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130.1	SCHED8 -	SCHED8 -	Also, of some considerable concern is the apparent lack of provisions to protect natural areas, including stands of bush and native trees, wetlands and other ecosystems which could contain important biological and habitat values that are yet to be determined. So, ask, that there be provisions for the maintenance and protection of other indigenous ecosystems and habitats, as well as those already covered as Significant Natural Areas.	
130.1	Schedule of	Schedule of Significant Natural Areas	be included in the pending Timaru District Plan as part of protecting our regional biodiversity. We are particularly concerned with SNAs 820, 821, 822, 823, which have been recognised as habitat of Korora / Little Penguins. The above SNAs are significant habitats of indigenous fauna: Korora are in decline nationally and therefore it is imperative to recognise and protect their nesting/roosting sites by including provisions for their protection in the Timaru District Plan currently under review.	
137.7	SCHED8 – Schedule of Significant	SCHED8 – Schedule of Significant	Schedule 8: Support strongly. However, the schedule list is a bit meaningless to the public. Maps of the SNAs need to be included.	Maps of the SNAs need to be included.

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158.42	SCHED8 – Schedule of Significant Natural Areas	SCHED8 – Schedule of Significant Natural Areas	1. In January 2019, we corresponded with Council in regard the proposed Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) within/adjacent to the Port area. The proposed SNAs all related to Little Blue Penguin colonies. supported protection of the colony in Caroline Bay (referenced as SNA 820 and 821 in the draft Plan), but outlined a number of reasons why classification of the nesting site to the east of the logging yard could be problematic[1]. In reply, you agreed that the Council would not include SNA 818 (as it was then referred to) in the District Plan. 2. However, the draft District Plan now does include SNA 818, albeit it is now referenced as SNA 822. For the reasons referenced in our email of January 2019, opposes this inclusion.	Delete SNA-822
140.1	SCHED8 – Schedule of Significant	Unique Identifier Survey Reference	The comments below on the Draft Timaru District Plan are limited to Part 2 Chapter: Natural Environment Values and more specifically Ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity, and the identification of three SNA's on Schedule 8 and the Planning Maps at the SNA's of concern are identified below:	Review the SNA identified and correct landowner name on the schedule

Natural Areas	Location Document Number		
		It is noted for completeness that the property is zoned General Rural and partly located in and a number of natural hazard awareness and assessment layers occur over parts of the property. These layers are not the subject of this feedback.	
		COMMENTS	
		The grounds of have been planted and managed as a country garden and contain a diversity of plant species. Some of the vegetation in the SNA's identified on the property may be remnant indigenous trees but many are planted as part of the extensive garden planted by owners and occupiers of the property, including the current owner, over a considerable period of time. Plantings include hard beech, Southern Rata, Walnuts, Kauri, Rhododendrons, Rimu, Mountain Beech, Hornbeam, Weeping Totara and Miro, amongst others. It has been acknowledged by council staff that it is quite unusual for an SNA to have a history of human planting and maintenance and in the case of SNA 396a the remnants of an asphalt tennis court destroyed by a flood. Consequently, the current owner seeks a pragmatic approach to the management of the three SNA's on his property, particularly SNA396a, rather than being required to adhere to a blanket approach as per the draft objective policy and rule framework. It is accepted that this could be a difficult process as determining what is original remnant species from planted species is a complex task.	
		It is noted that the property is now owned by and not 'and as shown in the schedule. If it is decided to retain the three SNA's at the plan is notified.	