

Submitter: Lucy Roberts for Department of Conservation

Submission number: 585

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585.1			Delete policy 3.2.6(a)(iv) Providing for vegetation clearance.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1345.4</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1330.66</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1340.89</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.2			Delete Policy 3.2.6(b) Providing for vegetation clearance.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1345.5</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1340.90</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1342.149</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1377.157</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.3			Amend Objective 3.5.1 Natural Character as follows: (a) The high and Outstanding Natural Character of the coastal environment...	Accept	Decision Report 10: Landscapes

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585.4			Amend Policy 3.5.3(a)(iv) Protecting the natural character qualities of the coastal environment, as follows: (a) Protect the qualities of outstanding and high natural character areas in the coastal environment from inappropriate subdivision, use and development by: ... (iv) avoiding activities that damage the stability of functioning identified coastal dune systems;	Accept	Decision Report 10: Landscapes
585.5			Amend Policy 5.3.5 Earthworks activities to address the management of kauri dieback and measures to prevent the spread of the disease.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1342.150</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.6			Delete Policy 5.3.13(c) Waste management activities.	Accept in Part	Decision Report 22: Rural Zone
585.6 <i>FS1045.11</i>	<i>Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
585.7			Amend Policy 5.6.7 Earthworks to address the management of kauri dieback and measures to prevent the spread of the disease.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1342.151</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.8			Amend the forestry provisions in the Proposed District Plan to afford greater protection to indigenous vegetation and Significant Natural Areas within or adjacent to plantation forestry.	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1342.152</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	

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585.9			Add a new definition of "Biodiversity offset" to Chapter 13 Definitions, as follows: <u>Biodiversity offsets are measurable conservation outcomes resulting from actions designed to compensate for significant residual adverse biodiversity impacts arising from project development after appropriate prevention and mitigation measures have been taken. The goal of biodiversity offsets is to achieve no net loss and preferable a net gain of biodiversity on the ground.</u>	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1345.6</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1258.25</i>	<i>Meridian Energy Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1330.54</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1340.91</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1377.158</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
585.10			Add a new definition of "Environmental Compensation" Definitions as follows: <u>Environmental compensation comprises actions offered as a meas to address residual adverse effects on the environmental arising from project development that are not intended to result in no net loss or a net gain of biodiversity on the ground.</u>	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas

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<i>FSI345.7</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Not Stated		Accept in Part	
<i>FSI258.26</i>	<i>Meridian Energy Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FSI330.55</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FSI340.92</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FSI223.138</i>	<i>Mercury NZ Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FSI342.153</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FSI377.159</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
585.11			Add additional matters of discretion to Rule 14.6.2 Restricted Discretionary activities to address any adverse effects to the environment associated with the construction, operation and decommissioning of small-scale and community-scale electricity generation projects, particularly wind farms.	Accept in part	Decision Report 13: Infrastructure
<i>FSI258.27</i>	<i>Meridian Energy Limited</i>	Not Stated		Accept in part	Decision Report 13: Infrastructure
585.12			Retain Rule 14.6.3 Discretionary activities as notified.	Accept in part	Decision Report 13: Infrastructure

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585.13			Retain Rule 14.6.4 Non complying activities as notified.	Accept in part	Decision Report 13: Infrastructure
585.14			Retain Appendix 6 Biodiversity offsetting, except for the amendments sought below AND Amend Appendix 6 Biodiversity offsetting as follows: Introduction <u>The following sets out a framework for the use of biodiversity offsets. It should be read in conjunction with the New Zealand government Guidance on Good Practice Biodiversity Offsetting in New Zealand, New Zealand Government et al., August 2014 (or any successor document).</u> 2 Biodiversity offsetting framework ... 2. A proposed biodiversity offset will contain an <u>qualitative</u> assessment of losses and gains commensurate with the scale of effects of the activity, and should demonstrate the manner in which no net loss can be achieved. AND Amend bullet 8 of Appendix 6 Biodiversity Offsetting to ensure that any offset not replacing biodiversity on a like for like basis should not 'trade up' from already threatened or at risk biodiversity.	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1345.8</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1258.70</i>	<i>Meridian Energy Limited</i>	Not Stated		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1330.56</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	

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<i>FS1340.93</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1223.139</i>	<i>Mercury NZ Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1342.154</i>	Federated Farmers	Oppose		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1377.160</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	
585.15			Amend Rule 16.2.8 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1377.161</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept	
585.16			Amend Rule 17.2.9 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas

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585.17			Amend Rule 20.2.9 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FSI345.11</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose	.	<i>Accept</i>	
585.18			Amend Rule 21.2.9 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FSI345.12</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.19			Amend Rule 22.2.7 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas

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			maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.		
<i>FS1315.9</i>	<i>Lochiel Farmlands Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1340.94</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1345.13</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1342.156</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.20			Amend Rule 23.2.8 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; AND Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.21			Amend Rule 24.2.8 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas

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585.22			Amend Rule 25.2.8 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.23			Amend Rule 28.2.8 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Change P2 to a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.24			Add rules for Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area in all Zones as follows: Include a maximum vegetation clearance permitted activity rule for all purposes; and Include a minimum setback distance from water bodies for all purposes; and Include a maximum area of clearance rather than a maximum volume; and Any other relevant amendments.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FS1340.95	TaTa Valley Limited	Oppose		Accept	

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<i>FS1345.14</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1342.155</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FS1377.162</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.25			Retain Rule 16.2.8 D1 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1377.163</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Reject</i>	
585.26			Retain Rule 17.2.9 D1 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.27			Retain Rule 20.2.9 D1 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.28			Retain Rule 21.2.9 D1 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas

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585.29			Retain Rule 22.2.7 D I Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1315.10</i>	<i>Lochiel Farmlands Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Reject</i>	
585.30			Retain Rule 23.2.8 D I Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.31			Retain Rule 24.2.8 D I Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.32			Add introductions and/or zone descriptions at the beginning of each chapter.	Accept	Decision Report 32: Miscellaneous Matters
<i>FS1308.82</i>	<i>The Surveying Company</i>	Support		Accept	
<i>FS1330.49</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Support		Accept	
<i>FS1223.140</i>	Mercury NZ Limited	Support		Accept	

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<i>FS1342.157</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Support		Accept	
585.33			Add new objectives, policies and rules to address the management of kauri dieback, particularly around earthworks and measures to prevent spread of the disease.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1342.158</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		Reject	
585.34			Retain the mapping of the Coastal Environment line, except for the amendments sought below AND Amend the coastal environment line at Port Waikato to take into account the position of the boundary for the coastal marine area as shown in the Waikato Regional Coastal Plan and make any consequential amendments.	Accept	Decision Report 10: Landscapes
<i>FS1381.3</i>	<i>Counties Power Limited</i>	Support		Accept	
<i>FS1277.137</i>	<i>Waikato Regional Council</i>	Support		Accept	
585.35			Retain the mapping of Significant Natural Areas, except for the amendments sought below AND Amend the Plan to manage areas that are not mapped, but meet the criteria for Significant Natural Areas stated in the Waikato Regional Policy Statement.	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1258.34</i>	<i>Meridian Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	

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<i>FS1330.50</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Support		Accept in Part	
585.36			Add a schedule identifying the Outstanding Natural Features and Outstanding Natural Landscapes.	Accept	Decision Report 10: Landscapes
<i>FS1340.96</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Support		Accept	
<i>FS1223.172</i>	<i>Mercury NZ Limited</i>	Oppose		Reject	Decision Report 10: Landscapes
<i>FS1377.164</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		Reject	Decision Report 10: Landscapes
585.37			Add new objectives, policies and rules to recognise and implement measures to address and manage the revised conservation status of Kunzea and Leptospermum taxa.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1342.159</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		Reject	
585.38			Add new maps, objectives, policies and rules recognising and providing for bat zones and tree protection (see submission for an example of a rule from the Draft Timaru District Plan).	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FS1345.9</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1340.97</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	
<i>FS1342.160</i>	<i>Federated Farmers</i>	Oppose		Accept in Part	

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FS1377.165	Havelock Village Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
585.39			Retain Objective 3.1.1 Biodiversity and ecosystems as notified.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.40			Amend Policy 3.1.2(a)(i) Policies as follows: (a) Enable activities that maintain or enhance indigenous biodiversity including: (i) planting <u>and reintroducing eco-sourced</u> using indigenous species suitable to the habitat;	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FS1330.51	Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
585.41			Amend Policy 3.1.2 (a)(iii) Policies as follows: Enable activities that maintain or enhance indigenous biodiversity including: ... (iii) biosecurity works <u>including management of plant diseases.</u>	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FS1330.52	Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited	Support		Reject	
FS1223.141	Mercury NZ Limited	Support		Reject	
FS1342.161	Federated Farmers	Oppose		Accept	
585.42			Retain Policy 3.2.2 (b) Policies except for the amendments sought below AND Amend Policy 3.1.2(b) as follows: (b) Consider the following <u>when a</u> Avoiding, remedying or mitigating	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas

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			adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity including by considering:		
FS1223.142	Mercury NZ Limited	Support		Reject	
585.43			Amend Policy 3.1.2(c) Policies to appropriately recognise and implement measures to address and manage Kunzea and Leptospermum in light of their re-assessed conservation status.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FS1342.162	Federated Farmers	Oppose		Accept	
585.44			Retain Objective 3.2.1 Significant Natural Areas as notified.	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.45			Retain Policy 3.2.2 Identify and Recognise as notified.	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.46			Retain Policy 3.2.3 Management hierarchy, except for the amendments sought below AND Amend Policy 3.2.3 Management hierarchy as follows: (a) Recognise and protect indigenous biodiversity within Significant Natural Areas by: (i) avoiding the significant adverse effects of vegetation clearance and the disturbance of habitats unless specific activities need to be enabled as a preference; ...	Accept in Part	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FS1198.13	Bathurst Resources Limited and BT Mining Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	

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FSI258.35	Meridian Energy Limited	Not Stated		Accept in Part	
FSI292.24	McPherson Resources Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
FSI334.24	Fulton Hogan Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
FSI340.98	TaTa Valley Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
FSI345.10	Genesis Energy Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
FSI377.166	Havelock Village Limited	Oppose		Accept in Part	
585.47			Retain Policy 3.2.4 (b) Biodiversity Offsetting, except for the amendments sought below AND Amend Policy 3.2.4(b) Biodiversity as follows: (b) Within a Significant Natural Area, a biodiversity offset will only be considered appropriate where adverse effects have been <u>preferentially</u> avoided, <u>then</u> remedied or mitigated in accordance with the hierarchy established in Policy 3.2.3; and...	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FSI045.9	Auckland/Waikato Fish and Game Council	Support		Reject	
FSI258.38	Meridian Energy Limited	Not Stated		Reject	
FSI292.28	McPherson Resources Limited	Support		Reject	

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<i>FSI330.53</i>	<i>Middlemiss Farm Holdings Limited</i>	Support		<i>Reject</i>	
<i>FSI334.27</i>	<i>Fulton Hogan Limited</i>	Support		<i>Reject</i>	
<i>FSI340.99</i>	<i>TaTa Valley Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FSI345.15</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FSI223.143</i>	<i>Mercury NZ Limited</i>	Support		<i>Reject</i>	
<i>FSI377.167</i>	<i>Havelock Village Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
585.48			Add a new clause (c) to Policy 3.2.4 Biodiversity offsetting that provides for consideration of environmental compensation in cases where biodiversity offsetting cannot be reasonably achieved as to address environmental effects that cannot be avoided, remedied or mitigated.	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
<i>FSI258.40</i>	<i>Meridian Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	
<i>FSI292.29</i>	<i>McPherson Resources Limited</i>	Support		<i>Reject</i>	
<i>FSI334.28</i>	<i>Fulton Hogan Limited</i>	Support		<i>Reject</i>	
<i>FSI345.16</i>	<i>Genesis Energy Limited</i>	Oppose		<i>Accept</i>	

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FS1223.144	Mercury NZ Limited	Support		Reject	
FS1340.100	TaTa Valley Limited	Support		Reject	
FS1342.163	Federated Farmers	Support		Reject	
FS1377.168	Havelock Village Limited	Support		Reject	
585.49			Amend Policy 3.2.5 Biodiversity in the coastal environment by moving it to section 3.1 AND Amend Policy 3.2.5 Biodiversity in the coastal environment as follows: (a) Avoid the adverse effects of subdivision use and development within Significant Natural Areas of the coastal environment on:	Reject	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
FS1258.43	Meridian Energy Limited	Oppose		Accept	
585.50			Retain Rule 25.2.8 D1 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas
585.51			Retain Rule 28.2.8 D1 Indigenous vegetation clearance inside a Significant Natural Area, in particular, retain the cascade to discretionary activity upon non-compliance with the permitted activity standards.	Accept	Decision Report 9: Significant Natural Areas