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Tēnā koe Sir or Madam

**Proposed Plan Change 65: Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes of
Manawatu District Council**

Within the Director-General's submission dated 2 March 2020 and further submission dated 12 June 2020 the Director-General of the Department of Conservation opposed proposed Plan Change 65 in part seeking a stronger, more consistent approach to the protection of Outstanding Natural Features and Landscapes to better align with the principles of s6(b) of the Act.

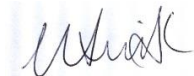
Having considered the s42A Report, the Director-General of Conservation withdraws his wish to be heard in relation to this hearing. The s42A officers report's recommendations would meet a number of the Director-General's concerns, except for the following:

- the more permissive regime adopted for ONF's as distinct from ONL's – this distinction is not supported by the Act and is not warranted;
- NFL-R10 and NFL-R11 - are overly permissive with respect to the level of permitted development provided for.

In relation to these matters, the Director-General's submission stands. However, it is considered there is nothing additional DOC would add by speaking to these concerns. Overall, the identification of the additional Natural Features and Landscapes, and Significant Amenity Features is supported and DOC notes that other regimes apply to restrict activities that would directly disturb biodiversity values in many ONLs and ONFs (including the Horizons One Plan and conservation legislation).

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Yours sincerely



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