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## Outstanding Natural Landscape Meeting

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I attended a meeting in Murchison last week about Outstanding Natural Landscapes / Outstanding Natural New Coastal Environment, not that we in Murchison are very affected by the latter. The meeting was well attended by about 70 landowners but the mood was rage. Everyone there was enraged at the potential loss of freehold rights to their land and wondered why we are being put through this when there is adequate protection in place to look after this land.

I question if councillors who have voted in favour of this process being acted on even know what the existing level of protection is for this land. So Murchison is affected by free hold native bush predominantly in this exercise. Yet they have committed what I think would be a considerable budget to tick the box in their mind.

I am wondering if your community boards, associations, or community councils have had any feedback from your communities about this process and the effects on people's property.

I am also wondering if there is a feeling in the community that we need to have a district wide delegation to council as in my opinion we should be able to say no.

By that I mean if we can say no the Council has to say no too.

I am not sending this on behalf of the Murchison & District Community Council, this is from me personally.

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