

Foster Evidence

31/1/19 - submitted at
reconvened Hearing

That would ~~not~~ ~~be~~ ~~for~~ agricultural purposes
* suitable for.

On September 6th 1984 Billy and I were successful in a Ballot advertised by Lands & Survey Hokitika for a 145 ha Block of Land at Candlelight. The Land was offered as a Development Block* and the successful applicant was required to complete the development of thirty Hectares of the Land within 3 years. We developed the Land in the required time, and partially developed other areas as well, as with our 3 Sons we were processing Sphagnum Moss, it was full-time employment for me and the Boys and we would continue while there was a market. We Freeholded the Block on 9th September 1988. All went well until 12th August 2006 when an Ecologists report was completed for Grey District Council they then advised us our un-developed area was a potential S.N.A. After much deliberation with Council

and legal advice from our lawyer Mr Withnall QC. an Environmental Lawyer, we were then notified by Grey District Council on 16th April 2010 that after a more thorough investigation by DOC there was nothing significant about our block and it had been removed from their SNA list, and the rules regarding the clearance of indigenous vegetation, within a site containing an SNA were no longer applicable, we then proceeded ^{off to continue} the development of our ~~land~~ partially developed land. On 1st November 2010 we sold 160 ha of our land and retained 36.27 ha which is developed. In 2012 we received a letter from West Coast Regional Council advising us of the Environment Courts decision to include some of our property as a schedule 2, of the Land and River bed plan, some areas had been incorrectly mapped, if ours was one

could we contact Council urgently
I did so on 20th October 2016,
as our complete block was developed
we requested it be removed as a
schedule 2 wetland. Subsequently
we have no wetland, our farm is fully
developed, we now have a house on one
supposed wetland area, the other is
locked up for baleage and the back
block has 200 sheep grazing on it.
again I ^{again} request this land be removed
as a schedule 2 wetland.

Thank you for your time!

