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20.3	Christine Silvester	General	Support	RETAIN indigenous vegetation protection in the Proposed District Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports this due to Kiwi living in the 'Bream Tail Farm', and in 'The Sanctuary'. 	Accept in part	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
26.59	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth Group LP and One NZ	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3 as notified. AND Any alternative relief and/or consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy appropriately recognises the operational need and functional need of regionally significant infrastructure to traverse areas of indigenous vegetation and biodiversity in appropriate circumstances. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS45.2	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy is opposed as it is labelled to be for 'protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity' but instead is enabling for infrastructure and economic land development which do not recognise and provide for s6(c) RMA nor enable Council's functions under s31 RMA. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
26.60	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth Group LP and One NZ	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1 as notified. AND Any alternative relief and/or consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule provides practical provision for operating, repairing and maintaining infrastructure. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
26.61	Chorus New Zealand Ltd, Connexa Ltd, Spark NZ Trading Ltd, Fortysouth	ECO-R2	Support	RETAIN ECO-R2 as notified. AND Any alternative relief and/or consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule provides practical provision for clearance and associated disturbance for new infrastructure. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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	Group LP and One NZ						
30.2	Alex Flavell	General	Oppose	ADD mapping of area of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The District Plan does not include mapped areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna. Mapping should be done prior to the District Plan being approved, in order to ensure council obligations to protecting and enhancing biodiversity are met. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS45.7	Director General of Conservation	General	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping areas of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats and indigenous fauna would recognise and provide for s6(c) of the RMA. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
67.2	Adam Booth	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1 insofar as it provides for clearance to form a building site on a property and the ability to maintain clearance between dwellings and vegetation.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
119.4	Amanda (Mandy) Harris	General	Amend	AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter to include stormwater management provisions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the inclusion of comprehensive urban stormwater planning provisions in the Proposed Kaipara District Plan 2025. Kaiwaka is identified as a key growth area, therefore it is essential that the District Plan embeds robust, future-focused 	Reject	Topic 3: General Submissions and Overview

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					<p>infrastructure policies to safeguard environmental health, reduce flood risk, and support sustainable community development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stormwater provisions should be embedded across multiple chapters of the District Plan to reflect the cross-cutting nature of water infrastructure and its impact on land use, biodiversity, and hazard management. • These methods align with Te Mana o te Wai, reduce pollution, and enhance climate resilience. • Without firm direction in the District Plan, Kaipara risks being reactive to changing government policy rather than proactive in protecting its unique environment. • Māori and local lived experience are essential for designing resilient, place-based infrastructure. I support the inclusion of policy that reflects the knowledge and expertise of local Tangata Whenua. • Without enforceable obligations, stormwater systems risk becoming reactive rather than preventive. • Extreme weather and rising groundwater levels are already impacting infrastructure resilience: 		

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kaiwaka’s wastewater treatment plant leaked into the Kaiwaka River following heavy rainfall in May 2025. • Urban runoff from SH1 contributes heavy metals, hydrocarbons, and sediment to receiving waters. • Flood-prone development and limited Council resourcing have resulted in unsafe footpaths, damaged properties, and insufficient drainage. • Insurance risks are climbing, with some properties potentially becoming uninsurable. • Recent events underscore the urgent need for improved infrastructure: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The May 2025 overflow of the Kaiwaka Wastewater Treatment Plant led to a health warning for the Kaiwaka and Otamatea rivers and Kaipara Harbour. • Urban development along SH1 has intensified runoff and pollutant loading. • Two open gullies currently drain unfiltered stormwater directly into the Kaiwaka River. 		

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many private properties have inadequate or unsafe stormwater systems, with limited Council capacity to enforce compliance. • Kaiwaka’s topography offers natural opportunities for bioretention and green infrastructure. These should be leveraged to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce runoff velocity and volume. • Filter contaminants before they reach the river. • Mitigate future leakage from the wastewater plan. • The submitter believes that addressing stormwater and wastewater issues in Kaiwaka through the District Plan is not only prudent, it is essential. The health of the river, the safety of the community, and the long-term viability of Kaiwaka as a growth node depend on it. 		
122.7	Amanda (Mandy) Harris	General	Amend	ADD a policy to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter that Kaipara District Council shall not approve significant decisions relating to land use, infrastructure investment, or climate adaption within areas identified as vulnerable to climate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No reasons provided. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<p>change effects unless it has first obtained formal input from:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. A qualified climate resilience specialist or professional planner with demonstrated experience in climate risk assessment; and b. A representative of mana whenua with ancestral ties to the affected land or waterway. <p>AND</p> <p>ADD a new rule to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter that the provision shall apply to all decisions involving:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Infrastructure projects exceeding \$500,000 in value; b. Subdivisions of 10 or more lots; and c. Any rezoning or plan change in areas identified as flood-prone, ecologically sensitive or culturally sensitive. 			
125.6	Madara Vilde	ECO-R2	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R2 to allow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Up to 100 m² per site per calendar year of indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity outside any area identified as significant indigenous vegetation under Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement; and 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The permitted clearance thresholds are too high. The suggested amendments reflect a reasonable balance between landowner flexibility and ecological protection in less sensitive areas. • The additional requirements will ensure any impacts are fully addressed and appropriately 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to 500m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a restricted discretionary activity for the purpose of creating a house site, subject to ecological assessment, management plan and other mitigation measures. 	mitigated and align with higher order policy direction and best practice.		
125.9	Madara Vilde	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for ecological terms including "significant indigenous vegetation" which needs quantification or threshold guidance.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADD a definition for "Habitat".</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADD a definition for "Natural wetland".</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADD a definition for "Duneland".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The absence of clearly defined terms creates ambiguity (particularly in relation to SUB-R6). 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
125.13	Madara Vilde	General	Amend	ADD the identification and mapping of significant indigenous vegetation under Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement into the Proposed District Plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping these areas would provide certainty for landowners and effective ecological protection. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS46.20	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNAs should be mapped in the Plan. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS76.17	Matariki Forests	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that SNAs should be mapped in line with the provisions of NPSIB. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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125.14	Madara Vilde	General	Amend	ADD a new rule(s) limiting permitted indigenous vegetation clearance to 5 m ² per site per calendar year within significant indigenous vegetation areas under Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement, with clearance exceeding this to be a restricted discretionary or discretionary activity, subject to offsetting and management plan requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A strict clearance limit in significant indigenous vegetation areas aligns with best practice precautionary principles for protecting highly sensitive and significant biodiversity. The new rule would ensure any impacts are fully assessed and appropriately mitigated or compensated, supporting long-term ecological viability. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS58.4	J & C Hawley	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that adding new rules limiting indigenous vegetation clearance as proposed within significant indigenous areas under Appendix 5 of the NRPS will better protect sensitive and significant biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS74.4	Marunui Conservation Ltd	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that adding new rules limiting indigenous vegetation clearance as proposed within significant indigenous areas under Appendix 5 of the NRPS will better protect sensitive and significant biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
136.16	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) -	Definitions	Support	ADD the following sentence before the definition of "Indigenous biodiversity":	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the definition as it is consistent with the National Policy Statement for 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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	Northland Province			<u>Has the same meaning as Section 1.6 of the NPSIB as set out below:</u> AND Any consequential amendments.	Indigenous Biodiversity. However the submitter considers the definition should acknowledge its source, which is useful should the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity change.		
136.17	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	Definitions	Support	AMEND the definition of 'indigenous vegetation' by including the following sentence before the definition as follows: <u>Has the same meaning as Section 1.6 of the NPSIB as set out below:</u> AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports inclusion of this definition as it is consistent with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. However, the submitter considers that the definition should acknowledge its source, which is useful should the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity change. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
136.28	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	Definitions	Support	RETAIN the definition of "Vegetation clearance" as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the definition as it is clear and simple to understand. 	Accept in part	Topic 7: Definitions
FS76.6	Matariki Forests	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the definition of vegetation clearance covers the usual scope of the activity. 	Accept in part	Topic 7: Definitions
136.47	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	Overview	Support	RETAIN the Overview of the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as notified. OR With wording that has similar intent and effect.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Overview and the recognition given to landowners to protect and restore indigenous biodiversity on private land. 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving effect to NPS, RPS and SNA mapping

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				AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the approach of not including mapped areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna at this time given the imminent changes to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity signalled by central government. 		Topic 3: General submissions and overview
136.48	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-01	Support	RETAIN ECO-01 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports objective ECO-01 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
136.49	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-02	Support	RETAIN ECO-02 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the objective ECO-02 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
136.50	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-03	Support	RETAIN ECO-03 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the objective ECO-03 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
136.51	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-04	Support	RETAIN ECO-04 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the objective ECO-04 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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136.52	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-P1	Support	RETAIN ECO-P1 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the policy ECO-P1 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS45.9	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter does not support this submission as they consider changes to the policy are needed to ensure it gives effect to the NZCPS. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
136.53	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-P2	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the policy ECO-P2 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
136.54	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the policy ECO-P3 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS76.13	Matariki Forests	ECO-P3	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that retention of ECO-P3 provides for sustainable development in rural production. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
136.55	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-P4	Support	RETAIN ECO-P4 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the policy ECO-P4 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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136.56	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-P5	Support	RETAIN ECO-P5 as notified. OR Wording with similar intent. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the policy ECO-P5 as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
136.57	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	General	Support	DELETE Note 1 in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. AND AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity provisions by relocating the rules and associated policies for indigenous vegetation clearance that are located in the Coastal Environment, Natural Character, and Natural Features and Landscapes chapters, into the ECO chapter. This would include the following provisions - NATC-P2, NAT-R4, NATC-S3, NFL-R3, NFL-R7 and NFL-S5. (Lodged under separate submission numbers 136.58 - 136.63 and 136.193).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitter considers that the PDP may be easier to use if all rules for indigenous vegetation clearance, including those in the overlays, are located in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. The National Planning Standards gives mandatory direction for the layout of District Plans. Section 7, clause 19 states that matters relating to the maintenance of biological diversity must be located in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter, although clause 20 also provides for provisions to protect natural character to be located in the Natural Character chapter. Section 7, clause 28 (a) allows the Coastal Environment chapter to set out provisions for implementing coastal environment functions and duties, while (c) provides for cross-referencing to 	Reject	Topic 3: General submissions and overview

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					specific coastal provisions that may be located in other chapters.		
FS46.30	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that having indigenous biodiversity rules in other chapters (in addition to the ECO Chapter) is appropriate. 	Accept	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
FS82.78	Northpower Limited	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that all the provisions for indigenous vegetation clearance should be located in the ECO Chapter. 	Reject	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
FS93.24	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers this may not be the appropriate place for rules to manage adverse effects on natural character, landscape and features or the coastal environment, particularly where this applies to overlays 	Reject	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
136.64	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1 as notified in the PDP or with wording with similar intent; and AND ADD ECO-R1 into the Earthworks chapter. AND Any consequential amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the rule ECO-R1 as it provides for lawful, necessary, or activities with minor effect to occur as a permitted activity. It is noted that the NPS gives mandatory direction for the layout of District Plans. Section 7, clause 29 states that provisions for managing earthworks must be located in the Earthworks chapter. It is queried the rule would be better located in the Earthworks chapter as the clearance 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					of indigenous vegetation is a subset of earthworks.		
FS93.25	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule should remain in the ECO chapter. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
136.88	Federated Farmers of New Zealand (Inc) - Northland Province	General	Support	<p>DELETE rules for indigenous vegetation clearance. AND ADD the indigenous vegetation clearance rules from the NFL chapter to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. AND ADD rules for earthworks to the Earthworks chapter. AND Any consequential amendments.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports in part NFL-R7. However, it is considered that the PDP may be easier to use if all provisions for indigenous vegetation clearance are in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter, and all provisions for earthworks be located in the Earthworks chapter. The National Planning Standards gives mandatory direction for the layout of District Plans. Section 7, clause 29 states that provisions for managing earthworks must be located in the Earthworks chapter. Section 7 clause 19 states matters related to the maintenance of biological diversity must be located in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. 	Reject	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
140.47	Horticulture New Zealand	ECO-R1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R1.1.d. by replacing the wording as follows (note referencing error in submission): d. To remove pest species in accordance with any approved pest management plan or biosecurity operational plan;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports ECO-R1 in part but notes that the Northland Regional Pest Management Plan lists pests to restrict permitted activities to only those listed. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<p><u>d. clearance for the control pests for biosecurity reasons and the removal or burial, of material infected by unwanted organisms as a response to directions of a person authorised under the Biosecurity Act 1993;</u> AND Any consequential or alternative amendments required to address the concerns raised by the submitter.</p>			
140.50	Horticulture New Zealand	ECO-R1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R1.1.d. as follows: d. To remove pest species <u>and diseased vegetation</u> in accordance with any approved pest management plan or biosecurity operational plan; AND Any consequential or alternative amendments required to address the concerns raised by the submitter.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-R1 provides a permitted activity pathway for pest removal but not for diseased vegetation clearance. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS45.17	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R1	Oppose in part	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers technical confirmation is needed to add diseased vegetation to this rule as it could create the possibility of indigenous biodiversity being declared diseased in order to remove it for development. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
140.51	Horticulture New Zealand	ECO-R2	Support	<p>RETAIN ECO-R2 as notified. AND Any consequential or alternative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-R2 supports ongoing rural land use while managing environmental risk. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				amendments required to address the concerns raised by the submitter.			
146.8	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	Definitions	Amend	ADD a definition for "Improved Pasture" as follows: <u>Improved Pasture means an area of land where exotic pasture species have been deliberately sown or maintained for the purpose of pasture production, and species composition and growth has been modified and is being managed for livestock grazing.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The inclusion of a definition for 'Improved Pasture' will clarify rules which provide for native vegetation clearance. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.74	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the amendments relating to pasture maintenance and improvement are not appropriate given lack of SNA identification. Further submitter also considers maintenance of improved pasture should not be enabled where 3.17(2)(a) to (e) have not been met. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
146.9	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	Definitions	Amend	ADD a definition for "Maintenance of Improved Pasture" as follows: <u>Maintenance of improved pasture includes the removal of indigenous vegetation for the purpose of maintaining the improved pasture, whether the removal is by way of cutting, crushing, applying chemicals, draining, burning, cultivating, over-planting, applying seed of exotic pasture species, mob stocking, or making changes to soils, hydrology, or landforms.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter requests the inclusion of the definition to match the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity to provide clarity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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FS23.3	W Birt	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers this is useful to maintain pastoral farmland without the unnecessary need for consenting. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.75	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the amendments relating to pasture maintenance and improvement are not appropriate given lack of SNA identification. Further submitter also considers maintenance of improved pasture should not be enabled where 3.17(2)(a) to (e) have not been met. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
146.24	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	ECO-O3	Support	RETAIN ECO-O3 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restoring indigenous biodiversity has both social and economic benefits. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
146.25	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests it is retained as notified to maintain indigenous biodiversity in a way that does not unreasonably restrict existing primary production activities, as such activities are important for the local economy. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
146.26	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	ECO-P4	Support	RETAIN ECO-P4 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retain as notified as the removal or management of pest plants and animals, as well as enabling biosecurity works, are critical activities to achieve restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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146.27	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	ECO-R1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R1.1.i as follows:</p> <p>i. The removal or clearance of indigenous vegetation from land that was previously cleared, <u>or for the maintenance of improved pasture</u>, and where the indigenous vegetation to be cleared is less than 10 years old;</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADD definitions for "Improved Pasture" and "Maintenance of Improved Pasture", as requested by the submitter in other submission points.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports ECO-R1 in part. In particular, provisions that permit the removal of pests is supported but of provisions that permit the maintenance of improved pasture are also important and require clarification. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS93.76	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the amendments relating to pasture maintenance and improvement are not appropriate given lack of SNA identification. Further submitter also considers maintenance of improved pasture should not be enabled where 3.17(2)(a) to (e) have not been met. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
146.52	New Zealand Agricultural Aviation Association	General	Oppose	No specific decision requested but submitter considers that the proposed rules that manage Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity are overly restrictive when considering pest control activities that support restoration and enhancement taking into consideration the Regional Policy Statement for Northland (NRPS) Policy 4.4.2 Supporting restoration and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Accept in part	Topic 3: General submissions and overview

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				enhancement, Method 4.4.3: Statutory plans and strategies (3).			
149.2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	Definitions	Amend	<p>AMEND the term from "Vegetation Clearance" to "Vegetation Alteration and Clearance".</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND the definition of "Vegetation Clearance" as follows: In relation to indigenous vegetation, includes <u>means</u> the pruning, trimming, clearance and removal, <u>damage or destruction</u> of any indigenous vegetation.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised, including amending all references to the term throughout the PDP from "Vegetation Clearance" to "Vegetation Alteration and Clearance".</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The defined term is opposed in part. As drafted, the definition does not capture all of the impacts on indigenous vegetation capable of causing a loss of vegetation. The submitter considers this omission could enable vegetation alteration and removal resulting in adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity. The submitter requests a more detailed definition and amendment to the term itself to provide further clarity and thus protection. The term is unclear as to whether it includes alteration as 'Vegetation Clearance' only conveys it is related to complete removal. Misinterpretation could result in the scope of associated provisions being misinterpreted and alterations with adverse effects on indigenous vegetation being undertaken. By amending the term to 'Vegetation Alteration and Clearance' the scope of its application becomes clear throughout the plan. 	Accept in part	Topic 7: Definitions
FS23.6	W Birt	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers inclusion of 'alteration' in the definition could widen it too much 	Accept in part	Topic 7: Definitions

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					<p>as there are legitimate alteration of vegetation that should not be caught by the definition.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> For example, power authorities could not keep vegetation from contacting cables etc. 		
FS45.26	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changes to the definition are supported as wording is clearer on what vegetation clearance includes. 	Accept in part	Topic 7: Definitions
FS47.35	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the relief sought is inappropriate as it broadens the scope of what is captured and could include everyday activities. Further submitter considers expansion of the definition has potential to restrict lawful, everyday activities, increasing compliance costs. 	Accept in part	Topic 7: Definitions
149.37	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Oppose	<p>AMEND the identification of Significant Natural Areas into the PDP using the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Regional Policy Statement and using comparable approaches as a model, such as the Napier City Council's Ecosystem and Indigenous Biodiversity Plan Variation.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>ADD an objective regarding the identification of areas through new subdivision, use and development proposals</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter opposes the PDP not having identified areas of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna. The submitter acknowledges that recent RMA amendments have temporarily paused the requirement to identify Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) under the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB), it does not consider this 'pause' 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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				<p>using the Regional Policy Statement Appendix 5 criteria. AND ADD a method and provide a specified timeframe for identifying significant natural areas across the District and a schedule included within the plan and maps. AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>	<p>removes Council's existing obligations under the RMA, NPS-IB and Regional Policy Statement (RPS).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The RPS provides clear direction on safeguarding significant indigenous vegetation and the habitats of indigenous fauna. Specifically, Objective 3.4 of the RPS, which s75(3)(c) RMA requires the PDP gives effect to. Moreover, Appendix 5 of the RPS sets out criteria for determining significance. The submitter considers that Identifying SNAs within the Kaipara District is critical to ensure such areas are protected in order to maintain indigenous biodiversity. If SNAs are not mapped, this reduces clarity for landowners and decision-makers, therefore increasing the risk of unintentional biodiversity loss. 		
FS23.8	W Birt	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter opposes Forest and Birds approach as care needs to be taken that the district plan does not get too 'heavy-handed' on property rights so as not to put them off undertaking ecological enhancements on their properties but suggests that for now the mapping for ONLs could be adopted 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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					as they are also ecologically significant. Further submitter considers this would help in interim until central govt. direction is known.		
FS35.32	Bream Tail Residents Association	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that if NPSIB is to be given effect to through the PDP, this should be by way of a Variation rather than through submissions. Relying on case-by-case assessment by landowners risks SNAs not being applied consistently and is not in accordance with NPSIB Schedule 4. 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS44.31	Daytona Trust	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that if NPSIB is to be given effect to through the PDP, this should be by way of a Variation rather than through submissions. Relying on case-by-case assessment by landowners risks SNAs not being applied consistently and is not in accordance with NPSIB Schedule 4. 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS45.44	Director General of Conservation	General	Support	Allow the original submission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna can be identified using Appendix 5 Criteria of NRPS. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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FS46.29	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that SNAs should be mapped in the Plan and support the objective and policy framework that assesses, identifies and maps these areas. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS47.40	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The further submitter considers that the relief sought is not appropriate given that a pause has been placed on the identification of SNAs. Further submitter also notes unwarranted burden it would place on landowners if carried out. 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS84.1	NZ Defence Force	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS97.31	Tappenden Holdings Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that if NPSIB is to be given effect to through the PDP, this should be by way of a Variation rather than through submissions. Relying on case-by-case assessment by landowners risks SNAs not being applied consistently and is not in accordance with NPSIB Schedule 4. 	Accept	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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149.38	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-01	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-01 as follows: Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna are protected <u>from clearance, modification, degradation, fragmentation, and inappropriate use, subdivision, and development.</u> AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the direction of this provision but considers it could benefit from further clarity. It is not clear what pressures or activities the values are to be protected from. As such, the submitter requests that ECO-01 is amended to reference the type of activities from which significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna should be protected. This will result in the objective being clear, directive and ultimately better aligned with outcomes anticipated under the RMA and National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS46.1	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-01	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is important to detail what SNAs must be protected from in ECO-01. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS47.41	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-01	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the relief sought does not add clarity to the objective. The proposed amendments are a list of actions which are not appropriate to be set in an objective. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS76.10	Matariki Forests	ECO-01	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposal does not align with the 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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					NPSIB in relation to plantation forestry.		
FS84.2	NZ Defence Force	ECO-01	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
149.39	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>ADD objectives to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter regarding the following matters to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Indigenous biodiversity that is not significant (NPS-IB Policy 8) Identifying areas that support indigenous biodiversity (NPS-IB Policies 6, 15 and 17) Resilience of indigenous biodiversity to the effects of climate change (NPS-IB Policy 4) Increasing indigenous vegetation cover (NPS-IB Policy 14) Recognising the mana of tangata whenua as kaitiaki of indigenous biodiversity (NPS-IB Objective and Policy 2) Specified highly mobile fauna (NPS-IB Policy 15) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter's overarching submission points seek new objectives, and related policies are added to the PDP in order to give effect to the NPS-IB. New provisions should be a comprehensive package in order to ensure the protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity is achieved. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required application of the effects management hierarchy to manage effects on indigenous biodiversity and demonstration of application by applicants in accordance with NPS-IB clauses 3.10, 3.11, 3.15 and 3.16. Required application of the biodiversity offsetting and compensation principles in NPS-IB Appendix 3 and 4. <p>AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>			
FS46.22	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as new objectives are required to give effect to the NPSIB. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS47.42	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter notes that the submitter has not provided any proposed wording for what is sought. It is difficult therefore to assess the impact of the amendments. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS84.3	NZ Defence Force	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 		
149.40	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-P1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P1.1. to include or list of all New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement Policy 11(a) matters.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND ECO-P1.2. to include or list of all New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement Policy 11(b) matters.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports ECO-P1 in part, but requests that the full scope of the NZ Coastal Policy Statement (NZCPS) Policy 11 should be included in ECO-P1. As proposed, ECO-P1 does not feature the full suite of NZCPS matters, nor the effects management required. Therefore, ECO-P1 does not give effect to the NZCPS and requires amendment. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS35.33	Bream Tail Residents Association	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS44.32	Daytona Trust	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS46.7	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P1 does not give effect to the NZCPS as it does not feature all NZCPS matters or effects management required. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS84.4	NZ Defence Force	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 		
FS97.32	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
149.41	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-P2	Oppose	<p>AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter to ensure that the revised policies reflect the ongoing requirement to give effect to the RMA, including s6(c) and 7(d).</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter to include appropriate cross-referencing to other parts of the plan that support these outcomes, such as provisions that maintain biodiversity outside significant areas or promote increasing indigenous vegetation cover.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>RETAIN ECO-P2.1. as notified and consider adding additional ecological areas of importance for protection.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND ECO-P2.1.b. by adding reference to Northland Regional Policy Statement criteria for the identification of areas that meet s6 of the RMA.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND ECO-P2.2. as follows:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter opposes ECO-P2 as proposed and considers it is too broad and does not fully give effect to key provisions of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB). Specifically, Clauses 3.10 to 3.17. The submitter acknowledges the identification of SNAs is currently being on hold; however, the NPS-IB direction remains in force and should be implemented. Moreover, s6(c) and s7(d) RMA apply and require Kaipara District Council to recognise and provide for the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna. As well as having particular regard to the intrinsic values of ecosystems. It is requested that the PDP policy framework is revised to include and protect additional ecological areas. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<p>2. Avoid, remedy, or mitigate, offset or compensate adverse effects of subdivision, land use and development to ensure there are no significant adverse effects on:</p> <p>a. Areas of predominantly indigenous vegetation; and</p> <p>b. Indigenous species, habitats and ecosystems that are important for recreational, commercial, traditional or cultural purposes or are particularly vulnerable to modification.</p> <p>c. <u>Ecological corridors, and areas important for linking or maintaining biological values identified under this policy.</u></p> <p>3. <u>Where clauses 1 and 2 are met, ensure that any other adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are avoided, remedied or mitigated as far as practicable, then consider biodiversity offsetting or if offsetting is not possible, biodiversity compensation of more than minor residual adverse effects.</u></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>			
FS23.9	W Birt	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter opposes removal of “offset” or “compensate” in relation to subdivision, land use and development. For example, a piece of land covered with indigenous 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					<p>vegetation may be better suited for development than another part of the property in which case the ability to offset or compensate by establishing a replacement ecological enhancement area may be better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to further submission for extensive reasoning. 		
FS46.10	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposed changes better align with the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS47.43	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the policy as notified in their own submission. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS76.12	Matariki Forests	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposal does not align with the provisions of the NPSIB in relation to plantation forestry. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS84.5	NZ Defence Force	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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149.42	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-P3	Oppose	<p>AMEND ECO-P3 to reframe the policy so its primary focus is on the protection and maintenance of this indigenous biodiversity. Rather than providing for activities which could conflict with these outcomes.</p> <p>AMEND the Proposed District Plan to ensure any enabling provisions are clearly subordinate to the overarching protection and maintenance outcomes o give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and Regional Policy Statement.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND ECO-P3 by splitting the policy into two or more distinct policies—one focused on setting out the biodiversity protection and maintenance outcomes in line with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and Regional Policy Statement and another dealing with specific circumstances where limited adverse effects may be acceptable, as set out in the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, such as established activities or maintenance of improved pasture for farming.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy, while referencing the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna, is primarily around accepted effects. The emphasis appears to be on enabling subdivision, land use and development—particularly for primary production, infrastructure, and broader wellbeing—rather than providing clear direction to protect and maintain indigenous biodiversity, as required by section 6(c) of the RMA and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. This framing risks undermining the plan’s ability to give full effect to both the RMA and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, which require adverse effects on biodiversity to be managed to protect significant indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS46.11	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P3	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed changes better align with the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the framing of the policy and provision for vegetation clearance is wrong. 		
FS47.44	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the policy as notified in their own submission. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS76.14	Matariki Forests	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposal does not align with the provisions of the NPSIB in relation to plantation forestry. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS84.6	NZ Defence Force	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
149.43	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-P4	Oppose	AMEND ECO-P4 to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reflect the restoration direction in clause 3.21 of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity; Prioritise restoration in areas in accordance with clause 3.21 of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity; Provide for the use of consent or designation conditions to secure restoration where new use and development is proposed.; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy does not give full effect to clause 3.21 of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, which sets specific expectations around restoration. These include the reconstruction of degraded areas, prioritising restoration in key locations, and applying conditions on resource consents and designations to support restoration outcomes for priority areas. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encourage uses to refer to the identification of areas meeting the Regional Policy Statement significance criteria in the report prepared by Wildlands for the Council; Include Council's intent to continue ground truthing the areas identified as meeting Regional Policy Statement significance criteria in the Wildlands report (see reference earlier in these submissions). 			
FS46.13	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P4	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P4 does not give effect to the NPSIB 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS47.45	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-P4	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the policy as notified in their own submission. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS84.7	NZ Defence Force	ECO-P4	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
149.44	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-R1	Oppose	<p>RETAIN the permitted rule approach of ECO-R1 being for specified purposes only. AND DELETE ECO-R1.b. and .f. AND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter opposes ECO-R1 as proposed. The rule permits too broad of a range of indigenous vegetation clearance activities without requirements to manage 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<p>DELETE ECO-R1.h. AND AMEND ECO-R1.j. to ensure it is not abused by limiting functions under appropriate acts or services. AND AMEND ECO-R1.l. to include limits on the extent of clearance (e.g., within 1m). AND AMEND ECO-R1 so it does not enable unlimited total area of clearance of vegetation or land disturbance by permitted activities to any degree not intended by the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. AND AMEND ECO-R1 to apply area clearance limits over the plan's lifetime or a 12-month period where appropriate. AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>	<p>adverse effects. The submitter considers ECO-R1 risks undermining the protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity by providing a blanket permitted activity status for clearance, which is concerning given the PDP does not map significant areas which otherwise could be excluded from this rule. There is no requirement for an assessment of the vegetation being cleared, nor are there any limits imposed based on ecological context, habitat types, or Significant Natural Area connection. The submitter considers this approach could result in incremental loss of indigenous vegetation throughout Kaipara.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More specifically, ECO-R1.d. should be deleted as new walking tracks might not be appropriate within areas that meet Regional Policy Statement significance criteria and could result in spread of Kauri Dieback. ECO-R1.h. should also be deleted as Council has responsibilities to protect and maintain biodiversity. Finally, clearance limits should be applied over the plan's lifetime or subject to 2-month periods to ensure any 		

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					permitted clearance and disturbance is appropriately managed in order to protect and maintain biodiversity.		
FS46.15	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-R1 is contrary to the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction as it permits too broad a range of vegetation clearance without adequate constraint. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS47.46	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the policy as notified in their own submission or with wording to similar intent. Further submitter also sought relocation of ECO-R1 to EW Chapter. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS58.5	J & C Hawley	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that allowing 1000 m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity is excessive and could have significant adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity. Further submitter agrees that the amount should be reduced or deleted. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS74.5	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that allowing 1000 m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity is excessive and could have 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					<p>significant adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that the amount should be reduced or deleted. 		
FS76.15	Matariki Forests	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposal does not align with the provisions of the NPSIB in relation to plantation forestry. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS84.8	NZ Defence Force	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
149.45	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>ADD a new restricted discretionary Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity rule for clearance and land disturbance that does not meet limit standards (as sought in the previous submission points) with the following matters of discretion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effects of vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance on indigenous biodiversity; Extent of clearance proposed and any practicable alternative locations or methods to avoid or reduce the extent 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter requests a new restricted discretionary rule is added to manage clearance and land disturbance that does not meet relevant standards. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<p>of indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures proposed to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset or compensate adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity values; Reasons for the indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance; and Any positive effects associated with the indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance. <p>AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>			
FS42.9	Chorus, Spark, Fortysouth, One NZ and Connexa	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relief sought is uncertain and may have unintended consequences. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS46.23	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers a new restricted discretionary rule is required to ‘catch’ all clearance and disturbance not otherwise provided for. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS47.47	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	No decision requested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter highlights no proposed wording has been provided for the new rule and therefore it is unclear what the impact of the proposed rule will be. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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FS82.76	Northpower Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that a new restricted discretionary rule is not necessary because non-compliance with ECO-R2 already results in a restricted discretionary status. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS84.9	NZ Defence Force	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
149.46	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	ECO-R2	Oppose	<p>DELETE Rule ECO-R2. OR AMEND ECO-R2 so the rule only applies outside of areas identified in the Wildlands Report as meeting Regional Policy Statement significance criteria. AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter opposes ECO-R2 and requests it is either deleted or amended to only apply outside of identified areas. As proposed, ECO-R2 applies to broad 'per-event' thresholds and does not adequately safeguard areas or manage cumulative effects. The submitter does not consider this approach to be appropriate, especially as no areas of significant indigenous biodiversity have been identified. The submitter considers that the limits are too high to ensure indigenous biodiversity is protected in line with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					Biodiversity and the Regional Policy Statement. For example, repeated clearance or disturbance events below the threshold could result in significant cumulative effects, including loss of habitat and ecological integrity over the plan's lifespan. Such cumulative effects could impact upon areas that contribute to ecological connectivity, buffering, and ecosystem resilience. The submitter notes that, from the Section 32 report, ECO-R2 does not appear to be based on ecological advice.		
FS46.18	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the submission to reduce vegetation clearance thresholds and tighten per-event clearance in ECO-R2, as well as to better address cumulative clearance. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS82.75	Northpower Limited	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter opposes deletion or amendment of this rule so that it only applies outside of those identified in the Wildland Report as meeting RPS significance criteria. Further submitter considers that the permitted rule as notified provides for indigenous vegetation clearance for establishment of new infrastructure. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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FS84.10	NZ Defence Force	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
149.47	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>ADD rules to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter to avoid and manage adverse effects from new subdivision, use and development, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A restricted discretionary rule for subdivision that is in or affects significant indigenous fauna or habitats, or indigenous biodiversity, with matters discretion restricted to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Effects on vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance on indigenous biodiversity; Extent of clearance proposed and any practicable alternative locations or methods to avoid or reduce the extent of indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance; Proposed measures to avoid, remedy, mitigate, offset or compensate adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity values; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter considers that new rules should be added to the PDP as the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) requires that adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity from new subdivision, use and development are avoided or managed (Policies 7 and 8). As proposed, the ECO Chapter does not give effect to NPS-IB direction. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reasons for the indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance; and ○ Any positive effects associated with the indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance. <p>AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>			
FS46.24	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed new rules for vegetation clearance and disturbance associated with subdivision, use and development are supported to give effect to the NPSIB. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS84.11	NZ Defence Force	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission or allow in part by ensuring the provisions do not include broad blanket restrictions but allow for necessary activities within limits.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further submitter considers that provisions that give effect to key provisions of the NPSIB should allow for activities to be permitted within limits and not include blanket restrictions on sites or overlays. • Restrictions should be proportionate to effects. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
149.127	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	AMEND the Proposed District Plan to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. Where provisions relate to Significant Natural Area identification, the submitter requests that they be implemented in the context of s6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submitter is concerned that the PDP does not give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and is, therefore, inconsistent with Council's statutory functions under the RMA. The PDP should be 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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				RMA obligations and the relevant provisions of the Northland Regional Policy Statement.	<p>amended to give effect to National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity objectives, policies, and implementation clauses. Where provisions relate to Significant Natural Area identification, the submitter requests that they are implemented within the context of Council’s obligations under s6 RMA and the relevant provisions of the Northland Regional Policy Statement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specific submission points outline the relief sought by the submitter to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. 		
FS35.37	Bream Tail Residents Association	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS44.36	Daytona Trust	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS97.36	Tappenden Holdings Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB,

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							RPS and SNA Mapping
FS100.28	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought in Transpower’s submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the submission points appear to be repetition of the submitter’s earlier submission points. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
149.128	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>AMEND the Proposed District Plan to provide stronger management tools for biodiversity including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved effects management; Promoting restoration of indigenous biodiversity; Setting conservative vegetation removal limits; Applying the Regional Policy Statement significance criteria to identify areas for protection; Reference to the Wildlands report as guidance for the protection of areas with significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna; Ensuring that adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are managed in accordance with the provisions of the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter; If biodiversity offsetting or compensation are to be considered, then the principles and criteria for 	<p>Though the PDP contains some biodiversity-related provisions, the submitter considers that stronger management tools are needed. It is requested that the PDP is amended to provide the following relief:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved effects management; Promoting restoration of indigenous biodiversity; Setting conservative vegetation removal limits; Applying the Regional Policy Statement significance criteria to identify areas for protection; Reference to the Wildland report as guidance for the protection of areas with significant indigenous vegetation and habitats of indigenous fauna; and Ensuring that adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are managed in accordance with the 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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				these measures need to be included. This needs to include limit to offsetting and compensation in accordance with best practice and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity.	provisions of the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter requests that, if biodiversity offsetting or compensation are being considered, the principles and criteria for such measures need to be included within the PDP. Including limits to offsetting and compensation in accordance with best practice and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. 		
FS35.38	Bream Tail Residents Association	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS44.37	Daytona Trust	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS97.37	Tappenden Holdings Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS100.29	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought in Transpower’s submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpower opposes the submission points in so far as the relief is inconsistent with the 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB,

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					relief sought in the Transpower submission.		RPS and SNA Mapping
149.145	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>ADD policies to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter regarding the following matters to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indigenous biodiversity that is not significant (NPS-IB Policy 8) • Identifying areas that support indigenous biodiversity (NPS-IB Policies 6, 15 and 17) • Resilience of indigenous biodiversity to the effects of climate change (NPS-IB Policy 4) • Increasing indigenous vegetation cover (NPS-IB Policy 14) • Recognising the mana of tangata whenua as kaitiaki of indigenous biodiversity (NPS-IB Objective and Policy 2) • Specified highly mobile fauna (NPS-IB Policy 15) • Required application of the effects management hierarchy to manage effects on indigenous biodiversity and demonstration of application by applicants in accordance with NPS-IB clauses 3.10, 3.11, 3.15 and 3.16. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submitter's overarching submission points seek new objectives, and related policies are added to the PDP in order to give effect to the NPS-IB. New provisions should be a comprehensive package in order to ensure the protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity is achieved. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required application of the biodiversity offsetting and compensation principles in NPS-IB Appendix 3 and 4. AND Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.			
FS35.41	Bream Tail Residents Association	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS44.40	Daytona Trust	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS46.21	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees new policies are required to give effect to the NPSIB. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS97.40	Tappenden Holdings Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought lacks specificity and is not supported by s32 analysis. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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FS100.45	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought in Transpower’s submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpower opposes the submission points in so far as the relief is inconsistent with the relief sought in the Transpower submission. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
149.147	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>ADD a new controlled rule for ECO-R1.1.f. with the following matters of control:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An assessment applying the Regional Policy Statement significance criteria. Location of building platform/site and access requirements to minimise clearance of indigenous vegetation and protect areas of highest biodiversity values. Need for any covenant to protect significant indigenous biodiversity values 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule permits a broad range of indigenous vegetation clearance activities without any requirements to manage adverse effects. As drafted, the rule risks undermining the protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity. It effectively provides blanket permitted activity status for clearance in sensitive areas, without applying an effects management or considering whether the vegetation supports significant ecological values. This is particularly concerning given the plan does not include an overlay of mapped significant areas which could be excluded from this rule. There is no requirement to assess the significance of vegetation being cleared, nor are there limits based on ecological context, habitat types, or connection to SNAs. This approach could result in the incremental loss of ecologically 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					important indigenous vegetation across Kaipara.		
FS100.47	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought in Transpower’s submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpower opposes the submission points in so far as the relief is inconsistent with the relief sought in the Transpower submission. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
149.148	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of New Zealand Incorporated	General	Amend	<p>ADD a catch-all rule for any use or development not provided for in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as a discretionary activity.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any consequential amendments and alternative relief to address the concerns raised.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter considers that new rules should be added to the PDP as the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity requires that adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity from new subdivision, use and development are avoided or managed (Policies 7 and 8). As proposed, the Ecosystems and Biodiversity Chapter does not give effect to National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity direction. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS35.42	Bream Tail Residents Association	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the outcome of the relief sought places an unreasonable, constant burden on landowners and is not efficient nor effective. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS44.41	Daytona Trust	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the outcome of the relief sought places an unreasonable, constant burden on landowners and is not efficient nor effective. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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FS82.77	Northpower Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter does not support a new discretionary ‘catch-all’ rule and considers such an approach would create unnecessary uncertainty and consenting risk for activities that may have minimal or manageable effects. Further submitter considers existing framework is appropriate and balanced. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS97.41	Tappenden Holdings Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the outcome of the relief sought places an unreasonable, constant burden on landowners and is not efficient nor effective. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS100.48	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought in Transpower’s submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpower opposes the submission points in so far as the relief is inconsistent with the relief sought in the Transpower submission. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
158.2	Manulife Forest Management NZ Ltd	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports this rule, in particular the note that clarifies indigenous vegetation clearance associated with plantation forestry is regulated by the NES-CF. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS76.18	Matariki Forests	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the notes clarify that indigenous vegetation clearance associated with plantation forestry is regulated by the NES-CF. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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206.2	D Leighton	General	Amend	AMEND ecological corridor mapping and protections by expanding its extent to enhance landscape connectivity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the inclusion of overlays for Significant Natural Areas and considers expanding this protection can mitigate further biodiversity decline. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
206.3	D Leighton	General	Amend	ADD measurable biodiversity outcomes (e.g., establish net biodiversity gain or no-let-loss policies).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the inclusion of overlays for Significant Natural Areas and provisions for biodiversity and habitat protection but considers expanding this protection can mitigate further biodiversity decline. 	Reject	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
206.14	D Leighton	General	Amend	AMEND restoration and pest management provisions to strengthen them, including enforceable conditions for replanting habitat enhancement.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further measure to slow biodiversity decline. 	Accept in part	Topic 3: General submissions and overview
216.46	Cabra Mangawhai Ltd & Pro Land Matters Ltd	General	Amend	<p>ADD a map of Significant Natural Areas to the Proposed District Plan after undertaking an assessment.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADD a full suite of provisions related to the natural environment which work together and achieve the outcomes required by the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The plan does not give effect to the relevant National Policy Statements (specifically the NPS IB and NPS FW). The plan must map SNA now, otherwise the Plan may not be appropriately drafted to achieve the outcomes of the NPS IB. All plan provisions need to be considered holistically, and the interrelationships between provisions assessed to ensure that the mapping and related provisions work together to achieve required outcomes. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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FS34.46	Black Swamp Limited	General	Support in part	Disallow any part of original submission that relates to PPC85 before the outcome of that process is determined.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons given that relate to the ECO Chapter. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS45.72	Director General of Conservation	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mapping areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna is supported. Further submitter considers this would recognise and provide for s6(c) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
216.58	Cabra Mangawhai Ltd & Pro Land Matters Ltd	ECO-P1	Amend	AMEND ECO-P1 to identify what 'major impacts' are in coastal areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS34.58	Black Swamp Limited	ECO-P1	Support in part	Disallow any part of original submission that relates to PPC85 before the outcome of that process is determined.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons given that relate to the ECO Chapter. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
216.59	Cabra Mangawhai Ltd & Pro Land Matters Ltd	ECO-O2	Amend	AMEND ECO-O2 and associated provisions to clearly state what the reference point for 'maintaining overall biodiversity' is, and how this is to be measured e.g. no reduction in the area of SNA, no degradation of water quality in rivers, streams and coastal waters.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter has requested the resolution above, because the reference point has not been stated, and it is not clear how this policy/provisions should be measured. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS34.59	Black Swamp Limited	ECO-O2	Support in part	Disallow any part of original submission that relates to PPC85 before the outcome of that process is determined.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons given that relate to the ECO Chapter. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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217.43	Cato Bolam Consultants Limited	ECO-R1	Oppose	AMEND ECO-R1.1.e. to reduce the clearance setback to 10m. AND AMEND ECO-R1.1.f. to reduce clearance allowed as a permitted activity to 500m ³ . AND Any other relief that is consistent with and/or consequential to the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regard to ECO-R1.1.e., a 20m setback from a dwelling is an excessive amount of clearance. With regard to ECO-R1.1.f., 1000m² of clearance for the construction of a dwelling is considered excessive. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS45.73	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R1	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-R1.e. – Reducing the extent of clearance to setback residential units from areas of indigenous vegetation is supported. Further submitter considers 20m clearance is excessive and a buffer of less than 10m should be considered. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS45.74	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R1	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees with intent of reduction but consider 500m² is still an inappropriate amount of clearance without assessment of the significant vegetation. Need to recognise and provide for s6(c) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS47.85	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the relief sought is unnecessarily restrictive and do not take into account the realities of everyday activities and operations. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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FS58.10	J & C Hawley	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that allowing 1000 m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity is excessive and could have significant adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity. Further submitter agrees that the amount should be reduced or deleted. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS74.10	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that allowing 1000 m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity is excessive and could have significant adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity. Further submitter agrees that the amount should be reduced or deleted. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
217.44	Cato Bolam Consultants Limited	ECO-R2	Oppose	<p>AMEND ECO-R2 to reduce the size of the permitted clearance area of indigenous vegetation per year.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>AMEND ECO-R2 to increase the timeframe over which clearance is measured.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any other relief that is consistent with and/or consequential to the submission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Providing for 500m² - 1,000m² clearance of indigenous vegetation is too much. A calendar year timeframe is too excessive. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS47.86	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A reduction in size of permitted clearance area and increased time 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					limits is not supported as it is overly restrictive.		
FS58.11	J & C Hawley	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that a reduction in provisions for clearance of indigenous vegetation and in one calendar year will better protect biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS74.11	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that a reduction in provisions for clearance of indigenous vegetation and in one calendar year will better protect biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
237.18	K P Dreadon Limited	ECO-P4	Amend	ADD the following sentence to ECO-P4: <u>This may include transferable development right mechanisms that coordinate protection and enhancement across multiple properties to achieve landscape-scale ecological outcomes.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P4 should explicitly enable coordination across multiple properties using mechanisms such as transferable development rights to support landscape-scale outcomes. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
237.19	K P Dreadon Limited	ECO-P5	Amend	ADD the following to ECO-PS: <u>Legal protection may also be achieved through frameworks such as transferable development rights, which incentivise and systematise protection and restoration outcomes.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P5 should explicitly recognise transferable development rights frameworks as a tool to incentivise the legal protection and management of significant indigenous vegetation and habitats. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
257.24	Piroa Conservation Trust	ECO-O2	Amend	AMEND ECO-O2 as follows: Adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are managed to maintain it's the extent and diversity <u>of indigenous ecosystems and habitats, in a way that provides for the</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis should be on maintaining indigenous biodiversity for its own intrinsic values as per Section 7(d) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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				social, economic and cultural well-being of people and communities.			
257.25	Piroa Conservation Trust	ECO-O3	Amend	AMEND ECO-O3 as follows: ECO-O3 Restoring and enhancing indigenous biodiversity ecosystems and habitats The restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity is promoted and enabled <u>to reduce the threat status of threatened and at-risk species.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns with the Northland Regional Policy Statement and the submitter's own goals. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS45.84	Director General of Conservation	ECO-O3	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inclusion of this wording is supported. It provides a clear outcome which recognises and provides for s6(c) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
257.26	Piroa Conservation Trust	ECO-P2	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
257.27	Piroa Conservation Trust	ECO-P4	Amend	ADD a new clause 4 to ECO-P4 as follows: 4. Controlling the introduction or keeping of species with recognised pest potential.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a method that the Northland Regional Policy Statement states should be included in district plans. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
257.28	Piroa Conservation Trust	ECO-R1	Amend	No specific decision requested but submitter raises concern with the 1000m ² extent for clearance in ECO-R1 and considers it is not small scale if it applies in a zone underlying an Outstanding Natural Landscape such as the Piroa Brynderwyn Range as it would excessive and have significant adverse effects on its ecosystem. The submitter also notes that the rules on	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				such clearance are more stringent in the Coastal Environment, Natural Character, and Natural Features and Landscapes chapters and that priority should be given to applying those rules.			
263.11	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-O1. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective appropriately seeks to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
263.12	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-P1. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy appropriately gives effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Regional Policy Statement and recognises the role of landowners as stewards in the restoration of indigenous biodiversity; enabling the removal or management of pest, plant and animal species and the application also of non-regulatory methods to encourage the protection, maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
263.13	Daytona Trust	ECO-R1	Amend	AMEND ECO-R1.1.f to also allow the construction of buildings ancillary to a single residential unit (including garages and minor dwellings) as a permitted activity with the 1000m ² threshold. AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule should also provide for other buildings ancillary to residential buildings within this specified threshold, which can establish without any further impact on the amount of indigenous 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	vegetation cleared than that already provided for.		
FS35.55	Bream Tail Residents Association	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the rule should also provide for other buildings ancillary to residential buildings within the specified threshold. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
263.14	Daytona Trust	ECO-R2	Amend	<p>DELETE from ECO-R2.2. the requirement that a restricted discretionary activity application for indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance, includes an assessment, carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist, of whether or not any of the indigenous vegetation proposed to be cleared meets the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016 (Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna) AND DELETE the discretionary activity status at ECO-R2.4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-R2.4. imposes an unnecessary and unfair burden on landowners to prove that the indigenous vegetation meets the criteria in Appendix 5. That should be the role of the District Council to undertake on a district-wide basis, rather than on an individual application basis, which risks inconsistent application of the criteria. In any event, the criteria in Appendix 5 of the RPS pre-date the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity (amended October 2024) and its methods should be adopted, including being managed in an integrated way (policy 5) and identified using a consistent approach (policy 6). The matters of discretion already provided under the rule ECO-R2 provide ample scope for the Council to assess the effects of the 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					clearance on indigenous biodiversity values.		
FS35.56	Bream Tail Residents Association	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers ECO-R2.4 imposes an unnecessary and unfair burden on landowners to prove that indigenous vegetation meets the criteria in Appendix 5. Further submitter notes that this should be the role of the Council to undertake district-wide. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
263.60	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-O2. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective appropriately seeks to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
263.61	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-O3. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective appropriately seeks to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
263.62	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-O4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objective appropriately seeks to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
263.63	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2. AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy appropriately gives effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Regional Policy Statement 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	and recognises the role of landowners as stewards in the restoration of indigenous biodiversity; enabling the removal or management of pest, plant and animal species and the application also of non-regulatory methods to encourage the protection, maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity.		
263.64	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy appropriately gives effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Regional Policy Statement and recognises the role of landowners as stewards in the restoration of indigenous biodiversity; enabling the removal or management of pest, plant and animal species and the application also of non-regulatory methods to encourage the protection, maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
263.65	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-P4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy appropriately gives effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Regional Policy Statement and recognises the role of landowners as stewards in the restoration of indigenous 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					biodiversity; enabling the removal or management of pest, plant and animal species and the application also of non-regulatory methods to encourage the protection, maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity.		
263.66	Daytona Trust	General	Support	RETAIN ECO-P5. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policy appropriately gives effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Regional Policy Statement and recognises the role of landowners as stewards in the restoration of indigenous biodiversity; enabling the removal or management of pest, plant and animal species and the application also of non-regulatory methods to encourage the protection, maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
265.3	Environmental Defence Society Incorporated	General	Amend	AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter to give effect to national direction and regional planning instruments. AND RETAIN the integrity of natural environment mapping ONL, ONF, HNC and ONC (inferred). AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter opposes the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter in part as it does not include mapped areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna - contrary to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and the National Policy Statement for 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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				<p>AMEND relevant objectives, policies, rules and standards to ensure planning outcomes are achieved which will not jeopardise the integrity of Kaipara's natural environment.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any similar, consequential or alternative relief as is necessary to address the issues raised.</p>	<p>Freshwater Management. It is noted that the NPS-IB states that each territorial authority must undertake a district-wide assessment to identify area of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitat of indigenous fauna that qualify as Significant Natural Areas (SNAs). This has not been done, and, without SNA mapping, the submitter does not consider that the PDP gives effect to national direction or achieves the purpose of the RMA.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relying on future plan changes is not a solution. Rather, NPS-IB requirements should be incorporated into the PDP now to enable the drafting of associated objectives, policies, rules and standards to ensure SNA's can be identified, protected, managed and restored (as required by National Planning Standards chapter 7, para 19). The same goes in regard to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM). • The submitter notes that a series of other natural environment features are mapped within the PDP and this is supported. This includes ONL, 		

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					<p>ONF, HNC and ONC. However, it is integral that these features should continue to be protected and not be diminished (unless they no longer meet the required threshold).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The submitter requests that the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity, Natural Character, Natural Features and Landscapes Chapters are re-drafted to give effect to national direction and the RMA. Within these chapters, the following issues need to be considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subdivision needs to be referred to alongside use and development. • Regulatory thresholds should be strengthened. • Activity statuses need to be 'ratcheted up'. • Provision for earthworks and indigenous vegetation clearance should not be annually. • Matters of control and discretion should provide for the protection, management and restoration of indigenous biodiversity and outstanding landscapes and features. 		

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The omissions in PDP framework risk the loss of important natural values which require protection for future generations. The submitter suggests that provisions the same or similar to Auckland Council’s natural environment mapping are included within the PDP (provided in Attachment 1 of the submission). 		
FS45.85	Director General of Conservation	General	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that chapter does not give effect to higher order planning documents. Further submitter considers that despite delay of requirement to identify SNAs under NPSIB, s6(c) RMA is not disapplied and mapping of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna could be applied still. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS47.93	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter notes that no wording has been proposed by the submitter and it is impossible to assess the impact of the relief sought. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS77.5	Mercury NZ Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Removing the pathways for renewable electricity generation (REG) activities where they have a functional need to locate within 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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					<p>areas that often overlaps with Outstanding Natural Landscape or areas of ecological value would effectively prohibit REG in the district.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter opposes strict avoidance without recognition of functional need as this is inconsistent with the NPS-REG. 		
FS93.66	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS100.56	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission to the extent that it is inconsistent with the relief sought in Transpower’s submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the submitter seeks extensive unspecified amendments. Therefore, it is impossible to determine the effect of the proposed changes on the National Grid and implementation of NPSET. Relief sought is opposed insofar as it is inconsistent with Transpower’s own submission. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
267.2	Northland Fish and Game Council	Definitions	Amend	ADD a definition for 'Biosecurity reasons and biosecurity works' as follows: <u>means activities to eliminate or manage pests and unwanted organisms (as those terms are defined in the Biosecurity Act 1993).</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PDP does not contain a definition for 'Biosecurity'. It is requested that a definition be included to provide context for ECO-P4. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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267.5	Northland Fish and Game Council	ECO-P4	Support	RETAIN ECO-P4 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
267.6	Northland Fish and Game Council	ECO-P5		RETAIN ECO-P5 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 		Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
267.7	Northland Fish and Game Council	ECO-R1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R1.1. as follows:</p> <p>d. To remove pest species in accordance with any approved pest management plan or biosecurity operational plan <u>approved by the relevant local authority</u>;</p> <p>i. The removal or clearance of indigenous vegetation from land that was previously cleared, and where the indigenous vegetation to be cleared is less than 10 years old, <u>the removal is no more than 250m2 per holding per calendar year and is not within 5 m of a waterbody</u>; and</p> <p>j. Creation and maintenance of firebreaks to manage fire risk <u>which complies with section 43 and 64 of the Fire and Emergency Act 2017</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule ECO R1.d. should have a qualifier with regards to who specifically approves a pest management plan i.e. the District or Regional Council, the Department of Conservation etc. The rule ECO-R1.i. does not include a spatial parameter, limiting clearing to a specific amount. 10-year-old indigenous regeneration vegetation can provide valuable habitat and should not be able to be removed without an area limit as a permitted activity. The rule ECO-R1 j. is broad and open to interpretation; It refers to maintenance of firebreaks but does not define these. Also ‘manage fire risk’ can mean different things to different people. The lack of clarity may provide a loophole and frustrate Council’s enforcement work. We strongly recommend providing specific criteria for this rule, for example, limiting this to 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					work which complies with section 43 or 64 of the Fire and Emergency Act 2017		
267.8	Northland Fish and Game Council	ECO-R2	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R2.1. as follows: Where:</p> <p>a. It does not exceed 1,000m² per site in any calendar year in the Māori purpose zone, General rural zone, and Rural lifestyle zone; or</p> <p>b. It does not exceed 500m² per site in any calendar year in all other zones. <u>It does not exceed 100m² per site in any calendar year.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter considers that 1,000m² a year is too large an area to enable indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity for the general rural zone and rural lifestyle zone. The submitter seeks the rule be amended to 100m² per site per calendar year unless other qualifiers are included similar to the Proposed Far North District Plan. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS45.88	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that the rule provides to large of an area of indigenous vegetation clearance. Rule does not currently provide for s6(c) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
272.28	J & C Hawley	ECO-O2	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-O2 as follows: Adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are managed to maintain it's <u>the</u> extent and diversity of indigenous ecosystems and habitats. in a way that provides for the social, economic and cultural well-being of people and communities.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis should be on maintaining indigenous biodiversity for its own intrinsic values as per Section 7(d) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
272.29	J & C Hawley	ECO-O3	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-O3 as follows: ECO-O3 Restoring and enhancing indigenous biodiversity ecosystems and habitats</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns with the Northland Regional Policy Statement and the submitter's own goals. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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				The restoration <u>and enhancement</u> of indigenous biodiversity is promoted and enabled <u>to reduce the threat status of threatened and at-risk species.</u>			
272.30	J & C Hawley	ECO-P2	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
272.31	J & C Hawley	ECO-P4	Amend	ADD a new clause 4 to ECO-P4 as follows: <u>4. Controlling the introduction or keeping of species with recognised pest potential.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a method that the Northland Regional Policy Statement states should be included in district plans. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
272.32	J & C Hawley	ECO-R1	Amend	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific decision requested but submitter raises concern with the 1000m² extent for clearance in ECO-R1 and considers it is not small scale if it applies in a zone underlying an Outstanding Natural Landscape such as the Piroa Brynderwyn Range it would be excessive and have significant adverse effects on its ecosystem. The submitter also notes that the rules on such clearance are more stringent in the Coastal Environment, Natural Character, and Natural Features and Landscapes chapters and that priority should be given to applying those rules. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
272.35	J & C Hawley	Definitions	Amend	ADD a definition for "Ecosystem".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be useful to include a definition for this term. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
272.37	J & C Hawley	Definitions	Amend	ADD a definition for "Ecosourcing".	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It would be useful to include a definition for this term. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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278.27	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-O2	Amend	AMEND ECO-O2 as follows: Adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are managed to maintain it's <u>the extent and diversity of indigenous ecosystems and habitats</u> , in a way that provides for the social, economic and cultural well-being of people and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emphasis should be on maintaining indigenous biodiversity for its own intrinsic values as per Section 7(d) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
278.28	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-O3	Amend	AMEND ECO-O3 as follows: ECO-O3 Restoring and enhancing indigenous biodiversity ecosystems and habitats The restoration and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity is promoted and enabled <u>to reduce the threat status of threatened and at-risk species.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aligns with the Northland Regional Policy Statement and the submitter's own goals. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
278.29	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-P2	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
278.30	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-P4	Amend	ADD a new clause 4 to ECO-P4, as follows: <u>4. Controlling the introduction or keeping of species with recognised pest potential.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> This is a method that the Northland Regional Policy Statement states should be included in district plans. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
278.31	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-R1	Amend	No specific decision requested; but the submitter raises concern with the 1000m ² extent for clearance in ECO-R1 and considers it is not small scale if it applies in a zone underlying an Outstanding Natural Landscape such as the Brynderwyn Range - it would be excessive and have significant effects on its ecosystem. The submitter also notes that the rules on such clearance are more stringent in the Coastal Environment,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No reasons provided. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				Natural Character, and Natural Features and Landscapes chapters and that priority should be given to applying those rules.			
283.146	Northpower Limited and Northpower Fibre Limited	ECO-01	Amend	AMEND ECO-01 as follows: “Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna are protected, <u>while enabling the safe and efficient use, development, maintenance, operation and upgrading of infrastructure.</u> ” AND Any further necessary consequential amendments required.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important that the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna is balanced with enabling the safe and efficient use, development, maintenance, operation and upgrading of infrastructure and network utilities. It is important that a policy implements an objective. 	Reject	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS41.32	Channel Terminal Services Ltd	ECO-01	Support in part	Allow the original submission with further amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intention is supported by the further submitter and inherent tension between protection of natural values and delivery of infrastructure is acknowledged. However, further submitter considers that objectives should remain focused on high-level outcomes and that the balance with infrastructure is better addressed through policies and rules. Further submitter seeks that objectives retain environmental focus, while enabling of infrastructure addressed through supporting policy provisions. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure

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FS46.2	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-O1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the proposed additions to ECO-O1 do not reflect what is required by the RMA and National Direction. 	Accept	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS100.72	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	ECO-O1	Neutral	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter has some concerns that the approach taken by the submitter will result in infrastructure provisions being spread throughout the plan rather than being contained in the Infrastructure Chapter. Further submitter seeks to ensure that plan users are not confused and/or the National Grid is not captured by plan provisions that should not apply to it. 	Neutral - no specific relief requested	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
283.147	Northpower Limited and Northpower Fibre Limited	ECO-P3	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P3 as follows: “Manage subdivision, land use and development to protect significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous vegetation and maintain indigenous biodiversity in a way that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Does not unreasonably restrict existing primary production activities, particularly on highly productive land; Recognises the operational need or functional need of Regionally Significant Infrastructure <u>and infrastructure</u> to traverse or locate within areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All infrastructure should be recognised in order to be consistent with the infrastructure enabling provisions in other chapters of the Proposed District Plan. To provide for the upgrading of infrastructure. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure

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				<p>where there are no practical alternative locations;</p> <p>3. Allows for operation, <u>use, repair, upgrading and</u> maintenance of existing structures, including infrastructure; and</p> <p>4. Enables land to be used and developed to support the social, economic and cultural well-being of people and communities.”</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any further necessary consequential amendments required.</p>			
FS100.73	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	ECO-R1	Neutral	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further submitter has some concerns that the approach taken by the submitter will result in infrastructure provisions being spread throughout the plan rather than being contained in the Infrastructure Chapter. • Further submitter seeks to ensure that plan users are not confused and/or the National Grid is not captured by plan provisions that should not apply to it. 	Neutral - no specific relief requested	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
283.148	Northpower Limited and Northpower Fibre Limited	ECO-R1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-R1.1.I. as follows:</p> <p>"...</p> <p>I. clearance for the operation, use, repair, <u>upgrading</u> or maintenance of the following activities where they have been lawfully established:</p> <p>i. Fences;</p> <p>....</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide for the upgrading of infrastructure as a permitted activity. 	Reject	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure

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				AND Any further necessary consequential amendments required.			
FS41.34	Channel Terminal Services Ltd	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports allowing vegetation clearance for the upgrading of lawfully established 	Reject	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS100.74	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	ECO-R1	Neutral	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter has some concerns that the approach taken by the submitter will result in infrastructure provisions being spread throughout the plan rather than being contained in the Infrastructure Chapter. Further submitter seeks to ensure that plan users are not confused and/or the National Grid is not captured by plan provisions that should not apply to it. 	Neutral - no specific relief requested	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
284.16	New Zealand Defence Force	ECO-R2	Support	RETAIN approach set out in ECO-R2. OR Wording to similar effect AND Any necessary further alternative or consequential relief as necessary to give effect to the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NZDF supports a permitted activity rule which provides for a specified (small) area of indigenous vegetation clearance and associated land disturbance. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
289.11	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-O1	Support	RETAIN ECO-O1 as notified. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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289.12	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-P1	Support	RETAIN ECO-P1. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
289.13	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-R1	Amend	AMEND ECO-R1.1.f to also allow the construction of buildings ancillary to a single residential unit (including garages and minor dwellings) as a permitted activity with the 1000m ² threshold. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule should also provide for other buildings ancillary to residential buildings within this specified threshold, which can establish without any further impact on the amount of indigenous vegetation cleared than that already provided for. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
289.14	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-R2	Amend	DELETE from ECO-R2.2 the requirement that a restricted discretionary activity application for indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance, includes an assessment, carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist, of whether or not any of the indigenous vegetation proposed to be cleared meets the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016 (Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna). AND DELETE the discretionary activity status of ECO-R2.4. AND	<p>Refer to submission for detailed reasoning. Reasons summarised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-R2.4 imposes an unnecessary and unfair burden on landowners to prove that the indigenous vegetation meets the criteria in Appendix 5. That should be the role of the District Council to undertake on a district-wide basis, rather than on an individual application basis, which risks inconsistent application of the criteria. In any event, the criteria in Appendix 5 of the RPS pre-date the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (amended October 2024) and its methods should be 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<p>adopted, including being managed in an integrated way (policy 5) and identified using a consistent approach (policy 6).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matters of discretion already provided under the ECO-R2 provide ample scope for the Council to assess the effects of the clearance on indigenous biodiversity values. 		
FS45.106	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R2	Oppose in part	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports submitters point that Council should provide identification of indigenous biodiversity across the district, but the requests to delete ECO-R2.2 and ECO-R2.4 are opposed. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
289.60	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-O2	Support	RETAIN ECO-O2 as notified. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
289.61	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-O3	Support	RETAIN ECO-O3 as notified. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
289.62	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-O3	Support	RETAIN ECO-O4 as notified. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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289.63	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-P2	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
289.64	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
289.65	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-P4	Support	RETAIN ECO-P4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
289.66	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-P5	Support	RETAIN ECO-P5. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
292.59	Transpower New Zealand Limited	General	Amend	AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter to give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission. AND Alternative or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought by the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Managing the effects of vegetation on the National Grid is required to reduce risks to the National Grid. There is a legal requirement to maintain its lines to minimise tree interruption to the supply of electricity. The identification of rules relating to indigenous vegetation are relevant to Transpower (as they determine 	Reject	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure

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					the need for consent under the National Environmental Standards for Electricity Transmission Activities.		
FS45.108	Director General of Conservation	General	Oppose in part	Disallow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports amendments to the chapter to give effect to higher order planning documents. However, further submitter considers that bespoke policies for activities within the National Grid should be established in the Infrastructure Chapter to give effect to NPSET and NPSIB. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS82.68	Northpower Limited	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees chapter should be amended to give effect to the NPSET. 	Reject	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
292.60	Transpower New Zealand Limited	ECO-P1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P1 to clarify that it does not apply to the National Grid. OR AMEND ECO-P1 to appropriately recognise the National Grid and give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission. AND Alternative or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought by the submission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, ECO-P1 would apply to the National Grid and there is no reconciliation with the National Grid specific policy INF-P10, or any other policies in the Infrastructure chapter. 	Reject	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure

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FS93.85	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the amendments sought do not provide for s6 RMA or give effect to the RPS and NZCPS. 	Accept	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
292.61	Transpower New Zealand Limited	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3 as notified. AND Alternative or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the recognition of the functional or operational need of regionally significant infrastructure in sub-clause 2 of the policy. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS77.11	Mercury NZ Limited	ECO-P3	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports ECO-P3 recognising that regionally significant infrastructure can, in limited circumstances, traverse significant indigenous vegetation and habitats where there is functional or operational need and effects are appropriately managed. Further submitter seeks that the policy explicitly includes REG activities that connect to the National Grid or distribution networks. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
292.62	Transpower New Zealand Limited	ECO-R1	Amend	RETAIN ECO-R1. AND AMEND ECO-R1.1.i. as follows: i. Clearance for the operation, repair, <u>minor upgrading</u> or maintenance of the following activities where they have been lawfully established: i. Fences;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpower supports clause 1.1.ii of ECO-R1 as it appropriately provides a permitted activity status for operation, maintenance, or repair of infrastructure. An amendment is sought to include reference to ‘minor upgrading’ noting the associated definition and 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure

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				ii. Infrastructure <u>and associated access tracks</u> ; iii. Buildings; ... AND Alternative or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in the submission.	very confined nature of works this would capture. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minor amendment is also sought to include reference to ‘associated access tracks.’ While these are potentially captured by other clauses, their inclusion is sought for the avoidance of doubt. 		
FS42.57	Chorus, Spark, Fortysouth, One NZ and Connexa	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that a more enabling framework for access tracks associated with RSI is supported. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS42.58	Chorus, Spark, Fortysouth, One NZ and Connexa	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that a more enabling framework for access tracks associated with RSI is supported. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
FS93.86	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the amendments sought are not appropriate generally or without limits on the extent of clearance. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
292.63	Transpower New Zealand Limited	ECO-R2	Support	RETAIN ECO-R2 as notified. AND Alternative or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports this rule. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
292.78	Transpower New Zealand Limited	ECO-P2	Amend	AMEND ECO-P2 to clarify that it does not apply to the National Grid. OR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, ECO-P2 would apply to the National Grid and there is no reconciliation with the National Grid specific policy INF-P10, or any other 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<p>AMEND ECO-P2 to appropriately recognise the National Grid and give effect to the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Alternative or consequential relief as may be necessary to fully achieve the relief sought by the submission.</p>	<p>policies in the Infrastructure chapter.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P2 also applies an offsetting and compensation requirement which is not appropriate to apply to the National Grid given the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission has no such policy directive and the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity does not apply to electricity transmission. 		
FS45.110	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P2	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is appropriate for ECO-P2 to not apply to the National Grid. However, further submitter considers that INF-P10 requires further amendments to give effects to NPSET, NPSIB, NZCPS. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
300.13	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-O1	Support	<p>RETAIN ECO-O1.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
300.14	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-P1	Support	<p>RETAIN ECO-P1.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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300.15	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-R1	Amend	AMEND ECO-R1.1.f to also allow the construction of buildings ancillary to a single residential unit (including garages and minor dwellings) as a permitted activity with the 1000m ² threshold. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rule should also provide for other buildings ancillary to residential buildings within this specified threshold, which can establish without any further impact on the amount of indigenous vegetation cleared than that already provided for. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
300.16	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-R2	Amend	DELETE from ECO-R2.2.: The requirement that a restricted discretionary activity application for indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance, includes an assessment, carried out by a suitably qualified ecologist, of whether or not any of the indigenous vegetation proposed to be cleared meets the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016 (Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna) AND DELETE the discretionary activity status at ECO-R2.4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to submission for detailed reasoning. Reasons summarised as: ECO-R2.4 imposes an unnecessary and unfair burden on landowners to prove that the indigenous vegetation meets the criteria in Appendix 5. That should be the role of the District Council to undertake on a district-wide basis, rather than on an individual application basis, which risks inconsistent application of the criteria. In any event, the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Regional Policy Statement pre-date the National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity (amended October 2024) and its methods should be adopted, including being managed in an integrated way (policy 5) and identified using a consistent approach (policy 6). 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The matters of discretion already provided under the rule ECO-R2 provide ample scope for the Council to assess the effects of the clearance on indigenous biodiversity values. 		
300.77	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-O2	Support	RETAIN ECO-O2. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
300.78	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-O3	Support	RETAIN ECO-O3. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
300.79	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-O4	Support	RETAIN ECO-O4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives appropriately seek to protect, promote and enable the restoration of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
300.80	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-P2	Support	RETAIN ECO-P2. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
300.81	Bream Tail Residents	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3. AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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	Association Incorporated			Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement.		
300.82	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-P4	Support	RETAIN ECO-P4. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
300.83	Bream Tail Residents Association Incorporated	ECO-P5	Support	RETAIN ECO-P5. AND Any consequential amendments or alternative relief to address the matters raised in the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The policies appropriately give effect to the requirements of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement and the Northland Regional Policy Statement. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
301.29	Channel Terminal Services Limited	General	Support	RETAIN Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as notified. AND Any ancillary, or alternative and consequential relief as necessary or appropriate.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports the approach taken in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter, in particular, Policy ECO-P2. Further, the submitter considers that ECO-R1.1.i.ii. reflects that a pragmatic approach is required to allow vegetation clearance for operation, repair or maintenance existing infrastructure. 	Accept in part	Topic 2: Indigenous Biodiversity and Infrastructure
304.2	Director General of Conservation	General	Amend	ADD the National Pest Management Plan rules for kauri dieback into the PDP for subdivision, roadworks and earthworks activities around kauri. AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter requests that the National Pest Management Plan for kauri dieback is adopted into the PDP. 	Reject	Topic 3: General Submissions and Overview

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FS93.114	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 		
304.3	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Biodiversity compensation' as follows: <u>means a conservation outcome that meets the requirements in Appendix x and results from actions that are intended to compensate for any more than minor residual adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity after all appropriate avoidance, minimisation, remediation, and biodiversity offsetting measures have been sequentially applied.</u> AND ADD an appendix or schedule which sets out the principles for biodiversity compensation found in Appendix 4 of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. See submission for full details of the wording for inclusion in an Appendix. AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Biodiversity compensation is part of the effects management hierarchy applied when activities are assessed against PDP provisions. The National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity effects management hierarchy and related provisions remain in force and need to be given effect to. The submitter considers that using the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity definition will give effect to the Policy Statement. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.115	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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FS100.87	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	Definitions	Neutral	Disallow the submission point in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The further submitter is not opposed to the inclusion of a biodiversity and offsetting framework but is interested in the particular wording of the provisions to ensure such a framework is workable and gives effects to the NPSIB and NPSET. 	Neutral – no specific relief requested	Topic 7: Definitions
304.5	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Biodiversity offset' as follows: <u>means a measurable conservation outcome that meets the requirements in Appendix X and results from actions that are intended to:</u></p> <p>a. <u>redress any more than minor residual adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity after all appropriate avoidance, minimisation, and remediation measures have been sequentially applied; and</u></p> <p>b. <u>achieve a net gain in type, amount, and condition of indigenous biodiversity compared to that lost.</u></p> <p>AND</p> <p>ADD an appendix or schedule which sets out the principles for biodiversity offsetting found in Appendix 3 of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. See submission for details of the wording for inclusion in a new Appendix.</p> <p>AND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No specific reasoning is provided. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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				Any alternative or consequential relief.			
FS47.106	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is unclear where the definitions have been taken from and it is difficult to ascertain the impact they may have on the PDP provisions. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.116	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS100.88	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	Definitions	Neutral	Disallow the submission point in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The further submitter is not opposed to the inclusion of a biodiversity and offsetting framework but is interested in the particular wording of the provisions to ensure such a framework is workable and gives effects to the NPSIB and NPSET. 	Neutral – no specific relief requested	Topic 7: Definitions
304.11	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Ecological District' as follows: <u>means:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>In relation to geothermal ecosystems in the Taupo Volcanic Zone, the Taupo Volcanic Zone; and</u> <u>For all other areas, the ecological district as shown in M.C. Smale et al 2009, Natural Areas of Kaipara Ecological District. Whangarei: Department of Conservation</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological District is not a defined term within the PDP, but it is referenced across various chapters and provisions. A definition that aligns with the Protected Natural Areas Programme reporting completed by M.C Smale et al (2009) is requested. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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				AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.			
FS47.107	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is unclear where the definitions have been taken from and it is difficult to ascertain the impact they may have on the PDP provisions. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.121	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.12	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Ecological integrity' as follows: <u>means the extent to which an ecosystem is able to support and maintain its:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Composition (being its natural diversity of indigenous species, habitats, and communities); and</u> <u>Structure (being its biotic and abiotic physical features); and</u> <u>Functions (being its ecological and physical processes).</u> <p>AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecological Integrity has not been defined but is referenced in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. It is requested that the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity definition is adopted. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS47.108	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is unclear where the definitions have been taken from and it is difficult to 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions

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					ascertain the impact they may have on the PDP provisions.		
FS93.122	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.13	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Ecological site' as follows: <u>The area under assessment comprising one or more ecological units. Ecological sites are comparable with each other at relevant and recognised scales within the landscape. Current ecological classification systems include the ecological district framework, freshwater biogeographical units and LENZ, and are expected to evolve in terrestrial, freshwater and marine environments as new information and technology develops.</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter requests a definition for 'Ecological site' is included in the District Plan and recommends the wording is in alignment with Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.123	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.14	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Ecological unit' as follows: <u>Any combination of indigenous vegetation types (or suite of interrelated types) plus the landform they occur on. The Ecological</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Ecological unit' is not defined within the PDP and is referenced in requested changes sought by the submitter. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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				Unit may include exotic vegetation types where they support indigenous fauna. AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.			
FS47.109	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is unclear where the definitions have been taken from and it is difficult to ascertain the impact they may have on the PDP provisions. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.124	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.15	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Ecosystem' as follows: <u>Means the complexes or organisms and their associated physical environment within an area (and comprise: a biotic complex, an abiotic environment or complex, the interactions between the biotic and abiotic complexes, and a physical space in which these operate).</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Ecosystem' is not defined within the PDP but is referenced across multiple chapters and provisions. The submitter requests the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity definition is used. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.125	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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304.16	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition of 'Effects management hierarchy' as follows: <u>Effects management hierarchy means an approach to managing the adverse effects of an activity that requires that:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Adverse effects are avoided where practicable then;</u> <u>Where adverse effects cannot be avoided, they are minimised where practicable; then</u> <u>Where adverse effects cannot be minimised, they are remedied where practicable, then</u> <u>When more than minor residual adverse effects cannot be avoided, minimised or remedied, biodiversity offsetting is provided where possible; then</u> <u>Where biodiversity offsetting are more than minor residual adverse effects is not possible, biodiversity compensation is provided; then</u> <u>If biodiversity compensation is not appropriate, the activity itself is avoided.</u> <p>AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PDP does not define 'Effects management hierarchy' and it is requested that the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) definition is adopted to give effect to the NPS-IB. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.126	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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					provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity.		
304.18	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>AMEND the definition for Exotic Continuous-Cover Forestry as follows: exotic continuous-cover forest or exotic continuous-cover forestry— <u>has the same meaning as set out in the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry 2017 (NES-CF)</u>...</p> <p>AND</p> <p>RETAIN the remainder of the definition for Exotic Continuous-Cover Forestry as notified.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports the definition being consistent with the National Environmental Standards for Commercial Forestry 2017 (NES-CF) but considers the NES-CF could be expressly referred to within the definition to assist plan users. 		
FS89.18	P F Olsen	Definitions	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the part of the submission that relates to maintaining the NES-CF definition in relation to exotic continuous cover forestry. 		Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.128	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 		Topic 7: Definitions
304.22	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Support	<p>RETAIN the definition of 'Indigenous biodiversity' as notified.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definition gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions

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FS93.132	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
304.23	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Support	<p>RETAIN the definition of 'Indigenous vegetation' as notified. AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The definition gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.133	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
304.24	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Intrinsic Values' as follows: <u>has the same meaning as set out in Section 2 of the RMA:</u> <u>In relation to ecosystems, means those aspects of ecosystems and their constituent parts which have value in their own right, including –</u> a. <u>their biological and genetic diversity;</u> <u>and</u> b. <u>the essential characteristics that determine an ecosystem's integrity, form, functioning, and resilience.</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No definition for 'Intrinsic Values' is provided but the term is referenced throughout the PDP. The submitter considers that the term cannot be sufficiently utilised without a clear definition. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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FS93.134	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.27	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Natural Inland Wetland' as follows: <u>Natural inland wetland means a wetland (as defined in the Act) that is not:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>in the coastal marine area; or</u> <u>a deliberately constructed wetland, other than a wetland constructed to offset impacts on, or to restore, an existing or former natural inland wetland; or</u> <u>a wetland that has developed in or around a deliberately constructed water body, since the construction of the water body; or</u> <u>a thermal wetland; or</u> <u>a wetland that:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <u>is within an area of pasture used for grazing; and</u> <u>has vegetation cover comprising more than 50% exotic pasture species (as identified in the National List of Exotic Pasture Species using the Pasture Assessment Methodology (see clause 1.8)); unless</u> <u>the wetland is a location of habitat of a threatened species</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No definition has been provided for 'Natural Inland Wetland' despite the term being used throughout the PDP. It is requested that the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management definition is included. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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				<p><u>identified under clause 3.8 of the NPS-FM, in which case the exclusion in (e) does not apply.</u></p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>			
FS93.137	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.30	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Pest / Pest Organism' as follows: <u>Pest / Pest Organism</u> <u>These include any unwanted living organism including micro-organisms, pest agents, plants, animals, and marine pests and any genetic structure that is capable of replicating itself (whether that structure comprises all or only part of an entity, and whether it comprises all or only part of the total genetic structure of an entity) that may affect plants, animals, or raw primary produce; and</u></p> <p>a. <u>Includes any entity declared to be a pest in the northland Regional Pest Management Strategies or otherwise by Northland Regional Council for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act 1993;</u></p> <p>b. <u>Does not include any human beings; or living organism which affects only human beings; or any living organism</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No definition for 'Pest / Pest Organism' is provided in the PDP but the term is referenced throughout. The submitter recommends the Northland Policy Statement Definition is included. 		Topic 7: Definitions

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				<u>declared not to be a pest for the purposes of the Biosecurity Act.</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.			
FS83.10	NZ Agricultural Aviation Association	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that there should be specific provisions for pest management and considers the definition provides clarity. 		Topic 7: Definitions
FS85.6	NZ Helicopter Association	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that there should be specific provisions for pest management and considers the definition provides clarity. 		Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.140	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 		Topic 7: Definitions
304.32	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Area of significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitats of indigenous fauna' as follows: <u>Area of significant indigenous vegetation and/or significant habitats of indigenous fauna means:</u> <u>Any area in the Kaipara district that meets criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016.</u> <u>Note: to assist with plan interpretation Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement has been included in Appendix X to the Kaipara District Plan.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No definition for 'Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna' is provided in the PDP. However, rules (notified rules and those proposed by the submitter) refer to areas as meeting Appendix 5 of Northland Regional Policy Statement (NRPS). The NRPS and s6(c) of the RMA must be given effect to. Therefore, a definition that outlines these areas meet NRPS criteria is requested. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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				AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.			
FS76.4	Matariki Forests	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the submission does not include the requirement of mapping of SNAs as set out in the NPSIB. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.142	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.33	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>ADD a definition for 'Threatened or At Risk' as follows: <u>Threatened or At Risk, and Threatened or At Risk (declining) have, at any time, the meanings given in the New Zealand Threat Classification System Manual (Andrew J Townsend, Peter J de Lange, Clinton A J Duffy, Colin Miskelly, Janice Molloy, and David A Norton, 2008. Science & Technical Publishing, Department of Conservation, Wellington), available at: https://www.doc.govt.nz/globalassets/documents/ or its current successor publication.</u></p> <p>AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Threatened or At Risk' is not defined within the PDP despite the phrase being referenced throughout the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter. The submitter requests the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity definition is included. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.143	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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					provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity.		
304.34	Director General of Conservation	Definitions	Amend	<p>AMEND the definition of 'Vegetation clearance' as follows: In relation to the removal, trimming, felling and modification of any indigenous vegetation, includes the pruning, trimming, clearance and removal of any indigenous vegetation, and/or exotic vegetation that constitutes significant habitat for indigenous fauna. <u>It includes, but is not limited to:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Cutting;</u> 2. <u>Crushing;</u> 3. <u>Cultivation;</u> 4. <u>Soil disturbance including direct drilling;</u> 5. <u>Application of chemicals including herbicide;</u> 6. <u>Burning;</u> 7. <u>The deliberate application of water, fertiliser or oversowing;</u> 8. <u>The drainage of wetlands or lakes;</u> 9. <u>Mob-stocking; and</u> 10. <u>Applying seed of exotic pasture.</u> <p><u>And also includes any of the above activities where it may cause the deliberate alteration or hydrological functions that support indigenous vegetation and/or exotic vegetation that constitutes significant habitat for indigenous fauna.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The inclusion of a definition for 'Vegetation clearance' is supported. However, the proposed definition should be widened to include exotic vegetation constituting a significant habitat for indigenous fauna. The submitter also requests the definition is amended to include activities that typically result in vegetation clearance. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions

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				AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.			
FS47.110	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is unclear where the definitions have been taken from and it is difficult to ascertain the impact they may have on the PDP provisions. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
FS76.5	Matariki Forests	Definitions	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that inclusion of exotic vegetation would include harvesting of forestry and any SNA within plantation forests must be identified and mapped. 	Accept	Topic 7: Definitions
FS93.144	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	Definitions	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 7: Definitions
304.63	Director General of Conservation	General	Amend	<p>ADD Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity objectives, policies and rules (inferred) which recognise and promote the protection of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna as per Section 6(c) RMA, the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and the Northland Regional Policy Statement using the areas identified in Attachment 2 of the submission as a guide.</p> <p>AND</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter notes that the Overview in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter confirms the absence of mapped areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna at this point in time and states their inclusion will occur via a future plan change in accordance with national policy statements. Though this approach aligns with the Resource Management 	Accept in part	<p>Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping</p> <p>Topic 3: General Submissions and Overview</p>

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				Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.	(Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Act, which removed the requirement for the mapping of NPSIB SNAs, the Council still has statutory obligations under s6(c) of the RMA to protect areas with significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna. Therefore, the submitter requests that the information in the Wildlands report (refer Attachment 2) is used throughout the PDP to aid in the identification and protection of such areas.		
FS46.25	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees SNAs should be mapped in the plan. 	Accept in part	<p>Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping</p> <p>Topic 3: General Submissions and Overview</p>
FS47.112	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers it is not appropriate to include areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna without that information going through Schedule 1 RMA process. 	Accept in part	<p>Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping</p> <p>Topic 3: General Submissions and Overview</p>

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FS93.173	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	<p>Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping</p> <p>Topic 3: General Submissions and Overview</p>
304.64	Director General of Conservation	ECO-01	Support	RETAIN ECO-01 as notified. AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports ECO-01 as it recognises and provides for Section 6(c) RMA. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS46.4	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-01	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers ECO-01 should be retained with minor amendment. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS93.174	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-01	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
304.65	Director General of Conservation	ECO-02	Oppose	DELETE ECO-02 and replace with the following: <u>Biodiversity in the Kaipara District is maintained, and where practicable enhanced so that there is at least no overall loss in indigenous biodiversity.</u> AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, ECO-02 does not give effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. The submitter requests the objective replaced with wording in alignment with the National Policy Statement for Indigenous 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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				Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.	Biodiversity to maintain indigenous biodiversity at a district level.		
FS46.6	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-O2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposed changes to ECO-O2 better align with national direction. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS47.113	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-O2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter does not support inclusion of an objective that is written in such absolute terms. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS93.175	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-O2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
304.66	Director General of Conservation	General	Amend	<p>ADD a new objective to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as follows: <u>Recognise and provide for the relationship of tangata whenua and their culture and traditions with indigenous vegetation and fauna.</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter seeks this new Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity objective to give effect to the RMA, the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity and to Objective 3.12 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement. Moreover, this new objective would link to ECO-P4 if amendments sought by the submitter are made. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS93.176	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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304.67	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P1 as follows: <u>To protect indigenous biological diversity in the within-coastal environment:</u> 1. <u>Avoid adverse effects of activities: subdivision, land use and development on:</u> a. <u>Threatened or At Risk Indigenous Species-Indigenous taxa that are listed as threatened or at risk in the New Zealand Threat Classification System Lists;</u> b. <u>areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna; Taxa that are listed by the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources as threatened;</u> c. <u>Areas of indigenous biodiversity protected under other legislation; and Indigenous ecosystems and vegetation types that are threatened in the coastal environment, or are naturally rare;</u> d. <u>Habitats of indigenous species where the species are at the limit of their natural range, or are naturally rare;</u> e. <u>Areas containing nationally significant examples of indigenous community types; and</u> f. <u>Areas set aside for full or partial protection of indigenous biological diversity under other legislation; and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P1 should be amended to include all New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement Policy 11 clauses in order to give effect to the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<p>2. Avoid significant adverse effects and avoid, remedy or mitigate other adverse effects <u>of activities</u> on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Areas of predominantly indigenous vegetation <u>in the coastal environment</u>; b. <u>Habitats in the coastal environment that are important during the vulnerable life stages of indigenous species</u>; c. <u>Indigenous ecosystems and habitats that are only found in the coastal environment and are particularly vulnerable to modification, including estuaries lagoons, coastal wetlands, dunelands, intertidal zones, rocky reef systems, eelgrass and saltmarsh</u>; d. <u>Habitats of indigenous fauna in the coastal environment that are important for recreational, commercial, traditional, or cultural purposes</u>; e. <u>Habitats, including areas and routes, important to migratory species</u>; and f. <u>Ecological corridors, and areas important for linking or maintaining biological values identified under this policy</u>. <p>AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>			

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FS46.8	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-P1 does not give effect to the NZCPS because it does not feature all NZCPS matters or effects management required. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS47.114	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-P1	Oppose	No decision requested.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter does not support the relief sought due to the fact that it changes the intent of the policy from what was notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS93.177	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-P1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
304.68	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P2	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P2 as follows: Outside the coastal environment:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Avoid, in the first instance remedy or mitigate adverse effects of subdivision, land use and development onto ensure <u>adverse effects are no more than minor or</u>; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Threatened and At-Risk indigenous species; b. Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna; c. Areas of indigenous biodiversity protected under other legislation; and d. <u>Where adverse effects have been demonstrated to be unavoidable apply the effects management</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes ECO-P2 in part and considers it requires amendments in order to align with the s6(c) RMA and Policy 3.16 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement, which requires the prioritisation of protecting areas of significant vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous. The amendments sought mean that the policy will require avoidance in the first instance, then for adverse effects to be demonstrated as unavoidable before accessing the effects management hierarchy (a definition of the latter is sought by the submitter). The effects management hierarchy includes 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<p><u>hierarchy to ensure adverse effects on a. – c. are less than minor.</u></p> <p>2. Avoid, remedy, or mitigate offset or compensate <u>Apply the effects management hierarchy to ensure there are no significant adverse effects, and avoid, remedy or mitigate other effects from</u> subdivision, land use and development to ensure there are no effects on:</p> <p>a. Areas of predominantly indigenous vegetation; and</p> <p>b. Indigenous species, habitats and ecosystems. that are important for recreational, commercial, traditional or cultural purposes or are particularly vulnerable to modification.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<p>biodiversity offsetting, compensation and measures, provided each is in accordance with applicable principles found within the appendix requested by the submitter.</p>		
FS46.9	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed changes to ECO-P2 better align with the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS47.115	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the amendments sought have not added clarity to the policy. Instead, they have created confusion over what is sought and the relief is not supported. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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FS76.11	Matariki Forests	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the proposal does not align with the provisions of the NPSIB in relationship to plantation forestry. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS82.69	Northpower Limited	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that effects management hierarchy needs to be applied where adverse effects are unavoidable and notes that they support the policy as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS93.178	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-P2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
304.69	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P3	Oppose	<p>AMEND ECO-P3 as follows: Protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity Manage subdivision, land use and development to protect significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna and maintain indigenous biodiversity in a way that, while providing for the activities in ECO-R1.</p> <p>1. Does not unreasonably restrict existing primary production activities, particularly on highly productive land; 2. Recognises the operational need or functional need of regionally significant infrastructure to traverse or locate within areas of significant indigenous vegetation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter is concerned that ECO-P3 clauses 1-4 are unrelated to the policy title. As drafted, the intention for ECO-P3 to provide the policy basis for permitted vegetation clearance is not clear. Therefore, amendments are sought to ECO-P3, so the policy specifically provides for the activities in ECO-R1. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<p>and significant habitat of indigenous fauna where there are no practicable alternative locations;</p> <p>3. Allows for operation, use and maintenance of existing structures, including infrastructure; and</p> <p>4. Enables land to be used and developed to support the social, economic and cultural well-being of people and communities.</p> <p>AND</p> <p>Any alternative or consequential relief.</p>			
FS46.12	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P3	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed changes to ECO-P3 better align with the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction. Further submitter considers the framing of the policy and provision for vegetation clearance is wrong. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS47.116	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter is concerned that the removal of the reference to existing primary production activities will have substantial consequences in these activities being able to continue. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS82.70	Northpower Limited	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks for this policy to be amended per their original submission and consider that it needs to continue recognising the operational and functional need for regionally significant 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					infrastructure to locate within or traverse these areas.		
FS93.179	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-P3	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
304.70	Director General of Conservation	ECO-P4	Oppose	<p>DELETE ECO-P4 (note incorrect reference in the submission). OR AMEND ECO-P4 to achieve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> give effect to National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity Policy 10, clause 3.5. provide for the exercise of kaitiakitanga by tangata whenua in protecting, maintaining, and restoring indigenous biodiversity within their rohe. <p>AND Any alternative or consequential relief.</p>	<p>The submitter considers that this policy should only be included, subject to amendment, as part of the provisions package sought by the submitter which gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity provisions still in force.</p> <p>If this policy is to be retained, it should be amended as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to give effect to National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity policy 10, clause 3.5. provide for the exercise of kaitiakitanga by tangata whenua in protecting, maintaining, and restoring indigenous biodiversity within their rohe. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS46.14	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-P4	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers ECO-P4 does not give effect to the NPSIB. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS93.180	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-P4	Support	Allow the original submission.	Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity.		
304.71	Director General of Conservation	General	Amend	<p>ADD a new policy to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as follows: <u>ECO-Px Areas of Significant Indigenous Biodiversity</u> <u>Require activities not provided for in ECO-R1 to obtain from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist confirming that the indigenous vegetation proposed to be cleared does not meet the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016 (Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna to undertake clearance large scale clearance of indigenous vegetation.</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter requests that a new Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity policy is included which outlines the specific assessment criteria of the Northland Regional Policy Statement Appendix 5 to ensure applications that do not comply with ECO-R2 are assessed consistently. Moreover, the proposed policy will support the implementation of ECO-O1. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS35.107	Bream Tail Residents Association	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that subject to the amendments sought in their primary submission, the policies adequately provide for the protection of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS44.50	Daytona Trust	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that subject to the amendments sought in their primary submission, the policies adequately provide for the 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					protection of indigenous biodiversity.		
FS46.26	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers indigenous vegetation should be assessed for significance before being cleared (except for permitted clearance). 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS47.117	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers relief sought is unnecessary and does not add clarity. It has the potential to act as a barrier for appropriate land use and development. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS58.14	J & C Hawley	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers a new policy outlining specific assessment criteria of the NRPS Appendix 5 will ensure applications are assessed consistently, protecting significant indigenous vegetation. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS74.13	Marunui Conservation Ltd	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers a new policy outlining specific assessment criteria of the NRPS Appendix 5 will ensure applications are assessed consistently, protecting significant indigenous vegetation. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS82.71	Northpower Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter does not consider that activities in ECO-R1 need to obtain confirmation from an ecologist that the indigenous 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					<p>vegetation clearance proposed to be cleared does not meet the criteria of Appendix 5 of the NRPS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers confirmation from an ecologist should only be required when permitted thresholds of ECO-R2 are breached. 		
FS93.181	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS97.50	Tappenden Holdings Limited	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that subject to the amendments sought in their primary submission, the policies adequately provide for the protection of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS100.89	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission point.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transpower considers that in combination with the changes proposed to ECO-R1, this requirement is overly onerous and would have significant implications for existing and new National Grid assets. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
304.72	Director General of Conservation	General	Amend	ADD a note to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity rules as follows: <u>Pursuant to Section 86B(3) of the RMA, the following rules that protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation or areas of</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, the PDP does not acknowledge the immediate legal effect of rules that protect areas of significant indigenous vegetation or areas of significant habitats of 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<u>significant habitats of indigenous fauna have immediate legal effect: ECO-R1 to ECO-R2.</u> AND Any alternative or consequential relief.	indigenous fauna. If the permitted pathway in ECO-R2.b. is included, as requested by the submitter, then only ECO-R2.a. can have legal effect.		
FS46.27	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the legal effects of rules that protect indigenous biodiversity should be clarified. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS47.118	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter notes it is the statutory responsibility of the Council to state what rules in the PDP have immediate legal effect. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS93.182	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
304.73	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R1	Oppose	AMEND ECO-R1 - see submission for details of amendments sought. AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opposes ECO-R1 as it fails to recognise s6(c) of the RMA, the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB) and Policy 3.15 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement (NRPS). The submitters concerns are summarised below - refer to submission for details: Constructing a new fence should not require 3.5m of clearance either side. As drafted, the rule permits up to 7m of clearance. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating new setbacks for buildings from indigenous vegetation should be separated from the maintenance of existing setbacks. New setbacks have potential adverse effects on indigenous vegetation by reducing area and exposing the vegetation to pests and weeds. • High amounts of indigenous vegetation clearance is permitted in all zones for the purposes of establishing, constructing and completing residential development, including associated onsite infrastructure and access, thus leaving large areas of indigenous vegetation unprotected. • As drafted, the rule does not manage Kauri Dieback Disease. 		
FS35.108	Bream Tail Residents Association	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further submitter considers that apart from the need to provide for construction of buildings ancillary to a single residential unit (sought in their primary submission) that ECO-R1 as notified provides for an appropriate range of exceptions to the requirements. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS44.51	Daytona Trust	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further submitter considers that apart from the need to provide for construction of buildings ancillary to a single residential unit (sought in 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					their primary submission) that ECO-R1 as notified provides for an appropriate range of exceptions to the requirements.		
FS46.16	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that ECO-R1 permits too broad a range of vegetation clearance without adequate constraint. This is contrary to the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS58.15	J & C Hawley	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that allowing 1000 m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity is excessive and could have significant adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity. Further submitter agrees that the amount should be reduced or deleted. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS74.14	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter agrees that allowing 1000 m² indigenous vegetation clearance as a permitted activity is excessive and could have significant adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity. Further submitter agrees that the amount should be reduced or deleted. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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FS82.72	Northpower Limited	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter opposes the deletion of the permitted pathway for vegetation clearance required for operation, repair or maintenance of existing infrastructure. Further submitter seeks amendments to the rule per their original submission. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS83.11	NZ Agricultural Aviation Association	ECO-R1	Oppose in part	Disallow the original submission in part, specifically the deletion of clause 'i'.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter notes that provisions that permit the maintenance of improved pasture are important. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS93.183	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-R1	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS97.51	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that apart from the need to provide for construction of buildings ancillary to a single residential unit (sought in their primary submission) that ECO-R1 as notified provides for an appropriate range of exceptions to the requirements. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS100.90	Transpower New Zealand Ltd	ECO-R1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission point.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the changes proposed to ECO-R1 are overly onerous and inconsistent with the requirements of the NPSET. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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304.74	Director General of Conservation	ECO-R2	Oppose	<p>AMEND ECO-R2 as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permit a maximum of up to 150m² of vegetation clearance in all zones and require discretionary activity consent if this threshold is exceeded, accompanied by an assessment against Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement by a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist using the Wildlands Report. Include the rules provided in the Biosecurity (National PA Pest Management Plan) Order 2022 (SL 2022/208) (as at 23 December 2023) as assessment criteria to manage Kauri Dieback. <p>OR</p> <p>AMEND ECO-R2.1. as set out below if the primary relief above is not granted: Indigenous vegetation clearance and any associated land disturbance not provided for under ECO-R1</p> <p>1. Activity status: Permitted Where:</p> <p>a. <u>A report has been obtained from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist confirming that the indigenous vegetation proposed to be cleared does not meet the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016 (Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter states it is not clear how enabling clearance of 500m² and 1,000m² of indigenous vegetation annually gives effect to higher-order documents, including s6(c) RMA, Policy 11(a) of the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity, and Policy 4.4 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement. Without assessment to understand what species are present or the rarity of the ecosystem, there can be no assurance that adverse effects are avoided. The submitter notes that at risk or threatened vegetation can occur on private land and, as drafted, ECO-R2 enables clearance thresholds which could result in the loss of species within the Kaipara District or total extinction of more area-confined species. As drafted, Kauri Dieback is not a consideration within the provision, and the submitter requests its inclusion to ensure the management of affected sites. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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				<p><u>significant habitats of indigenous fauna); and</u></p> <p>i. It does not exceed 1,000m²per site in any calendar year in the Māori purpose zone, General rural zone, and Rural lifestyle zone; or</p> <p>ii. It does not exceed 500m²per site in any calendar year in all other zones; and</p> <p>b. <u>A report has not been obtained from a suitably qualified and experienced ecologist confirming that the indigenous vegetation does not meet the criteria in Appendix 5 of the Northland Regional Policy Statement 2016 (Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna); and</u></p> <p>i. <u>It does not exceed 100m²per site in any calendar year.</u></p> <p><u>Activity status where compliance not achieved with 1. and 2: Discretionary.</u> AND Any further or alternative relief to like effect to that sought.</p>			
FS25.9	W Birt	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed threshold is too small to achieve nearly all activities and would mean almost all activities would be subject to resource consent. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers a heavy-handed approach for landowners to undertake projects on their properties runs the risk of undoing what work have been achieved in protection of indigenous vegetation and ecosystems. 		
FS35.109	Bream Tail Residents Association	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the amendments sought in their primary submission, the further submitter considers ECO-R2 provides appropriate permitted activity standards, including exceptions consistent with the Northland Regional Plan. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS44.52	Daytona Trust	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the amendments sought in their primary submission, the further submitter considers ECO-R2 provides appropriate permitted activity standards, including exceptions consistent with the Northland Regional Plan. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS46.19	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports submission to reduce vegetation clearance thresholds and tighten per-event clearance ability, as well as to better address cumulative clearance. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS47.119	Federated Farmers of New Zealand	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers proposed amendments are impractical and have potential to 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					become barriers to everyday activities.		
FS76.16	Matariki Forests	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the proposal does not recognise the provisions of the NPSIB in relation to indigenous vegetation clearance associated with plantation forestry. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS82.73	Northpower Limited	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter opposes the requested amendments and discretionary activity trigger when compliance is not achieved. They also oppose the alternative option requested where an Ecological Report is required for vegetation clearance under the permitted rule as it is considered arbitrary and restrictive. Further submitter seeks policy is retained as notified. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS93.184	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS97.52	Tappenden Holdings Limited	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subject to the amendments sought in their primary submission, the further submitter considers ECO-R2 provides appropriate permitted activity standards, including exceptions consistent with the Northland Regional Plan. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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308.43	Fire and Emergency New Zealand	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1 as notified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rule is supported to the extent that it enables landowners to clear indigenous vegetation clearance to create and maintain firebreaks to manage fire risk. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
309.58	Clarus	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1. AND Any necessary consequential changes to the Proposed District Plan that are required to give effect to the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is important that clearance for essential operation, repair and maintenance of infrastructure is permitted. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
309.59	Clarus	ECO-R2	Support	RETAIN ECO-R2. AND Any necessary consequential changes to the Proposed District Plan that are required to give effect to the submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submitter considers that this rule and its thresholds would apply to minor upgrading of infrastructure. 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
319.11	J Warden	General	Amend	AMEND the permitted activity standards in the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter to reflect the zones so that they are less permissible and confusing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permitted activity standards are too permissible and confusing. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS42.66	Chorus, Spark, Fortysouth, One NZ and Connexa	General	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The relief sought is too uncertain and may have unintended consequences. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
323.51	KiwiRail Holdings Limited	ECO-P3	Support	RETAIN ECO-P3 as proposed. AND any consequential changes to link and/or accommodate the requested change in the stated, or alternate location.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports ECO-P3 and requests it is retained as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
323.52	KiwiRail Holdings Limited	ECO-R1	Support	RETAIN ECO-R1 as notified. AND	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter supports ECO-R1 and requests it is retained as notified. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				any consequential changes to link and/or accommodate the requested change in the stated, or alternate location.			
332.10	Northland Regional Council	General	Amend	<p>AMEND Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity provisions to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Safeguard Northland’s ecological integrity by protecting areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna; • Maintain the extent and diversity of indigenous ecosystems and habitats in the district; and • Enhance indigenous ecosystems and habitats, particularly where this contributes to the reduction in the overall threat status of regionally and nationally threatened species. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Though the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Overview states that “there continues to be cumulative loss of indigenous biodiversity on private land”, the submitter considers that PDP provisions generally take an enabling approach to managing activities with potential adverse effects on biodiversity. There should be additional measures to better manage potential adverse effects on biodiversity in order to meet the Northland Regional Policy Statement’s objective of maintaining and, where possible, enhancing biodiversity values. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
FS45.119	Director General of Conservation	General	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Relief supported to the extent that it is consistent with the DG’s primary submission. 	Accept in part	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
332.12	Northland Regional Council	ECO-01	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-01 as follows: Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna are protected <u>for current and future generations</u>.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As drafted, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Objectives do not reflect the overall biodiversity outcomes outlined in the Northland Regional Policy 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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					Statement. These outcomes being the maintenance and, where possible, enhancement of biodiversity values.		
FS46.3	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-01	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the changes better align with the Northland Regional Policy Statement but that the reference to ‘current generations’ is uncertain and not aligned with RMA and National Direction. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
332.13	Northland Regional Council	ECO-02	Amend	AMEND ECO-02 as follows: Adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity are managed to maintain its extent and diversity in a way that provides for the social, economic and cultural well-being of people and communities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Objectives do not reflect the overall biodiversity outcomes outlined in the Northland Regional Policy Statement. These outcomes being the maintenance and, where possible, enhancement of biodiversity values. The submitter requests ECO-02 is amended to avoid duplication with SD-VK-01 and SD-VK-02 and reflect the Northland Regional Policy Statement's policy direction on biodiversity values. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS46.5	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-02	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The proposed changes to ECO-02 better align with the Northland Regional Policy Statement, Part 2 RMA, and National Direction. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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332.14	Northland Regional Council	ECO-03	Amend	AMEND ECO-03 as follows: Restoring indigenous biodiversity <u>and managing pests</u> The restoration of indigenous biodiversity <u>and management of pest species</u> is promoted and enabled.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Objectives do not reflect the overall biodiversity outcomes outlined in the Northland Regional Policy Statement. These outcomes being the maintenance and, where possible, enhancement of biodiversity values. The submitter requests ECO-03 is amended to acknowledge the importance of preventing and managing pests. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS45.120	Director General of Conservation	ECO-03	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the inclusion of pest management in this objective as pest management is crucial as part of recognising and providing for s6(c) RMA. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS58.18	J & C Hawley	ECO-03	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-03 needs to reflect biodiversity outcomes as per the NRPS and this includes enhancing indigenous biodiversity and the management of pest species to reduce the threat to at risk species. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS74.17	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-03	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECO-03 needs to reflect biodiversity outcomes as per the NRPS and this includes enhancing indigenous biodiversity and the management of pest species to reduce the threat to at risk species. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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332.15	Northland Regional Council	ECO-O4	Amend	AMEND ECO-O4 as follows: Landowners act as stewards <u>and tangata whenua as kaitiaki</u> in the protection, maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> As drafted, Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Objectives do not reflect the overall biodiversity outcomes outlined in the Northland Regional Policy Statement. These outcomes being the maintenance and, where possible, enhancement of biodiversity values. 	Accept	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
332.16	Northland Regional Council	ECO-P1	Amend	AMEND ECO-P1 to better reflect the Northland Regional Policy Statement's direction on overall biodiversity outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accompaniment to the submitter's requests seeking amendments to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter objectives, amendments are also sought to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter policies to better reflect regional policy direction (refer submission points 332.17-18). 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
332.17	Northland Regional Council	ECO-P3	Oppose	DELETE ECO-P3.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Policy does not provide any direction on the management of indigenous biodiversity. Moreover, elements within ECO-P3 are already addressed through other PDP provisions. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS42.67	Chorus, Spark, Fortysouth, One NZ and Connexa	ECO-P3	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submission seeks to delete this policy which provides recognition for the operational and functional need for RSI to traverse areas of indigenous 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					biodiversity in appropriate circumstances.		
332.18	Northland Regional Council	General	Amend	ADD a new policy to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as follows: <u>ECO-XX Protection and maintenance of indigenous biodiversity</u> <u>Ensures no net loss of indigenous biodiversity by controlling: the disturbance of land, clearance of vegetation and introduction or keeping of species with recognised pest potential.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A new Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter policy is proposed to accompany the relief sought by the submitter regarding discretionary activity subdivision and to reflect Northland Regional Council policy direction on no net biodiversity loss. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS46.28	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	General	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports addition of new policy of no net loss of indigenous biodiversity. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
332.20	Northland Regional Council	ECO-R1	Amend	DELETE ECO-R1.1.i.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Northland Regional Policy Statement seeks that biodiversity values are maintained and, where practicable, enhanced. The submitter does not consider that the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter rules achieve this objective and is concerned they will result in a cumulative loss of biodiversity. Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter rules do not recognise the potential habitat of threatened species associated with regenerating indigenous vegetation less than 10-years old. Moreover, 	Accept in part	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					they are inconsistent with adjoining district provisions.		
332.21	Northland Regional Council	ECO-R2	Amend	AMEND ECO-R2.1.b. and ECO-R2.1.b. so the permitted activity threshold is 500m ² over a ten-year period instead of 1,000m ² or 500m ² annually.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Northland Regional Policy Statement seeks that biodiversity values are maintained and, where practicable, enhanced. The submitter does not consider that Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter rules achieve this objective and is concerned they will result in a cumulative loss of biodiversity. Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter rules do not recognise the potential habitat of threatened species associated with regenerating indigenous vegetation less than 10-years old. Moreover, they are inconsistent with adjoining district provisions. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS46.17	Environmental Defence Society Inc.	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports the submission to reduce vegetation clearance thresholds in ECO-R2. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS58.19	J & C Hawley	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the provisions for indigenous vegetation clearance and in one calendar year are excessive and a reduction in both will protect biodiversity better. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
FS74.18	Marunui Conservation Ltd	ECO-R2	Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers that the provisions for indigenous vegetation 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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					clearance and in one calendar year are excessive and a reduction in both will protect biodiversity better.		
FS82.74	Northpower Limited	ECO-R2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter considers the requested amendments to be overly restrictive, particularly for new infrastructure and seek that the policy is retained as notified. 	Accept	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules
332.22	Northland Regional Council	General	Amend	ADD an advice note to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter as follows: <u>Advice Note on the application of objectives and policies:</u> <u>Regard must be had to the NPS-IB, when considering an application for a resource consent.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An advice note is sought by the submitter to highlight the requirement to give effect to National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity objectives and policies. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
332.62	Northland Regional Council	ECO-P2	Amend	AMEND ECO-P2 to better reflect the Northland Regional Policy Statement's direction on overall biodiversity outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accompaniment to the submitter's requests seeking amendments to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter objectives, amendments are also sought to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter policies to better reflect regional policy direction (refer submission points 332.17-18). 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
332.63	Northland Regional Council	ECO-P3	Amend	AMEND ECO-P3 to better reflect the Northland Regional Policy Statement's direction on overall biodiversity outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accompaniment to the submitter's requests seeking amendments to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter objectives, amendments are also 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					sought to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter policies to better reflect regional policy direction (refer submission points 332.17-18).		
332.64	Northland Regional Council	ECO-P4	Amend	AMEND ECO-P4 to better reflect the Northland Regional Policy Statement's direction on overall biodiversity outcomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In accompaniment to the submitter's requests seeking amendments to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter objectives, amendments are also sought to the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity chapter policies to better reflect regional policy direction (refer submission points 332.17-18). 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
333.6	NZ Fairy Tern Trust	General	Amend	ADD reference to the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity in the Proposed District Plans with reference to the introduction of Significant Natural Areas.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter has requested the above relief for the following reasons: They support the inclusion of policies that will protect the natural and unique features of the Kaipara District. Northland Regional Council's ecological areas are a good starting point, but Kaipara District Council will need to meet the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity. - Significant Natural Areas have not been mentioned in the Proposed District Plan. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping

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FS93.262	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society of NZ		Support	Allow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter supports this submission as it seeks to improve provisions and outcomes for indigenous biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 1: Giving Effect to NPS-IB, RPS and SNA Mapping
337.4	Aoroa Farms	General	Oppose	AMEND the Ecosystems and Indigenous and Biodiversity rules to prevent vegetation clearance except for purposes already stated under rule ECO-R1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The submitter opposes the provisions of the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity for the following reasons: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The permitted allowance for vegetation clearance does not align with the overview, objectives and/or policies of the proposed district plan. The maintenance and enhancement of indigenous biodiversity and vegetation need to be encouraged. Any clearance will adversely affect the native ecosystem. Any unjustified vegetation clearance is irresponsible given that indigenous ecosystems are in decline. Adverse cumulative effect. The permitted clearance allowance of 1000m² is generous and not in line with other District Plan as stated within the s32 Report on Biodiversity. 	Reject	Topic 6: ECO Chapter Rules

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367.10	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P1	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P1 as follows: Avoid adverse effects of subdivision, land use and development on:</p> <p><u>d) sites of significance to mana whenua, and on mana whenua cultural values.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear what the Natural Environment objectives are seeking to achieve. Or why the Natural Environment Values are separated out from the strategic direction chapter. There is also no objective for support in rural character or environment, and no mention of protecting and preserving mana whenua values in these areas. There is also no mention of protecting mana whenua values in the natural environment, in particular freshwater bodies including the receiving environment. This is inconsistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, the Hierarchy of Obligations and in particular Objective 2.1(1) and Policies 2, 3, and 4. (refer also to 367.8-12, 61). 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS104.10	Fonterra	ECO-P1	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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FS108.1	Northpower Ltd and Northpower Fibre Ltd	ECO-P1	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter support recognition of sites of significance to mana whenua and culture values but consider this addition to ECO-P1 is inappropriate and the SASM Chapter already provides for these matters. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
367.11	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P2	Amend	<p>AMEND ECO-P2 as follows: Outside the coastal environment: <u>Avoid significant adverse effects on sites of significance to mana whenua, taonga species, and mana whenua cultural values.</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear what the Natural Environment objectives are seeking to achieve. Or why the Natural Environment Values are separated out from the strategic direction chapter. There is also no objective for support in rural character or environment, and no mention of protecting and preserving mana whenua values in these areas. There is also no mention of protecting mana whenua values in the natural environment, in particular freshwater bodies including the receiving environment. This is inconsistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, the Hierarchy of Obligations and in particular Objective 2.1(1) and Policies 2, 3, and 4. (refer also to 367.8 - 12 and 61). 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS104.11	Fonterra	ECO-P2	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra.		
FS107.17	Atlas Quarries Limited	ECO-P2	Support in part	Allow the submission in part subject to amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter notes that the objectives and policies including policy ECO-P2, need to provide for mineral extraction activities, in line with the effects hierarchy set out by the RMA section 5(2)(c). The provisions must provide for an assessment of effects to be undertaken and considered by the decision-making authority. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS108.2	Northpower Ltd and Northpower Fibre Ltd	ECO-P2	Oppose	Disallow the original submission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter support recognition of sites of significance to mana whenua and culture values but consider this addition to ECO-P1 is inappropriate and the SASM Chapter already provides for these matters. 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
367.12	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P3	Amend	AMEND ECO-P3 as follows: Manage subdivision, land use and development to protect significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitat of indigenous fauna and maintain indigenous biodiversity in a way that:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear what the Natural Environment objectives are seeking to achieve. Or why the Natural Environment Values are separated out from the strategic direction chapter. There is also no objective for support in rural character or 	Accept	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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				<u>5 Enables mana whenua to develop on whenua Maori and Treaty settlement land, where adverse effects on biodiversity are managed and minimised.</u>	environment, and no mention of protecting and preserving mana whenua values in these areas. There is also no mention of protecting mana whenua values in the natural environment, in particular freshwater bodies including the receiving environment. This is inconsistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, the Hierarchy of Obligations and in particular Objective 2.1(1) and Policies 2, 3, and 4. (refer also to 367.8-12 and 61).		
FS104.12	Fonterra	ECO-P3	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
367.27	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-O1	Amend	AMEND ECO-O1 as follows: ‘Areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna, <u>including significant water bodies and taonga species identified by mana whenua are protected.</u> ’	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau are supportive of this objective and seek its retention with the inclusion of significant water bodies and taonga species identified by mana whenua to the provision. 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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FS103.2	P Rothwell	ECO-01	Support		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to Further Submission FS103 	Reject	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS104.27	Fonterra	ECO-01	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS107.20	Atlas Quarries Limited	ECO-01	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part subject to amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives and policies including policy ECO-01, need to provide for mineral extraction activities, in line with the effects hierarchy set out by the RMA section 5(2)(c). The provisions must provide for an assessment of effects to be undertaken and considered by the decision-making authority. Further submitter seeks a chapter specific to Mineral Extraction. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
367.28	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-04	Amend	AMEND ECO-04 as follows: Landowners, and council, act as stewards <u>in partnership with mana whenua who act as kaitiaki</u> in the protection maintenance and restoration of indigenous biodiversity <u>and protection of taonga species in freshwater bodies</u> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau support this provision, but seek amendment to enable community, council and mana whenua to work collectively in protecting indigenous biodiversity and taonga species. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
FS104.28	Fonterra	ECO-04	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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					of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra.		
FS107.21	Atlas Quarries Limited	ECO-04	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part subject to amendments.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The objectives and policies including policy ECO-01, need to provide for mineral extraction activities, in line with the effects hierarchy set out by the RMA section 5(2)(c). The provisions must provide for an assessment of effects to be undertaken and considered by the decision-making authority. Further submitter seeks a chapter specific to Mineral Extraction. 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives
367.29	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P1	Amend	ADD the following clause to ECO-P1: <u>3. Enable mana whenua to uphold their role as kaitiaki to protect, enhance and maintain indigenous biodiversity, ecosystem health, and taonga species and habitats.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau supports the intent of this policy and seeks its retention. However, an additional clause should be added that recognizes and upholds the role of mana whenua to act as kaitiaki when protecting, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem health, indigenous biodiversity and taonga species. 	Reject	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS104.29	Fonterra		Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra.		
367.30	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P2	Amend	ADD the following clause to ECO-P2: <u>3. Enable mana whenua to uphold their role as kaitiaki to protect, enhance and maintain indigenous biodiversity, ecosystem health, and taonga species and habitats.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau supports the intent of this policy and seeks its retention. However, an additional clause should be added that recognizes and upholds the role of mana whenua to act as kaitiaki when protecting, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem health, indigenous biodiversity and taonga species. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS104.30	Fonterra	ECO-P2	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
367.31	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P3	Amend	ADD the following clause to ECO-P3: <u>5. Enable mana whenua to uphold their role as kaitiaki to protect, enhance and maintain indigenous biodiversity, ecosystem health, and taonga species and habitats.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau supports the intent of this policy and seeks its retention. However, an additional clause should be added that recognizes and upholds the role of mana whenua to act as kaitiaki when protecting, maintaining and 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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					enhancing ecosystem health, indigenous biodiversity and taonga species.		
FS104.31	Fonterra	ECO-P3	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
367.32	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P4	Amend	ADD the following clause to ECO-P4: <u>4. Enable mana whenua to uphold their role as kaitiaki to protect, enhance and maintain indigenous biodiversity, ecosystem health, and taonga species and habitats.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau supports the intent of this policy and seeks its retention. However, an additional clause should be added that recognizes and upholds the role of mana whenua to act as kaitiaki when protecting, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem health, indigenous biodiversity and taonga species. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS104.32	Fonterra	ECO-P4	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies

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367.33	Te Uri o Hau	ECO-P5	Amend	ADD the following clause to ECO-P5: <u>6.Enable mana whenua to uphold their role as kaitiaki to protect, enhance and maintain indigenous biodiversity, ecosystem health, and taonga species and habitats.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Te Uri O Hau supports the intent of this policy and seeks its retention. However, an additional clause should be added that recognizes and upholds the role of mana whenua to act as kaitiaki when protecting, maintaining and enhancing ecosystem health, indigenous biodiversity and taonga species. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
FS104.33	Fonterra	ECO-P5	Support in part	Allow the original submission in part.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further submitter seeks that any provisions / amendments as a result of Te Uri o Hau’s submission are certain, practical, and implementable and allow for the efficient and effective operation of their Maungatūroto Site as this is a key asset for Fonterra. 	Accept in part	Topic 5: ECO Chapter Policies
367.75	Te Uri o Hau	General		ADD a new Objective to: <u>Protect and preserve the cultural values of mana whenua associated with the natural environment, taonga species and indigenous biodiversity.</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is unclear what the Natural Environment objectives are seeking to achieve. Or why the Natural Environment Values are separated out from the strategic direction chapter. There is also no objective for support in rural character or environment, and no mention of protecting and preserving mana whenua values in these areas. There is also no mention of protecting mana whenua values in the natural environment, in particular 	Accept in part	Topic 4: ECO Chapter Objectives

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					<p>freshwater bodies including the receiving environment. This is inconsistent with the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management , the Hierarchy of Obligations and in particular Objective 2.1(1) and Policies 2, 3, and 4. (refer also to 367.8 to 12 and 61).</p>		