

## 18.1 SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS

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*Refer to Policy sets 5.3, 7.2, 7.4, 8.1, 8.2, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 14.3.*

### 18.1.1 Scope of Section

This section deals with significant natural areas. Significant natural areas are shown on the planning maps. Information required with resource consent applications is detailed in Chapter 19.

**Advice Note:** The Resource Management (National Environmental Standard for Freshwater) Regulations 2020 may apply to some activities, including farming activities and activities in or near wetlands and rivers. The National Environmental Standard may alter the activity status of an activity and impose additional standards, information requirements, matters for assessment and criteria. Please ensure you have met any requirements in the regulations in addition to those in this plan.

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### 18.1.2 Modification to Significant Natural Area

#### 18.1.2.1 Permitted Activities (Modification to Significant Natural Area)

**NOTE:** Rule 18.1.2.1 is subject to the regulations of the National Environmental Standards Plantation Forests 2017 (NES-PF). The NES-PF regulations for activities in relation to plantation forestry (as defined within the NES-PF) prevail unless specifically stated otherwise in advice notes below.

The modification of a significant natural area listed in Schedule 18.1A is a permitted activity that may be undertaken without a resource consent, if it complies with either of the following conditions:

EITHER

(a) The modification is in accordance with the terms of a covenant or agreement made under the Queen Elizabeth the Second National Trust Act 1977, the Reserves Act 1977 or the Conservation Act 1987.

OR

(b) The modification is limited to the removal of dead standing timber for the owner's use.

#### 18.1.2.2 Discretionary Activities (Modification to Significant Natural Area)

Any modification of a significant natural area that does not comply with either of the conditions of rule 18.1.2.1 is a discretionary activity.

**A resource consent is required.** Consent may be refused, or conditions imposed. In considering applications and determining conditions, the Council will have regard to the following criteria as well as other provisions of the Plan and the Act:

- (1) The nature, form and extent of the proposed activity and its effect on the natural values of the site.
- (2) The necessity for the activity, and any alternative methods and locations available to the applicants for carrying out the work or activities.
- (3) The impact the proposal has on the integrity or habitat value of the site.
- (4) The purpose of any proposed activity, and whether there is sufficient time and expertise to record the sites to be modified.

## 18.1.20 Principal Reasons for Rules

### **Restoration of Significant Natural Areas**

Restoration of Significant Natural Areas, including fencing, pest and weed control is considered to be environmentally beneficial if the appropriate species are used. Natural heritage features are vulnerable to land clearance, excavation, earthworks, access by stock and the presence of pest species, and require protection from these activities.

### **Destruction or Removal of Vegetation or Natural Features**

Destruction or removal of vegetation or natural features in a Significant Natural Area by earthworks, clearance or burning can threaten habitat values and can have significant effects on natural character. The extent of change can be managed through the resource consent process. The removal of a small amount of dead wood for the owner's use should have little environmental effect.

**SCHEDULES****Schedule 18.1A: Significant Natural Areas***Refer to Section 18.1.2.1***Note:**

1. “Site No.” refers to the number allocated to the symbol on the planning map.
2. “Ref. No.” refers to record sheets held by Council.

<b>SIGNIFICANT NATURAL AREAS</b>						
<b>Site No.</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>Area Name</b>	<b>Valuation No.</b>	<b>Area</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Area Map No.</b>
1		Hamama Road/State Highway 60	1870017205		Totara forest	50
2		Dry Road, Whanganui Inlet	1860008701		Coastal forest	4
3		Kina Peninsula Road	1928045401	0.7 ha	Coastal forest	85
4	M29/67	Harley Creek	1918029700	50 ha	Red/silver beech forest	30
5	N29/10	Beeby's Knob	1925061903	15 ha	Upland silver/red beech forest on mountain slopes.	31
6	N29/6	Black Valley Stream	1918039202	1.5 ha	Riparian vegetation of silver/red beech forest, mixed broadleaf forest.	94
7	A2	Dry Road, Whanganui Inlet (Lavery/Loveridge covenant)	1860008704	1 ha	Coastal forest	4
8	A7	Pohara Valley Cliffs (Courtney and Millar covenant)	1871006509A	3 ha	Coastal forest	77
9	A17	Takaka Hill (Harwood covenants)	1870032500 1870034000B 1931020200A		Limestone karst vegetation	14
10	B18	Kaiteriteri-Sandy Bay Road (Stanbridge covenant)	1926001820	50.7 ha	Wetland	82, 83
11	C15	Eves Valley, north-east of scenic reserve	1939021500 1939021600	20 ha	Beech, titoki, tawa	56
12	A34	Livingston Road	1939023600 1939023800 1939024000	1.4 ha	Forest remnant	90
13	A35	Wai-iti River (Conway covenant)	1939024800	1 ha	Forest remnant	90
14	M29/14	Green Duck Creek	1918006803	60 ha	Intact upland red/silver beech hillslope forest. Sandstone bluff communities. Important habitat for falcon, kaka, kakariki.	34
15	A46	Upper Buller Gorge (Frost covenant)	1915001300	200 ha	Beech/podocarp	24, 33
16	L29/1	Fern Flat	1915002001	15 ha	Lowland red/silver beech forest on high terrace; good quality kahikatea swamp forest.	24, 33
17	A25	Motueka Valley Road (Loughrey and Corcoran)	1928054801 1928054413	1.5 ha	Forest remnant	17
18	A26	Motueka Valley Road (Emmaus Farm)	1928054405 1928054412 1928054413	3.17 ha	Forest remnant	17
19	A16	East Takaka Road (Westerink covenant)	1870022905	1.79 ha	Forest remnant	14
20	A12	Rameka Creek	1817043601		Forest remnant	50
21	N27/1	Waimea Inlet, north-west of Redwood Road	1938087401 1938087205		Estuarine habitat	54
22	A45	Hiwipango (Palmer covenant)	1937065100	7.6523 ha	Kahikatea/beech forest	27
23	A41	Pig Valley	1937065000 1937065001 1937065004	12.9 ha	Forest remnants	28
24	A18	Marahau (Opie covenant)	1931007611	1.3389 ha	Wetland/forest	82

