

Steve Rice

Subject: FW: HCC PC9 Commissioner Direction #9 (NPS)

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To: Steve Rice

Subject: Re: HCC PC9 Commissioner Direction #9 (NPS)

Sorry, one more, sent too soon. A workable solution that also provides for the protection of native species is what is preferred rather than impervious and inflexible leaglistic and costly response mechanisms. That heavy handed inflexible direction invites inappropriate responses, and is best avoided. I prefer to work and remain within the legal framework, relaising at times it may also not be to my own personal favour. The current approach is shutting many out of consideration, not just myself.

Regards
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On Tue, 11 Jul 2023 at 12:49, Kevin Sharp <sharp.k19@gmail.com> wrote:

I should advise, I won't turn to an anarchistic response, but I note around the country several recent reports of a spate of unauthorised native vegetation removal in protected areas, and as a person involved in the regulatory process at its coal face of resolving issues and providing solutions, it is the very presence of having a workable process that provides a good sense solution.

Regards
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On Tue, 11 Jul 2023 at 11:20, Kevin Sharp <sharp.k19@gmail.com> wrote:

Thanks for that. I prefer a separate hearing please, as the NPS has no inclusion for the real world issue of declared SNA's in non-natural areas that were artificially planted close to existing dwellings where such now pose a risk to a dwelling if such fall in a storm, where the dwellings preceded such vegetation.

No mention in the policy statement of the needs of people and property in our situation, (or any situation) the vegetation is prioritised instead and appears to be so without any contextual consideration exemptions. It is inflexible and unwieldy and although I appreciate the intent of such is to promote and protect native specimens especially those in decline, it is, because of the lack of consideration for the real needs of people, in breach of the RMA, and is unworkable. Some consideration needs to be given to established urban areas and more recent planting contexts and the real needs of people and property.

We have a large tree on our back doorstep that if it grows any higher is at risk of hitting the house and Council won't trim it (we are not asking for removal).

I trust the panel has enough collective good sense to provide a civil process to address such issues, as it will affect others, rather than ecology reports and resource consents for any trivial matter to prove a permitted activity and or needed sensible mitigation action. If damage to a dwelling or property occurs, and legislation or due process blocks and makes difficult and unaffordable good sense actions of mitigation, and the worst occurs and a person within a dwelling is harmed or killed or a dwelling is

significantly damaged such that persons are displaced if insurance is tardy or argued, could potentially lead some people to turn to an anarchistic response if Council and legislation is impervious to good sense.

Council and their staff, and the hearing spanel need to have the moral fortitude to advise Government where legislation is impractical, inflexible and unworkable rather than attempting to impose it. People need to have proper, workable, practical, cost effective channels to enable the proper raising and consideration of important potential health and safety issues. The NPSIB appears to give no credence to sense or situation in that regard. Legislation that has potential to invite anarchistic responses from those potentially affected, needs to be reworked. The NPSIB is not of the required standard in this regard.

Regards

Kevin Sharp

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