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Att ROBYN HARRISON

Dear Robyn

Please find a copy of my submission in full with the point I talked to at the hearing. I have elaborated on the last question by Madam Chair on page two along side Section Two pointing out those two main points. I am hoping some one will whisper in the right ears.

Yours faithfully


John Dobson

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One Plan.
JOHN DOBSON
Land Section.

A. Photo 4

I am John Dobson I Classify my self as a Conservationist and a Practicable person with many years of experience in Contracting, Business management ,Consulting And Farming.

B. 1 Map Land

My Concern In This Section , Is that the Land that is in the Care of the Department Of Conservation. Land that has little Conservation Value or no Conservation Value and is Classified As Marginal Land by the Department Of Conservation. But The tight Laws That Control This Land Gives no Solution To Its Best Value.

C.4 photos The Land In Question is not the Virgin Forest that Is In Our Parks, But Land such as The Erua State Forest That Part of which Is cut over Bush, Badly Destroyed In The Milling, that would take hundreds of Years to Re generate.. Why Is DOC Law Protecting this Land When It Could Be Put To Better Use. If farmers are expected to give up land for many reasons. Then other land should be made available for better reasons. This has got to work both ways for both parties concerned

D 1 photo

I think it is time to Reevaluate this Land and with the decline in the Bird Life detracting every day to a critical state and Doc not having the resources to meet their Obligation, Feel it is time to evaluate the structure of DOC And Look at Other Option that are out there, that DOC Is oblivious to see, because of The Management Structure that they work under. I would hate to see the One Plan turn out the same.

Thank you for giving me -----
The Ruatiti farmers have rejected the one plan. They feel threatened.
We need to change our thinking with regards to the present structures
For an example . A Doctor has a patent with an on going complaint he has three options.

- 1 Increase the medication
- 2 Seek advice.
- 3 Go back to the source of the Problem.---

There are two main points that I would like to stress in this submission.

- 1.To ACOMPROMISE Give and take.
- 2.SET LAW subject to the discursion of the engineer. (University Degrees)

I would like to use my land as an example to the problems I have experienced in the last 30 years along with many others To highlight the present law that has been unjust to progress in farming and maintaining our Conservation.
Farming and conservation can go well together under a good management plan

The history of both these cutover blocks was ruthless-----
It is not only the trees that have been taken but the damage done that will take thousands of years to replace .
Farming and Conservation will speed up this . Providing axes . With axes you have control.

The pests
The opossum.
The stoat
The rabbit
The rat
The cat .
We will never be rid of all these pests
But there is land areas that could be controlled and managed with a good management plan Such as my block if given the chance.

The ERUA STATE FOREST STUDY 1981

This report makes it quite clear what its future should be .

E 1 Photo. PREFACE

The successful integration of Conservation and Development can only be achieved by full public participation providing opportunities for people to influence events.

SECTION 2 FOREST ACT 1949.

To ensure the balance use of the land.
Policy.

A It recognises that indigenous forest can fulfil a range of desirable purposes and can be defined in specific areas.

B The clearing of Indigenous forest.

C. Maintaining forest leaving options open for management decisions in accord to circumstances prevailing in the future.

DOC policy's do not meet what is set out for this forests future.

REPORT by Dr Nic Peet prepared for Maori land claims .

Land classified as Conservation Areas (unallocated Crown land And State Forest land)

F(Map one) 5 Photos

I farm this land between the Manganui a tea o and the Makotote rivers on state highway 4. I share this Plateau of land between these rivers with DOC.

I have developed this Land of 210 acres from cutover bush, retaining as much of the best native forest as possible and developing the rest. This land was classified as marginal land. has turn out to be very productive with stock and crops proving this.

G 3 Photos

The Question is in this why is this land under DOC law that forbids any one doing anything that may protect the land .

This report is so true to what should have e been done and we have lost 25 years and thousand of native birds.

In reply to the last Question ?

Madam Chair said that they did not think the Regional council could do much for m, I Replied.

I Under stood being DOC control and said I hoped the One Plan was not going the same way with set law and there should be set Law subject to the discretion of the Engineer, there must be an exception to the rule as not all circumstances are the same
Would like to elaborate on this.

THERE MUST BE AN EXCEPTION TO THE RULL

Such as, over the road there is the Tongariro National Park gifted by Ngati tuwhare toa and we honour this Gift .But the Arua State Forest was purchase by Government from Maori owners for the large amount of forest that they reaped the royalties for building of the main trunk line This land still bears the scars and will do for thousands of years to come. The Erua Forest Land Study report makes it quite clear For the land use. But DOC law that protects the Tongariro National Park does not give an exception to the rule for cut over forest that I think should be in farming and Conservation This I have I have done to prove this point.

I only hope that the Regional Council can whisper in the right ears.

There has got to be an exception to the rule as not every circumstances is the same.

Careful management of stock have retained the bush.(photo)

I have fenced off streams within the bush areas from stock and to used these .areas for pest and weed control.

H 2 Photos

The land has been drained and provision has been made for the trapping of soil before it enters a water way. (photo)

For over thirty years I have NOT been able to come to a management plan regards fencing and pest control with DOC because of their management structure that has failed us to come to terms with the problems we have to solve.

Photos

I 1 Photo

From my experience I believe that farming and Conservation can be achieved together with a good management plan each supplementing each other.

J Maps 2

I have summated three options to resolve for the battement of this land fencing and pest control but due to DOC law have failed us all and the bird life. Which leaves only two options

1. The area controlled by one or the other
2. The area be Controlled by both with a good management plan in place.

If this, in some way it was left to me , there is so much I could contribute to save this area. Set it up as a farm Conservation area as an example of what could be done instead of what should have been done for the lack of resources.

I am in favour of the ONE PLAN and see the Merits of the plan providing it is well structure and managed. But if it ends up as the tight control as DOC and Resource Consent then I can see no point in it as although it will have its place and will only result in disappointment and confusion.

I am sure I am not the only one that has land that leans itself as the perfect haven for farming and Conservation. There is land within these areas that could be sold or swooped for HEL that is to be retired.

We need to work together and it has got to work both ways, we must compromise.

There is no room for strict law followed by prosecution where no one will win and nothing will happen.

You have been elected to solve the mistakes of our for fathers, now is the time .

I would like to support the one plan if it heads in this direction . A Farm plan is a must. It will give a farmer a plan to work to with help and guidance with a goal .

But if it is set up in the form as our Conservation Dept Resource Consent .

then I would not support the one plan.