

UNDER the Local Government Act 2002  
AND Section 22AB of the Land Transport Act 1998  
IN THE MATTER of a proposed Bylaw using a Special Consultative Procedure

FURTHER SUBMISSIONS BY Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ Inc

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1. In response to the email dated 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021, Forest & Bird has the following responses to make regarding the various documents presented collectively as the Post-Hearing Information Provided to Panel.
2. We have read the further information provided by James Bentley regarding landscape and natural character. We agree with the assessment regarding the impact of vehicles on the landscape, particularly given the natural character and landscape values, and the increased vehicle traffic.
3. We have read the memorandum on behalf of Burkhart Fisheries Limited and Lanfar Holdings (No. 4) Limited. We support the provision of ongoing access to launch boats at Ward Beach, and any bylaw should not limit the resource consents that have been granted in order to maintain such access.
4. The list of Ecological Values provided by the Department of Conservation is noted. The list is very comprehensive and provides extensive reasons as to why it is important for the area to be protected from vehicle traffic. Many of the creatures and/or plants described are small and vulnerable to damage.
5. As outlined in our submission, we do not oppose provision for access for Dominion Salt.
6. The reports presented by the East Coast Protection Group Inc show the extensive efforts the group are putting in, to both recognise the values of the area and undertake action for their protection. Again, these values show the importance of the coastal zone for a wide number of species.

7. The katipo survey work undertaken by Mark and Eve Anderson is valuable information and shows another species that is well camouflaged, but important, within the coastal environment.
  
8. The SNA/PNA/RAP map presented by Marlborough District Council is the first time Forest & Bird have seen the full suite of existing identified important natural areas within this geographic area. It is clear from these maps that the coastline is a particularly important zone for ecological values. These maps support the information provided by various parties to the Hearing Panel and further drive the expectation that the area should be protected from ve.
  
9. In conclusion, Forest & Bird wish to reiterate our support for a bylaw to prohibit vehicle access along this stretch of coastline, including the area south of the Waima River. We support provisions for boat launching access and the exercise of existing resource consents.