

**Submitter Number:** 14 **Submitter:** Kristine Nicholas and Robert Buchan

**On behalf of:**

**ECM Numbers:** [4082419](#)

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**Point Number** 14.1(Section 7A.1.1) **Category** Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character

**Support/Oppose/Neutral:** Oppose

**Summary of Submission** Opposes determining high natural character as property with bush on it.

**Decision Sought:** Amend the definition of High Natural Character Area to reflect areas of genuine high natural character.

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**Submitter Number:** 27 **Submitter:** Ursula Lehr

**On behalf of:** Waikato Regional Council

**ECM Numbers:** [4090084](#)

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**Point Number** 27.1(7A.1.1 What is Natural Character) **Category** Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character

**Support/Oppose/Neutral:** Support

**Summary of Submission** Supports (in part) the use of the RPS criteria to identify areas of high and outstanding natural character.

**Decision Sought:** Provide full detail in the unit assessment sheets of how each particular unit's rating out of 5 came about.

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**Submitter Number:** 58 **Submitter:** Sally Millar

**On behalf of:** Federated Farmers of New Zealand

**ECM Numbers:** [4094004](#)

<b>Point Number</b>	58.2(Assessment criteria)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>	Support		
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Notes that what constitutes natural character is clearly defined based on the RPS criteria and supports the assessment that outstanding natural character is near to pristine.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	None stated.		

<b>Submitter Number:</b>	77	<b>Submitter:</b>	Stephen Nathan, QC and Colleen Toomey
<b>On behalf of:</b>			
<b>ECM Numbers:</b>	<a href="#">4095756</a>		

<b>Point Number</b>	77.3(7A.1.1 Natural character definition)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>			
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Suggests that there are inconsistencies in the definitions and criteria of natural character in Section 7A.1.1.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Amend Section 7A.1.1 to include a preferred definition of natural character as follows: natural character is the expression of natural elements, natural patterns and natural processes in the landscape or coastal environment, rated according to the perceived degree of modification through human agency.		

<b>Point Number</b>	77.4(Section 7A.1.1 )	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>			
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Suggests that the descriptions of what constitutes Outstanding Natural Character and High Natural Character, and the distinction between the two, could be improved.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Amend Section 7A.1.1 to clearly differentiate between Outstanding Natural Character and High Natural Character (refer to submission for actual text).		

<b>Submitter Number:</b>	90	<b>Submitter:</b>	Graeme and Gloria Ready
<b>On behalf of:</b>			
<b>ECM Numbers:</b>	<a href="#">4095801</a> ; <a href="#">4095800</a>		
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<b>Point Number</b>	90.1(Section 7A.1.1)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>	Oppose		
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Opposes reference in a regulatory document to a 'consensus' reached at a national workshop.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Amend Section 7A.1.1 to delete reference to the national workshop involving landscape architects, resource management professionals and DOC.		
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<b>Submitter Number:</b>	112	<b>Submitter:</b>	Richard Forbes - Boffa Miskell Limited
<b>On behalf of:</b>	Northern Land Property Limited		
<b>ECM Numbers:</b>	<a href="#">4096760</a>		
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<b>Point Number</b>	112.2(7A.1.1 Natural Character Assessment Criteria)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>	Oppose		
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Opposes the Overall Assessment classifications in Section 7A.1.1 for 'high' and 'outstanding' natural character which has text different to Regional Policy Statement Table 12-3 and Policy 12.3.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Amend the Overall Assessment Criteria in Section 7A.1.1 to be consistent with Regional Policy Statement Table 12-3.		
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<b>Submitter Number:</b>	143	<b>Submitter:</b>	Christine Vickerman
<b>On behalf of:</b>	Coromandel Property Owners Alliance Inc		
<b>ECM Numbers:</b>	<a href="#">4097368</a>		
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<b>Point Number</b>	143.4	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>	Support		
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Support for reference to background documents but conclude that assessment of natural character must be based on those characteristics that are directly related to being 'coastal'.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Retain the definition of natural character of the coastal environment in 7A.1.1 with modification to more clearly associate Natural Character elements with being coastal.		
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<b>Point Number</b>	143.5	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>	Support		
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Supports the use of the RPS criteria as the basis for natural character assessment but notes the criteria do not give any guidance on setting thresholds.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Retain the use of the RPS criteria.		
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<b>Point Number</b>	143.6	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>	Oppose		
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	The overall assessment section in 7A.1.1 is not an accurate reflection of the RPS table and has resulted in some areas being included that shouldn't i.e farmland.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	In Section 7A.1.1 correct the 'Overall Assessment' part of the Table to read: " <u>Overall evaluation of Natural Character values: Outstanding/High/Less than High</u> ".		
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<b>Point Number</b>	143.7	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>			
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Disagrees with the explanation given regarding what is outstanding natural character versus what is high natural character.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Revise the last paragraph to clarify that Outstanding Natural Character applies to areas that are <u>pristine or unmodified</u> , and High Natural Character applies to areas that are ' <u>predominantly natural</u> ', i.e. where there is a predominance of coastal natural elements (or similar).		
<b>Submitter Number:</b>	149	<b>Submitter:</b>	Augusta Macassey-Pickard
<b>On behalf of:</b>	Mercury Bay branch of the Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society		
<b>ECM Numbers:</b>	<a href="#">4097713</a>		

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<b>Point Number</b>	149.2(Section 7A.1.1 Bio-physical characteristics)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>			
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	The bio-physical characteristics in Section 7A.1.1 only describe attributes of the coastal area, but should include wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Amend the Bio-Physical Characteristics Table in Section 7A.1.1 to include additional characteristics (refer to submission for full detail).		

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<b>Point Number</b>	149.3(Section 7A.1.1 Perceptual Values)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>			
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	The perceptual values described in Section 7A.1.1 only describe attributes of the coastal area, but should include wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	Amend the Perceptual Values Table in Section 7A.1.1 to include additional characteristics (refer to submission for full detail).		

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<b>Point Number</b>	149.4(Section 7A.1.1 last paragraph)	<b>Category</b>	Section 7A.1.1 What is Natural Character
<b>Support/Oppose/Neutral:</b>			
<b>Summary of Submission</b>	Grammatical correction in last paragraph of Section 7A.1.1.		
<b>Decision Sought:</b>	In the last paragraph of Section 7A.1.1, add "of" before "man-made elements/structures."		

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