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## Further Submission in Support of, or in Opposition to the Proposed Timaru District Plan

Clause 8 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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**Further submissions close on Friday 4 August 2023 at 5pm**

**To: Timaru District Council**

This is a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, a submission on the **Proposed Timaru District Plan**.

**Full name of person making further submission:**

Nicky Snoyink

**Organisation name and contact** (if representing a group or organisation):

Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society fo New Zealand Inc. (Forest & Bird)

**Only certain persons can make a further submission. Please select the option that applies.**

**I am:**

- a person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
- a person who has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest the general public has;
- the local authority for the relevant area.

Please explain why you come within the category selected above:

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### Hearing options

I wish to be heard in support of my further submission?  Yes  No

If others make a similar further submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Yes  No

Signature: [Click to enter text.](#)

Date: 10 August 2023

*(of person making submission or person authorised to make decision on behalf)*

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**You have served a copy of the further submission on the original submitter (this is required under the Resource Management Act 1991 Schedule 1, s8A(2) to be completed within 5 working days after it is served on the Timaru District Council)**

Yes    No

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Forest & Bird Further Submission to Proposed Timaru District Plan

This further submission is in relation to the original submission of:	This further submission is in relation to the original Submission Number:	The particular parts of the original submission we support /oppose are:	Our position on the original submission is: <i>Support or oppose</i>	The reasons for our support/ opposition to the original submission are:	Allow/ Disallow the original submission (in full or in part)	Give precise details of the decision you want the Council to make in relation to the original submission point.
Rooney Holdings Limited GJH Rooney Rooney Group Limited Rooney Farms Limited Rooney Earthmoving Limited	174 191 249 250 251	Whole submission	Oppose	The submissions are generally inconsistent with the Part 2 of the RMA and seek permissive provisions in the district plan for a wide range of activities and which will likely have adverse effects on the district's indigenous biodiversity.	Disallow	Decline the submissions as they do not give effect to the sustainable management purpose of the RMA in particular section 6 Matters of National Importance, which must be recognised and provided for and the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB).
Rooney Holdings Limited GJH Rooney Rooney Group Limited Rooney Farms Limited	174.5 191.5 249.5 250.5	General	Oppose	A new gravel extraction overlay providing for gravel extraction and the deposit of clean fill could have adverse effects on indigenous species and habitats of indigenous species. The management of braided rivers and gravel extraction is a matter for the regional council.	Disallow	Decline the submission point. The management of gravel extraction and the deposit of clean fill is a matter for regional council, particularly where they will have an effect on water. These activities must be subject to an assessment of effects and where appropriate, to the effects mitigation hierarchy. Activities in the bed of a river including gravel extraction are matters

Rooney Earthmoving Limited	251.5					for the regional council so the district plan should not be inconsistent with the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement(RPS) and the Canterbury Land and Water Regional Plan (CLWRP).
Rooney Holdings Limited	174.13	EI - Energy and Infrastructure	Oppose	New renewable electricity generation (REG) activities can have adverse effects on the environment, particularly on indigenous biodiversity and on Outstanding Natural Landscapes and on productive soils. New REG needs to be located where it will not have adverse effects particularly on indigenous vegetation and habitats for indigenous fauna.	Disallow	Decline the submission point. New REG activities including solar arrays need to be subject to limits and standards and where appropriate should be subject to the effects mitigation hierarchy to protect and maintain indigenous biodiversity and to protect Outstanding Natural Landscapes. The relief sought by the submitter will not achieve the protection of indigenous biodiversity and is inconsistent with the Canterbury Regional Policy Statement (CRPS) and Part 2 of the RMA.
GJH Rooney	191.13					
Rooney Group Limited	249.13					
Rooney Farms Limited	250.13					
Rooney Earthmoving Limited	251.13					
Alpine Energy	55.5	ECO-R1	Oppose	The submission point lacks certainty that Significant Natural Areas will be protected. The	Disallow in part	Decline the submission as any maintenance activity should be subject to a limit or standard and subject to an assessment by a suitably qualified ecologist.
Penny Nelson, Director General of Conservation Tumuaki Ahurei	166	All	Support	Generally agree with the submission where it aligns with Forest & Bird's submission	Allow	Accept the submission
Penny Nelson, Director General of Conservation	166.6	Definitions	Support	Agree with the submission that Department of conservation activity be replaced with conservation	Allow	Accept the submission

Tumuaki Ahurei				activity for consistency throughout the plan and to recognise that other organisations and land occupiers carry out conservation activities.		
Penny Nelson, Director General of Conservation Tumuaki Ahurei	166.8 166.11	Definitions Light Sensitive Area Sensitive Environment	Support	Agree with the submission point that the light sensitive area and sensitive environment should include the Bat Protection Area overlay	Allow	Accept the submissions
Penny Nelson, Director General of Conservation Tumuaki Ahurei	166.12	Definitions SNA	Support	While the identification and mapping of SNA in the Timaru District SNA is very good, it is incomplete.	Allow	Accept the submission to align with the NPS-IB
Penny Nelson, Director General of Conservation Tumuaki Ahurei	166.15 166.16	Definitions Compensation Biodiversity Offset	Support	The submission aligns the proposed plan with NPS-IB	Allow	Accept the submission to align with the NPS-IB
Fulton Hogan	170.20	ECO-Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	Oppose	The NPS-IB does provide for activities that contribute to NZ's economic wellbeing, however activities within an SNA should be subject to limits and standards and the adverse effects on the SNA as a result of the exceptions needs to be managed by	Disallow	Decline the submission

				applying the effects management hierarchy.		
Federated Farmers	182.104	ECO-Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity	Oppose	The submission point is not consistent with the NPS-IB or the RMA. The NPS-IB Policy 3.15 (2) sets out the council's obligations to provide for existing uses <i>that (a) are no greater in intensity, scale, or character over time than at the commencement date; and (b) do not result in the loss of extent, or degradation of ecological integrity, of an SNA</i>	Disallow	Decline the submission point. The proposed policy is not necessary because the ECO chapter is about the protection and maintenance of Indigenous Biodiversity.