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Tēnā koutou,

Rangitikei District Council submission on the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Scheme—Forestry Conversion) Amendment Bill

The Rangitikei District Council (Council) thanks Environment Committee for the opportunity to submit on the Climate Change Response (Emissions Trading Scheme—Forestry Conversion) Amendment Bill. Council does not wish to speak in support of its submission.

In general Council supports the principles of the Bill and would like to provide feedback on a number of aspects of the Bill for consideration. We note the short timeframe for submission has limited our comments.

1. The ballet system may well tend to be the process for approval of new forestry planting with little engagement with authorities. That is the risk, so we have some concerns.
2. Consideration must be given within the regulations to the identification of risk and mitigation for the forestry to form natural corridors for weed infestation such as old man's beard (*clematis vitalba*) into natural bush areas.
3. Consideration should also be given within the regulations to the fire risk for new forestry particularly for unmanaged carbon credit forestry, in relation to natural bush areas and as such we request a setback as a management practice to be consulted on with the territorial authority.
4. Where forests are planted, Council requests that areas above and beside roads have a setback planted with permanent native plants to protect road corridors.
5. That recognition is given to the outstanding landscapes as identified in district planning documents, noting that these vistas are often associated with class 6 and above lands.

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6. Council supports the new section 190kk and consider that these ballots should not be dominated by large commercial interests often based offshore.
7. Preference should be given to commercial farming of forestry in its purest form, rather than being a process just to offset carbon credits.

RANGITIKEI
DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ngā mihi,



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Mayor of the Rangitikei

