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Robin Harrison
One Plan Hearings Administrator
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Dear Madam

Re Hearings Dates For Biodiversity and Heritage

Unfortunately the dates for the Hearings coincide with the dates of a short overseas holiday that my wife and I will be taking.

After further correspondence from DOC, re the outcome of their PNA Programme exercise, and a visit to see the very sad state of the Manunui Bush Reserve today, I am even more convinced that what is proposed in The One Plan re Biodiversity is -

(a) not achievable because it is not affordable,
(b) does not address the seriously declining biodiversity values of reserves, in public ownership, administered by DOC and TLA's.

I firmly believe that in fairness far greater national funding should be available for the care of important reserves in public ownership as many private landowners are better stewards of the native biodiversity on their private lands than any other body will be.

I ask that my original submission be given consideration and not yawned at and put in the bin.

May your processes be fair and may the end outcomes be fair to those who will be paying the bills and result in the fairest cost sharing and the best outcome for our important natural areas.

Your sincerely



Stuart Shaw

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