

My name is Graham Friend.

I have made a submission on HOKP107 Serpentine the decision request is 2.68.

This relates to a triangular area of land which forms part of my property.

I object to this being included as a wetland and ask that it be removed.

My wife and I have lived there since 1994 and I have known the land for even longer.

I ask that you look particularly at photographs 3 and 4 on pages 168 and 169.

Photograph 3 shows my land in the 1960's as being cleared.

Photograph 4 shows it a few years ago as partial covered in regrowth and that is pretty much what it looks like today.

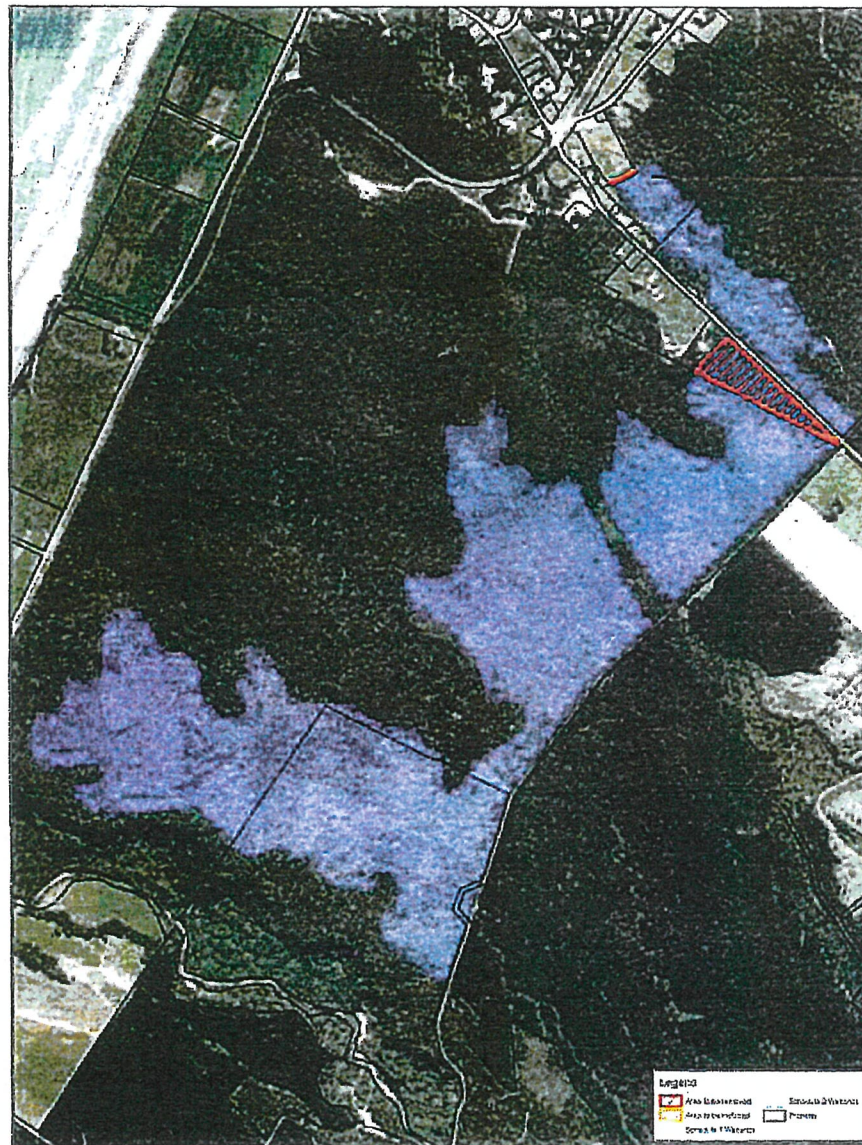
When we first moved in the manuka patches were quite low. I let it grow thinking I would use it for firewood and I have over the years. I have also run stock as the people before me did.

There aren't any pools of surface water and the land is not boggy. It has been drained over the years and I have put drains in myself some years ago.

I ask that you look at the coloured aerial that is part of the application at page 58. I've copied it here. As you can see there is a deep ditch on the south side of my property. That takes water from further up the high way and any run off from my place. As well as that there is the transit ditch between us and the High way that takes water. My land is not wet.

I have come in today so that you can put a face to me and I can answer any questions.

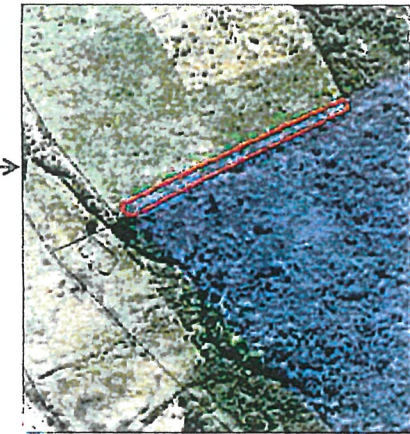
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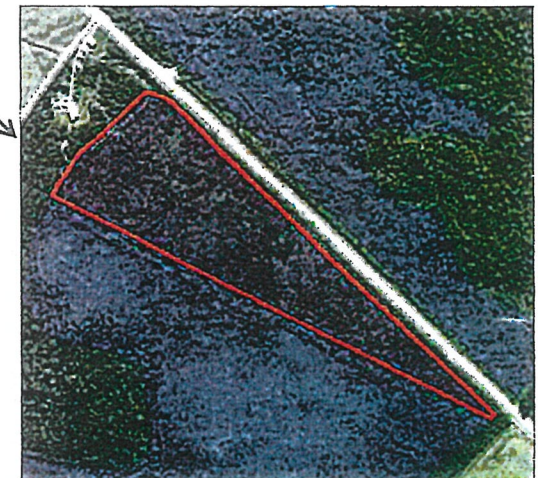
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# HOKP107 Serpentine Creek & Acre Creek

0 280 560 1,120 1,680 2,240 Meters



Area was developed prior to notification of the Land and Water Plan and is not a functioning wetland.



Schedule 2 wetland area is proposed to be removed because it is not a functioning wetland due to existing drains along the southern boundary and the highway. This area was assessed by an independent ecologist who considers that this not a "wetland" in terms of the presence of wetland obligate species, surface water or wetland soils.