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Sent: Monday, 28 September 2020 4:40 PM
To: dpreview <dpreview@porirua.govt.nz>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: Mistake regarding significant natural area

Hi there

Perhaps this is the correct email address.

Please advise.

Regards

Jo

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Joanna Alderdice <jo.alderdice@gmail.com>
Date: 28 September 2020 at 16:37:45 NZDT
To: ecologyandlandscapes@porirua.govt.nz
Subject: Mistake regarding significant natural area

Dear Sir/Madam

Ref: Lot 1953 DP 53935

We are writing to initiate a dialogue in relation to a mistake that has occurred regarding the designation of our property.

We have a fully fenced backyard that is the primary space where we spend time with our children and our animals. We have no useable land at our front, and our property was designed to have our yard at the back.

Over the years we have developed our garden in many ways. In no way is it an area of regenerating forest or a significant natural area.

We will forward you photos later this week to show you what is on our property. But what is down the bank are things like a large chicken coop, trampoline, climbing frame, two retaining walls with landscaped areas, a number of paths we have created, steps, a play house, a fairy garden etc.

There is a small amount of vegetation down there that was not planted by us. The main tree being a non-native gum. With perhaps two or three old manukas on their last legs.

There are some things like flaxes and cabbage trees and a baby kowhai In our garden beds, but we planted these.

What is the process for having someone come and assess this error so that our land can be appropriately categorised?

Regarding process, two years ago we did receive a letter relating to consultation. At that point there was a statement that you would work with us to create policies in relation to this. And that there would be an opportunity to provide feedback in October 2018 and in late 2019.

We received no further notice or communications relating to this until the letter dated 2 September 2020. So we are very surprised by this.. We absolutely would have commented at the time that there had been an error made.

We are unsure who visited our property or how on earth they could have reached the decision they have.

We have received no further info since 8 June 2018 until the letter dated 2 sept that didn't arrive until 11 September. And have never talked to anyone about this.

We look for to resolving this issue asap.

Regards

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