 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S85.019 Environment Southland*		
S139.013 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-O2	Delete and replace ECO-O2 with "Sites of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna are recognised and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use or development."	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.014 Federated Farmers *FS25.022 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S139.013 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S112.063 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency	ECO-O3	Retain as notified	Reject	
S113.006 Trudy Bokser	ECO-O3	Amend ECO-O3 to read: Provide for ~~appropriate~~ new subdivision, use and	Reject	

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S116.006 Nathan Bokser S118.006 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.042 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.008 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.008 Karen Temple S20.008 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.008 Helen McIntosh S68.010 John Baynes S115.082 Kevin Robertson S143.093 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.094 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.084 Ronald Crispin S68.202 John Baynes S117.006 Greg Bokser S3.006 Stoney Creek Station Limited		development within and adjacent to Significant Natural Areas where adverse effects on the values of the area can be avoided or managed. ~~maintained and enhanced.~~ The wording of this policy is more stringent than the NPSIB as it requires the "enhancement" of values. Amend wording to align with NPSIB.		
FS17.016 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.006 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S109.051 Department of Conservation	ECO-O3	The policies already address where activities can be provided for in SNAs whilst still meeting ECO-O1. Remove ECO-O3: ~~Provide for appropriate subdivision, use and development within Significant Natural Areas where the values of the area can be maintained and enhanced.~~	Accept	Yes
FS17.017 Federated Farmers *FS24.028 Contact Energy Ltd* *FS25.025 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S109.051 Department of Conservation*		
S139.014 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-O3	Delete and replace ECO-O3 with Indigenous biodiversity is recognised as a taonga to mana whenua and the relationship of mana whenua and their customs and traditions with indigenous vegetation and ecosystems is recognised and provided for including: - Enabling the exercise of kaitiakitanga; - Enabling mahinga kai; and - Maintaining or where degraded restoring the mauri of indigenous ecosystems. - The narrow focus of the objectives on SNAs alone fails to give effect to the purpose of the Act, the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity or the Regional Policy Statement for Southland. It is also inconsistent with ECO-P8 & ECO- P10 which apply more broadly than SNAs. The objectives and policies should align under s75(1) of the RMA. Objectives should be written as outcomes not actions.	Accept in part	
FS17.018 Federated Farmers *FS25.027 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S139.014 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S130.055 Mercury NZ Limited	ECO-O3	Provide for ~~appropriate~~ subdivision, use and development within Significant Natural Areas where the effects can be appropriately managed. ~~values of the area can be maintained and enhanced.~~	Reject	
FS24.029 Contact Energy Ltd *FS24.033 Contact Energy Ltd* *FS25.047 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S130.055 Mercury NZ Limited*		

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S101.051 Transpower NZ Limited	ECO-O3	Seeks that the Objective better reflects Policy BIO.2 of the SRPS. Amend Objective ECO-O3 as follows: ECO-O3 Provide for ~~appropriate~~ subdivision, use and development within Significant Natural Areas where the values of the area ~~can be~~ **are** maintained **or** ~~and,~~ where appropriate**,** enhanced.	Reject	
FS25.024 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S101.051 Transpower NZ Limited*		
S126.081 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-O3	Ensure alignment with Policy 7 of the NPS-IB. Amend ECO-O3: Provide for ~~appropriate~~ new subdivision, use and development within Significant Natural Areas where the values of the area can be ~~maintained and enhanced~~ avoided or managed**.**	Reject	
FS25.046 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.081 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S109.052 Department of Conservation	ECO-O4	Retain ECO-O4 as notified	Accept in part	
S139.015 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-O4	Delete ECO-O4. It is also inconsistent with ECO-P8 & ECO- P10 which apply more broadly than SNAs. The objectives and policies should align under s75(1) of the RMA. ECO-O4 is a policy rather than objective.	Accept in part	Yes
S85.021 Environment Southland	ECO-O4	Include a new sub point 'takes into account the principles (sic) to Te Titiriti**'.** Replace SNAs with "indigenous biodiversity".	Accept in part	Yes
S115.083 Kevin Robertson S143.094 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.095 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.085 Ronald Crispin S68.203 John Baynes S126.082 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-O4	Amend ECO-O4: 3. 'enabling customary use upon landowner consent A concern that has been raised is the level of public accessibility that may be required to be provided to enable customary use. Consideration also may need to be given to appropriate compensation where protection / enablement of customary use comes at a cost to the landowner.	Reject	
FS25.028 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.082 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S85.035 Environment Southland	ECO- Additional Objectives sought	Give full effect to the NPS-IB. 1. The inclusion of a new objective that promotes the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 2. The inclusion of an objectives to 'manage the effects of Indigenous biodiversity outside of SNAs' to' acknowledge and identify Taonga' and to 'manage adverse effects on Highly Mobile Species). 3. Mapping of SNAs throughout GDC area. 4. The inclusion of an objective that provides for Tangata Whenua's active participation in other decision making relating to Biodiversity. 5. Recommend you work in partnership with Maori to ensure the implementation meets section 3.18 of the NPS.	Accept	
FS5.45 Hamish Weir		*Disallow S85.035 Environment Southland*		
FS20.007 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S85.035 Environment Southland. Mana whenua prefer the management of all indigenous vegetation as it is a taonga, rather than a focus on SNAs; and an approach that encourages landowners to protect and enhance indigenous biodiversity*		
FS31.013 Department of Conservation		*Allow S85.035 Environment Southland*		

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S85.020 Environment Southland	ECO- Additional Objective sought	We recommend that an additional objective is added to take account of section 3.16 in the NPS- IB. This meets the requirements of the NPS-IB providing the definition of 'appropriate' and the subsequent policies take account of sections 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.14 3.15 and 3.17.	Accept in part	
FS25.026 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S85.020 Environment Southland*		
S110.028 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO- Additional Objective sought	Add: ECO-05 Utilise the identification and restoration of Significant Natural Areas to enhance ecosystem services, community knowledge and education.	Accept in part	
FS20.018 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S110.028 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc. The plan must achieve the purpose of the Act and give effect to relevant higher-order planning documents.*		
FS17.019 Federated Farmers		*Allow in part S110.028 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc as Federated Farmers supports promotion of education to manage SNAs, however the submitter's proposed wording goes beyond this. Federated Farmers proposes: Utilise the identification of Significant Natural Areas to enhance community knowledge and education.*		
S130.056 Mercury NZ Limited	ECO- Additional Objective sought	New objective: Recognise functional and operational needs of critical infrastructure, whilst managing effects on biodiversity values to maintain and enhance where practicable.	Accept in part	
FS31.017 Department of Conservation		*Disallow S130.056 Mercury NZ Limited*		
FS24.037 Contact Energy Ltd		*Allow S130.056 Mercury NZ Limited*		
S109.053 Department of Conservation S126.083 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.084 Kevin Robertson S143.095 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.096 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.086 Ronald Crispin S68.204 John Baynes	ECO-P1	Retain as notified ECO-P1	Accept in part	
S105.020 Farm Manager - Wantwood Station S127.020 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S104.020 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/Wantwood Station	ECO-P1	Amend ECO -P1 as follows: (a) Areas identified as SNA-1 ~~(Waterfall Range)~~ This policy suggests that the whole Waterfall Range is an SNA-1 which is incorrect	Accept	
FS17.020 Federated Farmers		*Allow S104.020 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/Wantwood Station*		
S139.016 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P1	The policy as written doesn't quite make sense and it is not clear if it intended to apply to sites that meet the criteria in Appendix 4 now or only once they are mapped and listed in the plan. Amend to read:1. To identify as Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) ~~to include~~ : (a) Areas identified as SNA-1 (Waterfall Range) and SNA-2 (Pukerau Red Tussock Reserve) on the planning maps, and (b) ~~A variation to the Proposed District Plan to identify~~ areas that meet the criteria set out in Appendix 4 once they are assessed and shown on the planning maps; and	Accept in part	Yes

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S85.022 Environment Southland	ECO-P1	Policy regarding SNAs should be "to identify all areas of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna and include them in the district plan as SNAs" Identify by undertaking a district wide assessment using partnerships, transparency, quality, access, consistency and boundaries Policy regarding Highly Mobile Fauna should be 'To provide information to the community about Highly Mobile Species, their habitat and the management of adverse effects' and to amend the Plan, if required once Highly Mobile Species areas have been identified in the Policy Statement.	Accept in part	Yes
S130.057 Mercury NZ Limited	ECO-P2	Retain ECO-P2	Accept in part	
S3.007 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.007 Trudy Bokser S116.007 Nathan Bokser S118.007 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.043 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.009 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.009 Karen Temple S20.009 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.009 Helen McIntosh S68.011 John Baynes S117.007 Greg Bokser	ECO-P2	Existing activities within or affecting SNAs are provided for in Policy 9 and Clause 3.15 of the NPSIB. Amend wording to better align with the NPSIB objectives. Amend ECO-P2 to read: ~~Allow~~ Enable activities within or affecting Significant Natural Areas that may impact the extent or ecological integrity of the SNA ~~indigenous biodiversity values~~ where:1. ~~This~~ The activity is ~~for~~ a lawfully established activity; or 2. Their purpose is to facilitate or express Ngāi Tahu rights, interests, or cultural purpose; or 3. The activity has a functional or operational need to be located in the area; or ...	Accept in part	Yes
S110.029 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO-P2	Those proposing activities within these areas should have to demonstrate that there is nowhere else on their property where this activity can take place practicably. Amend: 3. The activity has a functional need to be located in the area and there are no practicable alternative locations; or	Accept in part	Yes
FS5.35 Hamish Weir		*Disallow in part S110.029 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc Suggest reduction of tone to "and alternatives have been considered'.*		
FS17.021 Federated Farmers *FS24.031 Contact Energy Ltd* *FS25.031 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S110.029 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc*		
FS30.070 Transpower NZ Limited		*Disallow S110.029 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc as there may be practicable alternative locations for activities, but these locations may have cultural or landscape values.*		
S101.052 Transpower NZ Limited S112.064 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency	ECO-P2	It is equally important to provide for activities that have an operational need for a location Amend Policy ECO-P2 (...) 3. The activity has a functional need or operational need to be located in the area; or 4. (...)	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.022 Federated Farmers *FS25.029 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S101.052 Transpower NZ Limited*		
FS14.017 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi *FS25.033 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S112.064 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency*		

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S128.024 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO-P2	ECO-P2 Allow activities within Significant Natural Areas that may impact indigenous biodiversity values where: 1. This is for a lawfully established activity; or 2. Their purpose is to facilitate or express Ngāi Tahu rights, interests, or cultural purpose; or 3. The activity is locationally constrained or has a functional and/or operational need to be located in the area; or 4. The activity has no more than minor adverse effects on the significant indigenous vegetation or fauna habitat, and/or Ngāi Tahu cultural purpose.	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.036 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S128.024 Greenbriar Ltd.*		
S144.007 Contact Energy Limited	ECO-P2	ECO-P2 does not suitably recognise that certain activities may be appropriate to locate within SNAs provided that effects are managed.	Accept in part	Yes
FS21.075 Yrless Limited *FS25.034 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S144.007 Contact Energy Limited*		
S115.085 Kevin Robertson S143.096 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.097 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.087 Ronald Crispin S68.205 John Baynes S126.084 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P2	The proposed policy fails to fully acknowledge the role of landowners in achieving environmental outcomes. The plan needs to provide for minor works undertaken as part of normal farming activities. Amend ECO-P2: ~~Allow~~ Enable activities within Significant Natural Areas that may impact indigenous biodiversity values where: 1. This is for the maintenance and development of a lawfully established activity;	Accept in part	Yes
FS5.36 Hamish Weir *FS25.037 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S126.084 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S109.054 Department of Conservation	ECO-P2	Remove ECO-P2 or re-write this policy to accurately reflect the exceptions and application of the effects management hierarchy and other requirements to align better with the NPS IB.	Accept in part	Yes
FS5.34 Hamish Weir *FS17.023 Federated Farmers* *FS14.016 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi* *FS25.030 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S109.054 Department of Conservation*		
S139.018 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P2	ECO-P2, P3, P4, and P7 all direct the management of activities in SNAs and appear to contradict each other. There should also be some encouragement for landholders to have sites assessed and manage their activities in accordance with them. Delete and replace with: Allow subdivision, use or development of land or other activities in or adjoining Significant Natural Areas provided: (i) Any adverse effects of the activity on the ecological values, functioning or integrity of the site, its mauri or value as mahinga kai is minor; or (ii) The activity has a functional or operational need to occur in that area and any adverse effects on the matters listed in (i) above are avoided or offset in accordance with ECO-P11; or (iii) The activity is provided for and undertaken in accordance with an approved biodiversity management plan for the site.	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.024 Federated Farmers *FS25.035 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S139.018 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		

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S85.023 Environment Southland	ECO-P2	Change point 4 to: The activity is no greater in intensity, scale or character and does not result in the loss of extent or degradation of ecological integrity**.** This is required to make the policy consistent with the NPS-IB clause 3.15, 3.17 and 3,14	Accept in part	Yes
FS24.032 Contact Energy Ltd *FS25.032 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S85.023 Environment Southland*		
S128.025 Greenbriar Ltd. S109.055 Department of Conservation S112.065 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency S85.024 Environment Southland S126.085 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S132.050 KiwiRail Holdings Ltd S115.086 Kevin Robertson S143.097 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.098 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.088 Ronald Crispin S68.206 John Baynes	ECO-P3	Supports ECO-P3	Accept in part	
FS25.039 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S128.025 Greenbriar Ltd*		
S101.053 Transpower NZ Limited	ECO-P3	Clause 1.3(3) of the NPSIB confirms that the NPSIB does not apply to the National Grid. Amend ECO-P3 as follows: (...) Unless they relate to: x. The operation, maintenance, upgrading and development of the National Grid; (...)	Accept in part	Yes
S130.058 Mercury NZ Limited	ECO-P3	Any new subdivision, use, or development shall avoid adverse effects on an SNA that result in: 6. Construction, development, upgrade, or maintenance of specified infrastructure that provides ~~significant~~ national benefit or significant regional public benefit; 7. Mineral and aggregate extraction that provides significant national public benefit that could not otherwise be achieved using resource in NZ; 8. The operation or expansion of any coal mine that was lawfully established before 4 August 2023, except that after 31 December 2030 this exception applies only to coal mines that extract Coking coal; ~~and~~ There is a functional need or operational need to be in that particular location and there are no practicable alternative locations.	Accept in part	Yes
S113.008 Trudy Bokser S116.008 Nathan Bokser S118.008 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.044 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.010 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.010 Karen Temple S20.010 Sarah and Peter Barclay	ECO-P3	Amend ECO-P3 to read: Any new subdivision, use, or development shall avoid adverse effects on an SNA that result in: 1. loss of ecosystem representation and extent; ... Unless: 6A. The activity is required to address a high risk to public health or safety. or: The activity relates to:~~Unless they relate to:~~ ... 6. Construction of specified infrastructure that provides significant national or regional	Accept in part	Yes

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S24.010 Helen McIntosh S68.012 John Baynes		public benefit; 7. Mineral and aggregate extraction that provides significant national public benefit that could not otherwise be achieved using resource in NZ;		
S117.008 Greg Bokser S3.008 Stoney Creek Station Limited	ECO-P3	Align objectives and policies with the NPSIB. Amend ECO-P3 to read: Any new subdivision, use, or development shall avoid adverse effects on an SNA that result in: 1. loss of ecosystem representation and extent; ... Unless: 6A. The activity is required to address a high risk to public health or safety. or: The activity relates to: ~~Unless they relate to:~~...	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.025 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.008 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S139.019 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P3	ECO-P2, P3, P4, and P7 all direct the management of activities in SNAs and appear to contradict each other. Delete ECO-P3 and replace with new policy as per ECO-P2.	Reject	
FS17.026 Federated Farmers FS25.038 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		Disallow S139.019 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc		
S109.056 Department of Conservation S112.066 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency S128.026 Greenbriar Ltd. S132.051 KiwiRail Holdings Ltd	ECO-P4	Retain as notified	Accept in part	
S101.054 Transpower NZ Limited	ECO-P4	As the NPSIB does not apply to the National Grid, amend Policy ECO-P4 as follows "With the exception of the operation, maintenance, development and upgrading of the National Grid, m ~~M~~anage any adverse effects on an SNA from a new subdivision, use or development relating to the following matters in accordance with the effects management hierarchy: ..."	Accept in part	
S85.025 Environment Southland	ECO-P4	The NSPIB allows for the harvesting of indigenous tree species carried out in accordance with a sustainable forest management plan or permit under Part 3A of the Forest Act 1949. Remove ~~'but not the harvesting of trees itself'.~~	Accept in part	
FS17.027 Federated Farmers		*Allow S85.025 Environment Southland*		
S139.020 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P4	ECO-P2, P3, P4, and P7 all direct the management of activities in SNAs and appear to contradict each other. Delete ECO-P4 and replace with new policy as per ECO-P2.	Accept	Yes
S85.026 Environment Southland	ECO-P5	Support ECO-P5	Accept in part	
S109.057 Department of Conservation	ECO-P5	Retain ECO-P5 with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): Plantation Forest activities in any existing plantation forest within a SNA must be managed in a manner that: 1. Maintains indigenous biodiversity in the SNA as far as practicable while providing for plantation forest activities to continue, and 2. Maintains and enhances the long-term populations (including population size, age structure and distribution) of any Threatened or At Risk (declining) species present in the area.	Accept in part	Yes
S139.023 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P5	There are indigenous plant species that are important taonga species found in SNAs, but which are not included in subclause 2. Add a new subclause 3 which reads: "maintains the long-term population and health of all taonga species listed in schedule	Reject	

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S110.030 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO-P5	This needs to be updated. Wilding seedling spread is a constant challenge. Change: ~~Plantation~~ Commercial Forest activities in any existing ~~plantation~~ **commercial** forest within a SNA must be managed in a manner that: 1. Maintains indigenous biodiversity in the SNA as far as practicable while providing for ~~plantation~~ commercial forest activities to continue, and 2. Maintains the long-term populations of any Threatened or At Risk (declining) species present in the area; and 3. Does not produce any wilding seedlings or ongoing control must be implemented within a 10km distance of the planting.	Accept in part	Yes
FS10.001 Port Blakely Limited		*Disallow S110.030 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc. Wilding pines from commercial forestry is already regulated by the NES-CF and the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan.*		
S109.058 Department of Conservation S128.027 Greenbriar Ltd. S85.027 Environment Southland	ECO-P6	Retain as notified ECO-P6	Accept in part	
S115.087 Kevin Robertson S143.098 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.099 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.089 Ronald Crispin S68.207 John Baynes S126.086 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P6	Amend ECO-P6: Promote the restoration of indigenous biodiversity by prioritising: (...) 7. initiatives by landowners, community groups and others to protect, restore and maintain areas of significant indigenous biodiversity.	Accept in part	Yes
FS5.37 Hamish Weir *FS25.040 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S126.086 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S110.031 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO-P6	Add: 7. Land owned and/or managed by Council.	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.028 Federated Farmers		*Allow S110.031 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc*		
S139.024 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P6	Restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity is important, but Hokonui Rūnanga Inc does not agree that areas should be prioritised based solely on their current state of ecological degradation as measured using western ecological criteria. Subclause 5 should not be limited to Māori land; areas advanced by mana whenua anywhere in their takiwā for restoration should be a priority. Amend the policy: Promote the restoration of indigenous biodiversity by prioritising: 1. ~~SNAs whose ecological integrity is degraded:~~ sites and areas with degraded ecological integrity or mauri: 2. threatened and rare ecosystems representative of naturally occurring and formerly present ecosystems: 3. areas that provide important connectivity, seed sources or buffering functions: 4. ~~natural inland wetlands whose ecological integrity is degraded or that no longer retain their indigenous vegetation or habitat for indigenous fauna~~ areas advanced by mana whenua anywhere in the district:	Accept in part	Yes

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		5. ~~areas of indigenous biodiversity on specified~~ ~~Māori land where restoration is advanced by the~~ ~~Māori landowners~~ areas identified by landholders in farm or site management plans: 6. any other priorities specified in regional biodiversity strategies, iwi planning documents or any national priorities for indigenous biodiversity restoration.		
FS17.029 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S139.024 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S85.028 Environment Southland	ECO-P7	This policy should be re-numbered to policy 2 as protection of SNAs should sit higher than the enabling policies (2-6). Also include incentives and the inclusion of conditions in resource consents.	Accept in part	
S115.088 Kevin Robertson S143.099 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.100 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.090 Ronald Crispin S68.208 John Baynes S126.087 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P7	Amend ECO-P7: Protect, enhance and restore Significant Natural Areas by: (...)5. Supporting initiatives and enabling ~~by~~ landowners, community groups and others to protect, restore and maintain areas of significant indigenous biodiversity.	Accept	
FS25.043 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.087 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S109.059 Department of Conservation	ECO-P7	Retain ECO-P7 with the following amendments (or words to , the policies in the ECO chapter should be reordered so that this policy becomes ECO-P2. It is necessary to make mention of vegetation clearance within SNAs similar effect): 6. Avoid the clearance of indigenous vegetation and earthworks within SNAs unless it is for ...(permitted activities listed in ECO R1(1)).	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.030 Federated Farmers *FS24.034 Contact Energy Ltd* *FS25.041 Stoney Creek*		*Disallow S109.059 Department of Conservation*		
S139.021 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P7	ECO-P2, P3, P4, and P7 all direct the management of activities in SNAs and appear to contradict each other. Delete ECO-P4 and replace with new policy as per ECO-P2.	Reject	
S139.025 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P7	Amend this policy to apply to all indigenous ecosystems not just significant sites and combine with ECO-P10 to read: Maintain, ~~protect,~~ enhance and restore ~~Significant Natural Areas~~ indigenous biodiversity by: 1. Minimising the loss, fragmentation and reduction of: (a) Significant Natural Areas (b) connections between Significant Natural Areas, ~~and~~ (c) threatened or at risk and indigenous species populations; and (d) the mauri of indigenous ecosystems 2. Enhancing mahinga kai,~~2~~ 3. Promoting the creation of connections and ecological corridors between ~~Significant Natural~~ ~~Areas~~ areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna; 4. Maintaining viable populations of specified highly mobile fauna across their natural range;	Accept in part	Yes

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		~~3~~.**5.** Promoting the use of eco-sourced species from the relevant ecological district; ~~4~~**6.** Enabling opportunities for mana whenua to exercise their customary rights and responsibilities and mana whenua responsibilities as kaitiaki in encouraging the restoration, protection ~~and~~ or enhancement of areas of ~~significant~~ indigenous biodiversity and habitats; and ~~5~~. **7.** Supporting initiatives by landowners, community groups and others to protect, restore and maintain areas of ~~significant~~ indigenous biodiversity and habitats; 8. Applying the effects management hierarchy to address any adverse effects of subdivision, use or development; 9. Recognising the benefits of farm management practices and active management of indigenous biodiversity, including voluntary animal and plant pest control, livestock grazing management and legal protection; and 10. Developing a Biodiversity Strategy to encourage non- regulatory assistance and landowner engagement."		
FS17.031 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S139.025 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
FS25.042 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow in part S139.025 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc. The inclusion of "indigenous biodiversity" in place of "Significant Natural Areas" fundamentally changes the directive provided in this policy, making it unnecessarily restrictive. However, the recognition of the benefits of farm management in terms of pest control and other biodiversity benefits, is supported.*		
S139.026 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P8	Policies should be explicit about the cultural values activities may affect. Amend subclause 4 to read:"~~discourage~~ Prevent or restrict mana whenua access to ~~indigenous biodiversity for a mana whenua cultural purpose~~ or use of mahinga kai"	Accept in part	Yes
S113.009 Trudy Bokser S116.009 Nathan Bokser S118.009 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.045 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.011 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.011 Karen Temple S20.011 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.011 Helen McIntosh S68.013 John Baynes S117.009 Greg Bokser S3.009 Stoney Creek Station Limited	ECO-P8	ECO-P8 has a different set of criteria to the NPSIB. Managing effects on indigenous biodiversity outside of SNAs by applying the effects management hierarchy would be in line with the NPSIB. Preferred relief: Withdraw ECO-P8 and redraft in consultation with key stakeholders, including Stony Creek Station. Include in the revised policy balanced provisions recognising that some vegetation removal is necessary and providing for this where effects are managed using the effects management hierarchy. Alternative relief**:** Amend Policy ECO-P8 to read: When assessing consents for subdivision, land use and development outside of SNAs, require applicants to demonstrate that effects on indigenous biodiversity will be managed by applying the effects management hierarchy., ~~avoid effects which will: 1. Prevent an indigenous species or community being able to persist in their habitats in the ecological district; 2. Result in a degradation of the threat status, further measurable loss of indigenous cover or disruption to ecological processes, functions or connections in land environments in category one or two of the Threatened Environment Classification at the ecological district level; 3. Result in a reduction in the local population of threatened taxa in the Department of Conservation Threat Categories 1 - 3a - nationally critical, nationally endangered and nationally vulnerable; and 4. discourage mana whenua access to indigenous biodiversity for a mana whenua cultural purpose~~	Accept in part	Yes

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FS17.032 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.009 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S115.089 Kevin Robertson S143.100 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.101 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.091 Ronald Crispin S68.209 John Baynes S126.088 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P8	Amend ECO-P8: When assessing consents for subdivision, use and development within SNAs, avoid effects which will: (...)	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.045 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.088 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S109.060 Department of Conservation	ECO-P8	Retain ECO-P8 with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): When assessing resource consents for subdivision, land use and development, avoid effects which will ... In relation to ECO-P8, point 3. add the following wording: 3 ..... Categories 1 - nationally critical, nationally endangered, and nationally vulnerable, and At- Risk (Declining); Include a policy that addresses the management of indigenous vegetation clearance as set out in ECO-R1.	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.044 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S109.060 Department of Conservation*		
S112.067 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency S132.052 KiwiRail Holdings Ltd S146.038 Southland District Council	ECO-P9	Retain as notified ECO-P9	Reject	
S85.029 Environment Southland	ECO-P9	Change wording 9. 5 - remove word ~~'pest'~~ and replace with 'invasive'.	Accept in part	
S130.059 Mercury NZ Limited	ECO-P9	When assessing resource consents in Significant Natural Areas, consider the following matters: The necessity ~~for the activity~~ to provide for critical infrastructure or renewable electricity generation activities;	Accept in part	
S109.061 Department of Conservation	ECO-P9	It is unclear how this policy interacts with the other proposed policies in the ECO Chapter and may undermine the clear direction that they set; It is not a comprehensive list of criteria that a decision-maker would consider (that will be contextual) and so serves to skew the decision-making process under s 104; It appears to replicate other policies and rules. Remove ECO-P9	Accept	Yes
S139.027 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P9	Policies should be explicit about the cultural values. Amend ECO-P9 subclause 3 to read: "The extent to which the proposed activity ~~recognises and provides for Ngāi Tahu cultural purposes, rights and interests~~ will effect the mauri of the area or its values as mahinga kai" Delete subclause 6.	Accept in part	
S113.010 Trudy Bokser S116.010 Nathan Bokser S118.010 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.046 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.012 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.012 Karen Temple	ECO-P9	Amend ECO-P9 to read: When assessing resource consents in Significant Natural Areas, consider the following matters: ... 5. The effects the activity may have on the introduction ~~or~~ spread or control of exotic pest plant and animal ~~weed~~ species and pest animals both terrestrial and aquatic; 8. The appropriateness and effectiveness of any biodiversity offsetting or compensation ~~in accordance with ECO - P7~~ to offset any residual adverse effects that	Accept in part	

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S20.012 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.012 Helen McIntosh S68.014 John Baynes S117.010 Greg Bokser S3.010 Stoney Creek Station Limited		remain after avoiding, remedying and mitigating measures have been applied. 9. Whether the activity is a lawfully established existing activity that is no greater in intensity, scale or character and will not result in a loss of extent or degradation of ecological integrity of a SNA.		
FS17.033 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.010 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S115.090 Kevin Robertson S143.101 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.102 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.092 Ronald Crispin S68.210 John Baynes S126.089 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P9	Include in ECO-P9: When assessing resource consents in Significant Natural Areas, consider the following matters: 9. The necessity for the activity to provide for the maintenance and development of existing working pastoral farms to be innovative, to respond to changing climates, markets or global conditions, or to respond to technological advancements or changes in understandings around good management practice. 10. If the resource consent application is for a lawfully established activity.	Accept in part	
FS25.048 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.089 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S112.068 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency	ECO-P10	Retain as notified ECO-P10	Reject	
S139.028 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P10	Combine with ECO-P7 (as amended in accordance with submission) and delete ECO-P10.	Accept	Yes
FS25.051 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S139.028 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc. Retain ECO-P10 as a separate policy*		
S113.011 Trudy Bokser S116.011 Nathan Bokser S118.011 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.047 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.013 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.013 Karen Temple S20.013 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.013 Helen McIntosh S68.015 John Baynes S3.011 Stoney Creek Station Limited	ECO-P10	Amend ECO-P10 to read: Maintain indigenous biodiversity across the district by: ... 8. Recognising the benefits of farm management practices and active management of indigenous biodiversity, including but not limited to voluntary animal and plant pest and stock control, fencing, and/or formal legal protection. ...	Accept in part	
FS17.034 Federated Farmers		*Allow in part S3.011 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S115.091 Kevin Robertson S143.102 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.103 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.093 Ronald Crispin S68.211 John Baynes S126.090 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P10	Amend ECO-P10: Maintain indigenous biodiversity across the district by: (...) 5. Establishing a Biodiversity Stakeholder Group to review District Plan provisions, encourage ongoing non- regulatory assistance, and ~~enhance~~ support landowners in their engagement with Council**;** (...) 8. Recognising the benefits of farm management practices and active management of indigenous biodiversity, including but not limited to voluntary animal and plant pest and stock control, farm fencing and/or formal legal protection. The Council should look to provide financial assistance or rates rebates/remission for ratepayers with identified SNAs	Accept in part	
FS25.052 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.090 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		

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S85.030 Environment Southland	ECO-P10	Do not support the need for a separate Gore specific group/strategy. Remove sub clause 5, amend sub clause 6 to be a 'biodiversity incentives strategy'. Sub clause 8: change wording to ...including the voluntary control of invasive plant and animal species and stock...	Accept in part	
FS17.035 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S85.030 Environment Southland*		
S109.062 Department of Conservation	ECO-P10	Retain ECO-P10 with the following amendments 9. Protect indigenous biodiversity by managing the vegetation clearance and land disturbance.	Accept in part	
FS25.049 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S109.062 Department of Conservation*		
S110.032 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO-P10	The effects should not have to be significant to justify a review of effects. Change: Maintain indigenous biodiversity across the district by: 1. Managing any ~~significant~~ adverse effects of new subdivision, use or development by applying the effects management hierarchy; Managing the adverse effects of new subdivision, use or development on highly mobile fauna areas in order to maintain ~~viable~~ populations of specified highly mobile fauna across their natural range.	Accept in part	
FS25.050 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S110.032 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc*		
S128.028 Greenbriar Ltd. S130.060 Mercury NZ Limited S85.066 Environment Southland	ECO-P11	Support ECO-P11	Accept in part	
S113.012 Trudy Bokser S116.012 Nathan Bokser S118.012 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.048 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.014 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.014 Karen Temple S20.014 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.014 Helen McIntosh S68.016 John Baynes S117.012 Greg Bokser S3.012 Stoney Creek Station Limited	ECO-P11	There may be situations where offsetting is appropriate but is not for cultural purposes or is consistent with other values or drivers. Preferred relief: Withdraw ECO-P11 and redraft in consultation with key stakeholders, including Stony Creek Station. Alternative relief: Amend Policy-P11 as follows: Provide for biodiversity offsets and compensation to manage residual adverse effects of an activity where: 1. The goal of the biodiversity offsets is no net loss and, preferably, a net gain of biodiversity of similar species and location where practicable; **or** 2. The conservation outcomes are measurable and positive; and The biodiversity offsets or compensation are in accordance with best practice, including but not limited to NZ Government guidance on biodiversity offsetting.; ~~and 4. Off-setting and compensation packages are consistent with Ngāi Tahu cultural purposes~~	Accept in part	Yes
FS17.036 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.012 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S115.092 Kevin Robertson S143.103 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.104 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.094 Ronald Crispin S68.212 John Baynes S126.091 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P11	Provide a definition of residual adverse effects. Amend ECO-P11: Provide for biodiversity offsets and compensation to manage residual adverse effects of an activity on indigenous biodiversity within an SNA where: **(...)**	Accept in part	Yes

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FS25.055 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.091 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S109.063 Department of Conservation	ECO-P11	Retain ECO-P11 with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): Where more than minor residual effects of an activity cannot be avoided, minimised, or remedied, provide for biodiversity offsets and compensation ~~to manage residual adverse effects of an activity w~~here it can meet the following: 1. The goal of the biodiversity offsets is no net loss and, preferably, a net gain of biodiversity of similar species and location where practicable; 2. The conservation outcomes are measurable and positive; and 3. The biodiversity offsets or compensation are in accordance with best practice, ~~including but not limited to NZ Government guidance on biodiversity offsetting~~ including in accordance with the principles set out in Appendix 3 and 4 of the NPS-IB and Appendix 6 and 7 of the NPS-FM; and 4. Off-setting and compensation packages are consistent with Ngāi Tahu cultural purposes.	Accept in part	Yes
FS24.035 Contact Energy Ltd		*Disallow S109.063 Department of Conservation as the NPS-IB does not apply to renewable electricity generation activities*		
S101.055 Transpower NZ Limited	ECO-P11	Amend ECO-P11 as followings: ECO-P11 Provide for biodiversity offsets and compensation to manage residual adverse effects of an activity where: x. the offsetting measures are proposed or agreed to by an applicant or requiring authority; (...) Transpower does not oppose the offsetting of residual effects, but considers that (for the National Grid where the NPSIB does not apply) offsetting measures should be offered, as required by the RMA (for instance, as required by section 104). Similarly, the NPSET does not requiring offsetting.	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.053 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S101.055 Transpower NZ Limited*		
S139.029 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P11	Policies should be explicit about the cultural values activities may affect. Amend subclause 4 to read: "Any off-setting and compensation packages are ~~consistent with Ngāi Tahu cultural purpose~~s appropriate considering the whakapapa, mauri and any mahinga kai values of both sites and areas"	Accept in part	
FS17.037 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S139.029 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
FS25.054 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S139.029 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc. Stoney Creek supports more specificity in terms of "Cultural Values" but seeks that this only apply in circumstances where offsetting is being undertaken to achieve a cultural purpose,*		
S85.031 Environment Southland	ECO-P12	Change to 'prohibit the planting of exotic plant species and the release of domesticated or invasive animals within an SNA unless allowed by ECO -P2.	Reject	
S115.094 Kevin Robertson S143.105 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.106 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.096 Ronald Crispin S68.214 John Baynes S126.093 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-P12	Include a definition of exotic weed.	Reject	
FS25.056 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.093 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		

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S110.033 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO-P12	Change: Avoid the planting of exotic weed species and the intentional release or farming of animal pests identified in the Regional Pest Management Plan within SNA's.	Reject	
FS17.038 Federated Farmers		*Allow S110.033 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc*		
S109.064 Department of Conservation	ECO-P12	Retain ECO-P12 with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): Avoid the planting of exotic weed species and the intentional release or farming of animal pests ~~within SNA's~~ that are likely to adversely affect indigenous biodiversity values.	Reject	
FS17.039 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S109.064 Department of Conservation*		
S139.030 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-P12	Delete this policy as the planting of plant pests or the farming of animal pests is managed under the Biosecurity Act 1993.	Accept	Yes
FS17.040 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S139.030 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S128.029 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO- Additional Policy sought	ECO P11A - provide for ecological enhancement works that will enhance indigenous ecological biodiversity to occur on highly productive land.	Accept in part	Yes
S139.017 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO- Additional Policy sought	The plan needs some policy guidance around the ability to remove small areas of indigenous vegetation as part of day to day farming and other land use activities in rural Areas. Add a new policy that reads: "To prevent the clearance or destruction of established indigenous vegetation or habitats or changes in surrounding land conditions which will effect the destruction of established indigenous vegetation or habitats; and Provide for the removal of individual plants or modification of small areas of indigenous vegetation which is ancillary to undertaking other land uses on the site, provide these activities do not adversely affect the ability of the indigenous vegetation to regenerate or compromise the ecological integrity of the site."	Reject	
FS5.46 Hamish Weir		*Allow S139.017 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
FS25.071 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S139.017 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc and the intention of this submission to enable vegetation removal for farming activities*		
S130.061 Mercury NZ Limited	ECO-R1	Retain ECO-R1	Accept in part	
S124.024 Fire and Emergency NZ	ECO-R1	Retain as notified. Fire and Emergency support ECO-R1 to the extent that is enables indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance of 1.5m for firebreaks.	Accept	
S109.065 Department of Conservation	ECO-R1	Retain ECO-R1 with the following amendments d) For the safe operation or maintenance (but not extension) of the National Grid Matters of Discretion X. management of potential adverse effects through a Council Authorised Biodiversity Management Plan.	Accept in part	
FS5.38 Hamish Weir *FS30.022 Transpower NZ Limited* *FS25.058 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S109.065 Department of Conservation*		
S101.056 Transpower NZ Limited	ECO-R1	Transpower does not support Rule ECO-R1 to the extent that the Rule applies a non-complying activity status to indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance for new or upgraded National Grid assets in an SNA. Amend Rule ECO-R1 as follows: "Activity status where compliance is not achieved with ECOR1(1)(a)(i), ~~or~~ ECO-	Accept in part	

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		R1(1)(a)(vi) **or** ECO-R1(d): Restricted discretionary (...)Matters of Discretion: (...) x. The benefits of the National Grid."		
S112.069 Waka Kotahi NZ Transport Agency	ECO-R1	Amend the rule to provide for indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance associated with new critical infrastructure, as well as the repair, replacement and maintenance of existing critical infrastructure, as a discretionary activity. And amend the rule to correct the reference to R1(2) in the discretionary and non- complying activity status section	Accept in part	
S144.008 Contact Energy Limited	ECO-R1	Contact seeks that clearance of indigenous vegetation within SNAs that may be ancillary to a large scale renewable electricity generation activity is a discretionary activity, with access to the effects management.	Accept in part	
S109.143 Department of Conservation	ECO-R1	Amend the provision for the National Grid to clarify that it only applies to the maintenance and operation of the exiting National Grid and not for an extension. Retain ECO-R1 with the following: d) For the safe operation or maintenance (but not extension) of the National Grid … Matters of Discretion ... X. management of potential adverse effects through a Council Authorised Biodiversity Management Plan.	Accept in part	
S115.095 Kevin Robertson S143.106 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.107 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S68.215 John Baynes S126.094 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-R1	Include a definition for 'lawfully established' (if that is the intention) or remove italics. Amend ECO-R1: Where: 1. It is necessary for the following purposes: (a) The maintenance, repair or replacement or upgrade of existing lawfully established: (i) fences and farm fences (ii) vehicle and farm tracks; (...) (ix) network utilities and ~~the clearance or land disturbance is no more than 1.0m in width from those works in (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vii), (viii) and (ix), and 1.5m for (i) and (vi).~~ (...)(e) Maintenance of improved pasture where: (i) the improved pasture has not become a mapped SNA, and (...) *NOTE - the 1.5m limit for vegetation clearance and land disturbance associated with fences in ECO-R1 was withdrawn by Council resolution on 21 November 2023.*	Accept in part	
FS5.39 Hamish Weir *FS5.41 Hamish Weir* *FS25.067 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S126.094 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S122.006 Fulton Hogan	ECO-R1	The rules and policy framework need to be pragmatic and provide for works where they are small scale and necessary, 1. Add the following wording to make it clear that the clauses are not conjunctive "It is necessary for one of the following purposes:" 2. Delete all references to ECO-R1(2) 3. Delete the discretionary non-complying status for activities in SNAs, and default to restricted discretionary activities.	Accept in part	
FS5.40 Hamish Weir		*Allow S122.006 Fulton Hogan*		
S85.032 Environment Southland	ECO-R1	1(a) (i) leave fences in the permitted status but require a maximum width (eg 3m) and only allow fencing along property boundaries. Paddock fencing or vineyard fencing should be excluded from permitted status. 1 (e) add NPS-IB clauses 3.17 2 a and b.	Accept in part	Yes

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		1 (f): replace with wording 'work or activity of the crown within the boundaries of any area of land held or managed under the Conservation Act 1987 or any other act specified in schedule 1 of that act providing the activity does not have a significant adverse effect beyond the boundary of the crown land'. (g) remove 'structures' these are covered by 1 (a). remove section (i). add a new clause - the vegetation is not indigenous to the Southland Region		
FS17.043 Federated Farmers *FS25.060 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S85.032 Environment Southland*		
S104.021 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/Wantwood Station S105.021 Farm Manager - Wantwood Station S127.021 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters	ECO-R1	Amend ECO-R1 to accurately reflect the practicalities of these activities (based on the type of equipment required to complete them). For example, remove the width restriction associated with fencing, fire breaks and tracks. Clarification is required on whether this rule refers to the occasional bit of indigenous vegetation clearance that may have happen in the path of land disturbance or does this refer to solid areas of indigenous vegetation i.e. native bush.	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.061 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S104.021 McLeod- Wantwood Trust/Wantwood Station*		
S148.004 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt	ECO-R1	Maintenance, repair, replacement, upgrading of existing infrastructure should be permitted.	Accept in part	
FS25.057 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S148.004 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt*		
S113.013 Trudy Bokser S116.013 Nathan Bokser S118.013 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.049 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.015 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.015 Karen Temple S20.015 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.015 Helen McIntosh S68.017 John Baynes S117.013 Greg Bokser S3.013 Stoney Creek Station Limited	ECO-R1	Preferred Relief: Withdraw ECO-R1 and redraft in consultation with key stakeholders, including Stony Creek Station. Include in the revised rule an exemption for indigenous vegetation removal and land disturbance associated with farming activities within the new Hokonui Hills Special Precinct. Alternative relief: Amend ECO-R1 as follows: Indigenous Vegetation Clearance and Land Disturbance <u>associated with Indigenous Vegetation Clearance</u> Activity status: Permitted 1. It is necessary for the following purposes:<u>(aa) The installation, maintenance, repair, replacement or upgrade of: (i) Fences(ii) Farm tracks (iii) Farm infrastructure</u> [Refer to proposed definition] (a) The maintenance, repair, or replacement <u>or upgrade</u> of existing lawfully established: ~~(i) fences,~~ (ii) vehicle tracks, (iii) roads, (iv) infrastructure, (v) walkways, (vi) firebreaks, (vii) dams, (viii) waterway crossings, or (ix) network utilities, ~~andthe clearance or land disturbance is no more than 1.0m in width from those works in (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vii), (viii) and (ix), and 1.5m for (i), and (vi)~~ ... (e) Maintenance of improved pasture <u>outside of a SNA</u>,~~where: (i) the improved pasture has not become a SNA, and (ii) the land is not an uncultivated depositional landform, and (iii) it will not adversely affect a Threatened or At Risk (declining)~~	Accept in part	Yes

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		~~species. (f) In accordance with an approved Reserve Act or Conservation Act reserve management plan.~~ (g) For the maintenance, repair or replacement of existing buildings and structures, or to remove a potential fire risk, including an area no further than ~~2.0m~~ 7.5m from the exterior wall of an existing building. (h) The removal indigenous vegetation that is incidental to the removal of exotic species generally and pest plants and pest animals in accordance with any Regional Pest Management Plan or the Biosecurity Act 1993... k) The works relate to indigenous vegetation that was deliberately planted:~~(i) Within a domestic garden; or~~ (ii) For the use of screening/shelter belt purposes (such as farm hedgerows). Activity status where compliance is not achieved with: ECO-R1(1) and ECO-R1(2)~~(a)(i) or ECO-R1(1)(a)(vi)~~ Restricted discretionary Where:1. The indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance takes place outside a Significant Natural Area. ~~2. The indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance does not comply with ECO-R1(1)(a)(i) or ECO-R1(1)(a)(vi).~~ Matters of Discretion: 1. Effects on indigenous biodiversity values. 2. the matters outlined in ~~ECO-P3, ECO-P7,~~ ECO-P8, ~~ECO-P9~~ and ECO-P10. 7. The benefits to indigenous biodiversity provided by the proposed activity.ECO-R1(3): Restricted Discretionary Matters of Discretion: **1.** Effects on indigenous biodiversity values. the matters outlined in ECO-P3, ECO-P7, ECO-P8, ECO-P9 and ECO-P10. **3.** The quantity and quality of indigenous vegetation impacted and the reasons for the works. **4.** The benefits of the proposed activity.5. The mitigation proposed. ECO-R1(1) and ECO-R1(2): Discretionary ~~Non- complying~~Where: 1. The indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance takes place inside a Significant Natural Area.		
FS17.041 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.013 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S109.066 Department of Conservation	ECO-R1	Retain the activity status of discretionary with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): ECO-R1(1) and ~~ECO-R1(2):~~ Discretionary (Outside an SNA) Retain the activity status of non complying with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): ECO-R1(1) and ~~ECO-R1(2)~~: Non-complying (Inside SNA). Where: 4. The indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance takes place inside a Significant Natural Area or unmapped SNA that has been assessed as significant against the criteria in Appendix 4 or any area identified as a highly mobile fauna area or any area containing threatened or at risk (declining) species as listed in Appendix X.	Accept in part	Yes
FS10.002 Port Blakely Limited		*Disallow in part S109.066 Department of Conservation. The submission is contrary to how territorial authorities should assess and identify SNAs under the NPS-IB.*		
FS17.042 Federated Farmers		*Disallow S109.066 Department of Conservation*		

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FS30.023 Transpower NZ Limited *FS14.011 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi* *FS24.036 Contact Energy Ltd* *FS25.059 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S109.066 Department of Conservation*		
S139.036 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-R1	A general indigenous vegetation clearance rule is needed to achieve the purpose of the Act and to give effect to the NPS for Indigenous Biodiversity and the Regional Policy Statement for Southland. However the rule as written seems unduly restrictive for day to day farming. Amend ECO-R1 by: • Include a provision under clause 1(a) for clearing vegetation and land disturbance associated with erection of new fences, firebreaks for water crossings; • Amending the maximum width of clearance allowed under clause (1)(a) to 2.5m either side of the structure; • Removing subclauses (i) to (iii) from clause 3 and replacing with a subclause that reads: " (i) Provided the clearance does not involve the burning, spraying, intensive grazing or other actions intended to permanently remove tussock lands or regenerating scrubland;" • Delete clause (f); • Increase the distance from buildings in clause (g) to 5m and apply to new buildings as well; • Add to clause (k) a new subclause (iii) & (iv) which reads: "or for landscaping or amenity purposes; or as part of indigenous plant propagation or nursery activities." • Add a new clause (l) which reads: "The indigenous vegetation clearance or land disturbance is provided in and carried out in accordance with the conditions of an approved biodiversity management plan for the site." • Make non-compliance with any of the minimum setback distances for any activity in subclause (i)(a) a restricted discretionary activity. Amend the Matters of Discretion by deleting matter (2); and adding a new matter of discretion which reads "The whakapapa of the site and effects on its mauri, mahinga kai values and taonga species;"	Accept in part	Yes
FS25.062 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow in part S139.036 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc*		
S138.001 Port Blakely Limited	ECO-R1	Amend ECO-R1 to include the permitted activities set out in Reg 93(2), (3), (4) &(5) of the NES-CF; or Amend the rule to have two classes of activities, one related to land uses excluding commercial forestry and one related to land uses associated with commercial forestry; or Amend the chapter to make it explicit that clearance of indigenous vegetation associated with a commercial forestry activity is regulated by the NES-CF.	Accept in part	
FS25.064 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S138.001 Port Blakely Limited*		
S138.002 Port Blakely Limited	ECO-R1	Amend ECO-R1(1) and ECO-R1(2) to align with the standards contained in the NES-CF	Accept in part	
FS25.065 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S138.002 Port Blakely Limited*		
S138.003 Port Blakely Limited	ECO-R1	Amend to allow for the maintenance of forestry tracks within SNAs, as set out in Reg	Accept in	

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		93 NES-CF.	part	
FS25.066 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S138.003 Port Blakely Limited. Stoney Creek supports alignment of rules to higher order documents such as the NES-CF, provided that this does not unduly restrict other activities such as pastoral farming.*		
S74.005 Hamish Weir	ECO-R1	The Croydon Bush reserve has an extensive network of mountain bike tracks that require maintenance and repairs. It would be beyond the means of the groups/individuals responsible for the tracks to gain resource consent for works. Works required to maintain the permitted features will normally extend further than 1 metre 1. An additional point needs to be added to ECO- R1 1. (a) as follows; (x) mountain bike tracks 2. The wording of the note at the bottom of ECO-R1 1. (a) needs to be rewritten as follows; the clearance or land disturbance is no more ~~than 1.0m~~ practically required in width from those works in **(i)** (ii),(iii), (iv), (v), **(vi)**, (vii), (viii) and (ix), NOTE - the 1.5m limit for vegetation clearance and land disturbance associated with fences ECO-R1 was withdrawn by Council resolution on 21 November 2023 ~~and 1.5m for (i) and (vi).~~3. An additional point needs to be added to ECO-R1 1. (k) as follows;(iii) planting for waterbody setbacks 4. An additional permitted rule for construction of mountain bike and hiking trails (l) works associated with construction of mountain bike and hiking trails that utilise natural features and ground profile	Reject	
FS25.063 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S74.005 Hamish Weir. Stoney Creek supports the inclusion of "practically required" in terms of 1(a).*		
FS11.044 Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga		*Disallow S74.005 Hamish Weir. Activities will involve earthworks and land disturbance during establishment, maintenance, and use, which may affect identified and unknown archaeological sites*		
S155.001 MacKenzie Aviation Ltd	ECO-R1	Allow for track building and maintenance to be improved for agriculture aviation safety. Refer to complete submission for full details.	Accept	
FS25.068 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow in part S155.001 MacKenzie Aviation Ltd*		
S128.030 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO-R1	1. ECO-R(1) - restricted discretionary. A new rule be created for indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance within a Highly Mobile Fauna Specified Area - Discretionary. A new rule be created for activities addressed in ECO-P4 - Discretionary	Accept in part	
S69.005 Ian Davidson-Watts	ECO-R1	More flexibility depending on the habitat in respect of the maintenance of established activities: Open scrub, and grassland: 3m of disturbance Closed forest: 1.5m of disturbance with a structure over 4m in height.	Accept in part	
FS25.069 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S69.005 Ian Davidson- Watts*		
S109.068 Department of Conservation	ECO-R2	Retain as notified.	Reject	
S139.037 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-R2	Propagation/planting of pest plants and animals is managed through regional	Accept	Yes

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		strategies under the Biosecurity Act 1993. Delete the rule.		
S85.033 Environment Southland	ECO-R2	The RPMP already prevents the planting of pest plants. Change to 'planting of exotic plant species unless allowed for by ECO -P2'.	Reject	
S115.096 Kevin Robertson S143.107 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.108 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.098 Ronald Crispin S68.216 John Baynes S126.095 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO-R2	Amend ECO-R2: Planting of exotic weed species identified in ~~a~~ the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan.	Reject	
FS11.050 Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga		*Disallow S126.095 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S128.071 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO-R2	Requiring a discretionary consent for all indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance outside SNA's is considered overly onerous. Amend activity status to restricted discretionary A new rule be created for activities addressed in ECO-P4 - Discretionary	Reject	
S109.067 Department of Conservation	ECO-R2	Retain ECO-R2 with the following amendments (or words to similar effect): ~~Significant Natural Areas~~ All areas	Reject	
FS10.003 Port Blakely Limited		*Disallow S109.067 Department of Conservation. Unnecessary duplication, wilding pine are already regulated by the NES-CF and the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan*		
FS5.42 Hamish Weir		*Disallow S109.067 Department of Conservation*		
S139.038 Hokonui Rūnanga Inc	ECO-R3	Delete the rule. Propagation/planting of pest plants and animals is managed through regional strategies under the Biosecurity Act 1993.	Accept	Yes
S85.034 Environment Southland	ECO-R3	Change to domesticated/invasive animals unless allowed by Eco - P2.	Reject	
S126.096 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ S115.097 Kevin Robertson S143.108 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.109 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.099 Ronald Crispin S68.217 John Baynes	ECO-R3	Include a definition for animal pests and 'exotic weed species'. Amend ECO- R3: The intentional release or farming of animal pests identified in a the Southland Regional Pest Management Plan.	Reject	
S109.069 Department of Conservation	ECO-R3	~~Significant Natural Areas:~~ All Areas Retain ECO-R3 Activity status: non-complying	Reject	
FS5.43 Hamish Weir		*Disallow*		
S3.014 Stoney Creek Station Limited S113.014 Trudy Bokser S116.014 Nathan Bokser S127.050 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.016 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.016 Karen Temple	ECO- Additional Rule sought	Add a new Rule ECO-R1(2):2. Indigenous Vegetation Clearance and any associated land disturbance outside a SNA for any purpose other than listed in ECO-R1(1) or ECO-R1(3), provided:(a) The vegetation to be cleared is regenerating indigenous vegetation less than 15 years old, where the land was previously lawfully cleared of indigenous vegetation; or(b) The area of indigenous vegetation clearance does not exceed 500 m2 in any 12 month period.	Reject	

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S20.016 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.016 Helen McIntosh S68.018 John Baynes S117.014 Greg Bokser				
FS20.034 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Disallow in part S3.014 Stoney Creek Station Limited as the current rules need refinement*		
FS31.014 Department of Conservation		*Disallow in part S3.014 Stoney Creek Station Limited as A precautionary approach is required given that there is limited knowledge of the ecological values of the areas of indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna in the Southland Region*		
FS17.044 Federated Farmers		*Allow S3.014 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S113.015 Trudy Bokser S116.015 Nathan Bokser S118.015 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.051 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.017 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.017 Karen Temple S20.017 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.017 Helen McIntosh S68.019 John Baynes S117.015 Greg Bokser S3.015 Stoney Creek Station Limited	ECO- Additional Rule sought	Add a new Rule ECO-R1(3):Indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance required for the maintenance of improved pasture within or affecting a SNA where: (i) the maintenance of improved pasture is part of a regular cycle of periodic maintenance, and (ii) the intensity, scale or character of the effects are not increased, and (iii) the improved pasture has not itself become a SNA, and (iv) the land is not an uncultivated depositional landform, and (v) the maintenance will not adversely affect a Threatened or At Risk (declining) species.	Accept	Yes
FS31.020 Department of Conservation		*Disallow S3.015 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S115.098 Kevin Robertson S143.109 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.110 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.100 Ronald Crispin S68.218 John Baynes	ECO- Additional Rule sought	It is unreasonable to expect landowners to apply for a resource consent when carrying out minor clearance. Include new rule providing for indigenous vegetation clearance for any purpose other than contained in ECOR1(1) or (3) as a permitted activity.	Accept in Part	
S110.034 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc	ECO- Additional Rule sought	Add: ECO-R4 Livestock grazing within a Significant Natural Area Activity status: Restricted Discretionary Matters of discretion:1. Effects on Significant Natural Area values and indigenous biodiversity values. 2. The impact of the activity on any, rare or threatened indigenous species or taonga species and how any potential impact could be avoided, remedied or mitigated. 3. The quantity and quality of indigenous vegetation impacted and the reasons for the activity. 4. The activity has a functional need to be located in the area. 5. An ongoing grazing plan to ensure the stock type, stock numbers and duration of grazing is combatable with the biodiversity values present. 6. the matters outlined in ECO-P2, ECO-P6, ECO-P7, ECO-P10, ECO-P11 and ECO-P12.	Reject	
FS5.44 Hamish Weir		*Disallow S110.034 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc*		
FS20.019 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S110.034 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc. any provisions must also be workable and encourage landowners to retain and enhance indigenous biodiversity.*		

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FS17.045 Federated Farmers *FS25.070 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Disallow S110.034 Royal Forest and Bird Society of NZ Inc*		
S126.097 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	ECO- Additional Rule sought	Include new rule providing for indigenous vegetation clearance for any purpose other than contained in ECO-R1(1) or (3) as a permitted activity. This would capture the ability to carry out minor indigenous vegetation clearance (i.e. the clearance of a single plant) for various purposes including beautification and normal farming activities.	Accept in part	
FS5.47 Hamish Weir *FS25.072 Stoney Creek Station Ltd*		*Allow S126.097 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
FS20.027 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S126.097 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ as the current rules need refinement*		
FS31.015 Department of Conservation		*Disallow in part S126.097 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ as not support a rule with no parameters that permitted indigenous vegetation clearance for any other activities*		
FS11.051 Heritage NZ Pouhere Taonga		*Disallow S126.097 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ as earthworks or ground disturbance to areas that have been previously undisturbed, or go below the topsoil have the potential to uncover archaeology*		
S69.006 Ian Davidson- Watts	ECO- Additional Rule sought	We seek clarification on what rules apply to the protection of highly mobile fauna (of rare or threatened species etc). The rules to protect them when they are identified should be similar to those of SNAs	Accept in part	
FS31.018 Department of Conservation		*Allow S69.006 Ian Davidson- Watts*		
FS25.073 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S69.006 Ian Davidson- Watts*		
S128.072 Greenbriar Ltd.	ECO- Additional Rule sought	A new rule be created to implement ECO-P4 for indigenous vegetation clearance and land disturbance within a Highly Mobile Fauna Specified Area - Discretionary	Accept in part	
FS25.113 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S128.072 Greenbriar Ltd.*		
S109.070 Department of Conservation	APP4- ECO-APP	Retain Appendix 4 as notified	Accept	
S152.015 Nigel Cowburn	APP4- ECO-APP	Requests amended wording of "requires an ecologist with geothermal expertise)" to widen expertise input as in NZ this is probably one person.	Accept in part	Yes
S85.008 Environment Southland	APP4- ECO-APP	The criteria is consistent with the NPS-IB	Accept	
S148.009 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt	APP4- ECO-APP	If an SNA is not mapped, it cannot and should not have any restrictions on it.	Reject	
FS30.003 Transpower NZ Limited *FS22.069 Clark Fortune McDonald & Associates*		*Allow S148.009 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt*		
S146.101 Southland District Council	ECO-MAP- Significant Natural Area	Review cross-boundary issues with SDC.	Accept in part	
S115.177 Kevin Robertson	ECO-MAP-	SFF does not agree with including areas that have not been mapped as SNAs. It is our	Accept	

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S143.188 Rural Ratepayers Group S148.189 Alistair & Bernadette Hunt S60.179 Ronald Crispin S68.297 John Baynes S126.176 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ	Significant Natural Area	view that until areas are mapped and included in the plan, they should not be considered SNAs.		
FS25.138 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Allow S126.176 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
FS31.021 Department of Conservation		*Disallow S126.176 Southland Federated Farmers of NZ*		
S85.109 Environment Southland	SUB- Additional provisions sought	The inclusion of objectives to 'manage the effects of Indigenous biodiversity outside of SNAs' to' acknowledge and identify Taonga' and to 'manage adverse effects on Highly Mobile Species)**.** Recognition of the GNS natural hazard report findings about natural hazards with subdivisions.	Reject	
FS5.115 Hamish Weir		*Disallow S85.109 Environment Southland*		
FS20.011 Hokonui Runanga Inc		*Allow in part S85.109 Environment Southland*		
S113.030 Trudy Bokser S116.030 Nathan Bokser S118.030 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.066 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.032 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.032 Karen Temple S20.032 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.032 Helen McIntosh S68.034 John Baynes S117.030 Greg Bokser	SUB-R1	SUB-R1: Why are sites containing SNAs or ONLs not afforded controlled activity status when the environmental effects of these activities are negligible. Delete Condition 6 ('The site does not contain a Significant Natural Area or Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature') from SUB-R1.	Accept in part	Yes
S109.095 Department of Conservation	SUB-R1	Retain SUB-R1 with the following amendments: 6. The site does not contain a Significant Natural Area or unmapped SNA that has been assessed as significant against the criteria in Appendix 4 or any area identified as a highly mobile fauna area or any area containing threatened or at risk (declining) species as listed in Appendix X or Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature;	Accept in part	Yes
FS5.88 Hamish Weir		*Disallow in part S109.095 Department of Conservation*		
FS14.012 NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi		*Disallow S109.095 Department of Conservation*		
S74.014 Hamish Weir	SUB-R1	Amend SUB-R1 as follows: The ~~site does not contain a~~ proposed new boundary do not bisect a Significant Natural Area or Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature;	Accept	Yes
FS22.013 Clark Fortune McDonald & Associates		*Allow S74.014 Hamish Weir*		
S113.031 Trudy Bokser S116.031 Nathan Bokser S118.031 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.067 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters	SUB-R4	SUB-R4: Why are sites containing SNAs or ONLs not afforded controlled activity status when the environmental effects of these activities are negligible. Delete Condition 6 ('The site does not contain a Significant Natural Area or Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature') from SUB-R4.	Accept in part	Yes

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S18.033 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.033 Karen Temple S20.033 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.033 Helen McIntosh S68.035 John Baynes S117.031 Greg Bokser S3.031 Stoney Creek Station Limited				
FS5.96 Hamish Weir *FS17.056 Federated Farmers*		*Allow S3.031 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S109.096 Department of Conservation	SUB-R4	Retain SUB-R4 with the following amendments: 6. The site does not contain a Significant Natural Area or unmapped SNA that has been assessed as significant against the criteria in Appendix 4 or any area identified as a highly mobile fauna area or any area containing threatened or at risk (declining) species as listed in Appendix X or Outstanding Natural Landscape or Feature; ... been assessed as such during the resource consent process.	Accept in part	Yes
FS5.93 Hamish Weir		*Disallow S109.096 Department of Conservation*		
S109.097 Department of Conservation	SUB-R11	Retain as notified SUB-R11	Accepted in Part	
S113.032 Trudy Bokser S116.032 Nathan Bokser S118.032 AW+ JA Johnston Family Trust S127.068 Peters Farm Ltd Karen Peters S18.034 Reaby Downs Farm Ltd S19.034 Karen Temple S20.034 Sarah and Peter Barclay S24.034 Helen McIntosh S68.036 John Baynes S117.032 Greg Bokser S3.032 Stoney Creek Station Limited	SUB-R11	Amend SUB-R11 as follows: Subdivision in any area of an Outstanding Natural Landscape, Outstanding Natural Feature or Significant Natural Area excluding activities captured by SUB-R1 and SUB-R4.	Accept	Yes
FS5.110 Hamish Weir *FS17.057 Federated Farmers*		*Allow S3.032 Stoney Creek Station Limited*		
S152.009 Nigel Cowburn	NFL-R6	Requests provision for removal of trees with a large DBH of 200mm non-complying, unless covered by NFL-R6.2	Reject	
FS25.107 Stoney Creek Station Ltd		*Disallow S152.009 Nigel Cowburn*		