My name: Linda Mary Bryham

My connection: [redacted]

Director, Bryham Farms Ltd., [redacted]

Cellphone: [redacted]

Email: [redacted]

I can receive emails and my email address is correct.

I do not support the substantial application for the interim roundabout and linking roads on my land, [redacted].



Map and title no. of affected land at [redacted].

Short description of land, location, use, significance:

Our land is 3.77 ha and is located adjacent to a quiet settlement residential zone, one kilometre from the Waipu Town Hall and Centre. It is around 300m from the intersection of The Braigh and SH1. It is approximately 6 kms from the foot of the Brynderwyn. When approaching Waipu from the south you drive through our magnificent remnant Kahikatea Forest, it is like a Gateway to Waipu.



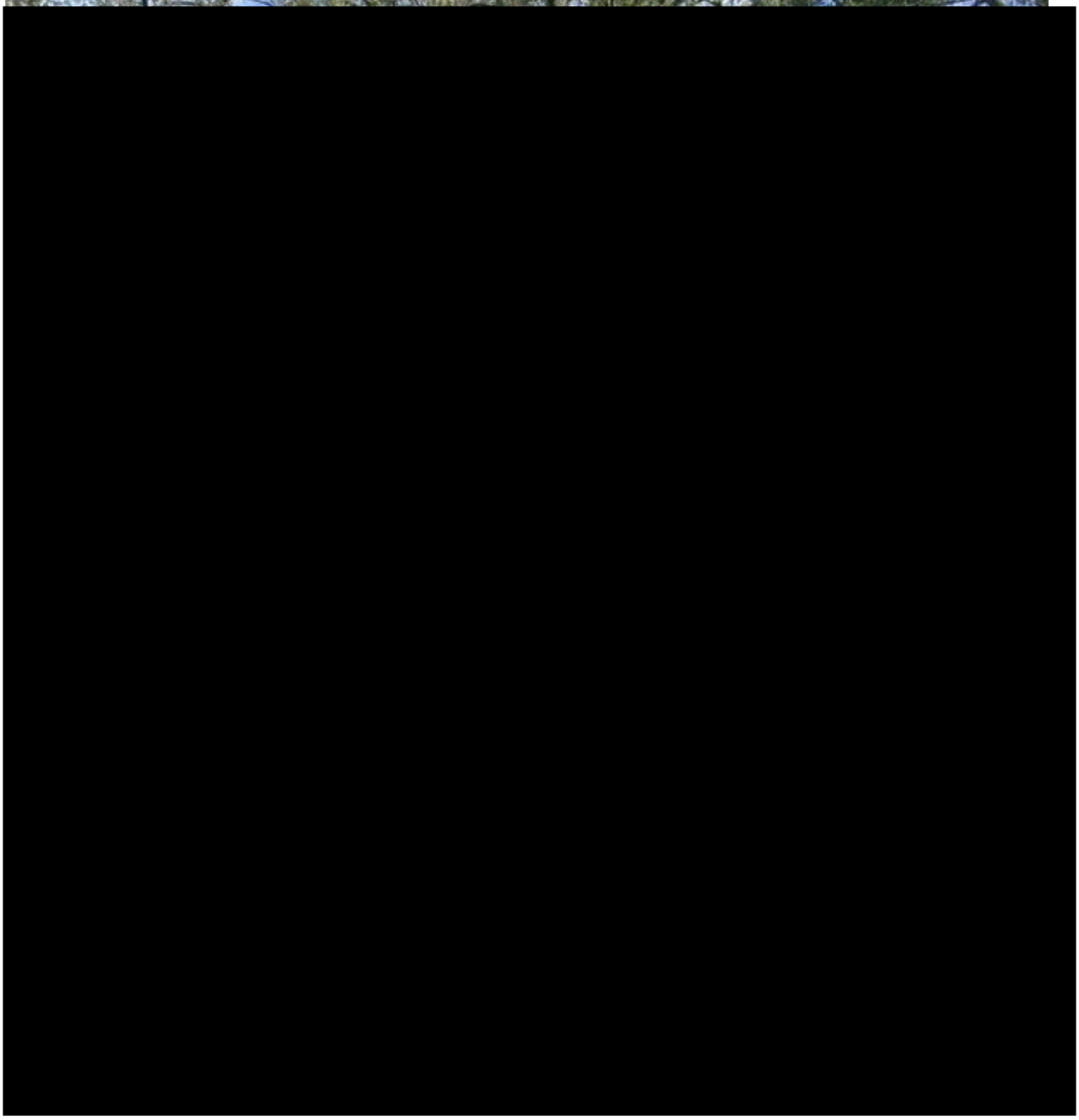
Our home with Kahikatea Forest in the background.

Our land is part of Bryham Farms Ltd. However it is set up as a lifestyle block and Jose Castillo and I built our architecturally designed forever home here in 2010 next to our beloved Kahikatea Swamp Forest. We have developed the land over the last 16 years, planting an orchard and landscaping. We also have a few beef cows, vegetable gardens and a large garlic patch. All the hard work has been done.

Our centuries old mature Kahikatea Swamp Forest is less than 20 meters from our home. It has been fenced off from stock for at least 60 years. I have been taking care of our Forest by weeding and carrying out pest control since 2009. It is one of the few remaining remnant Kahikatea stands left in Northland and also contains very old puriri trees, a huge ancient Black Maire and several Pukatea. The understory is dense with nikau, cabbage trees/ti kouka, coprosma, karaka, taraire, mapau, mahoe, pigeon wood, ferns, native grasses, mosses, funghi. There are no Totara as it's too wet. There are numerous native birds here including kereru, tui, ruru, kotare, piwakawaka, rosella, (kaka have visited), tauhou (silver eye), blackbird, grey warbler, thrush and ducks.

It is an intermittent wetland ecosystem, dominated by Kahikatea, some are estimated to be 200-400 years old, there is significant regeneration, huge epiphytes and good control of invasive weeds and pests.





My father, Mossy Bryham's headstone and Kahikatea Forest.

Our Kahikatea Forest is especially significant to our family because my father, Mossy Bryham died suddenly in 1983. However my mum, Jeanette, kept on dairy farming. In the late 1980's NZTA built the Waipu Bypass through the middle of the Kahikatea Forest and our farm. Mum was allowed to keep this 10 acre block at The Braigh, as my father's ashes had been spread here.

NZTA wants to build an interim roundabout and linking roads here on our Kahikatea Forest, see Figure 6: Waipu interim tie-in to the existing SH1. I would like to know if alternative sites for the two Waipu roundabouts have been adequately considered. It concerns me that it will be bringing the southbound SH1 traffic closer to a quiet residential area, when there is 6km of land to choose from. It will also mean the destruction of a mature Kahikatea Swamp Forest stand.

Fig.6

I spoke to Ros Brown from NZTA, Northern Project on 15-7-26. She was making a courtesy phone call to let me know that NZTA would now, not be lodging NOR for the northern part of our farm and the Shoemaker Road homes. She also said that NZTA is seeking an AVOID CONDITION for the Kahikatea (trees) on both sides of the current highway. This wouldn't come in to play until design and construction and it would mean nobody touch them ever. She also said that we could also say this in our submission, as well as the importance of the Kahikateas to our family.

I would like to comment that a mature intermittent wetland cannot be replanted , it is an ecosystem that has developed over centuries with the right conditions. It would be unlikely to survive in the long term if the root systems are tampered with or the swamp is drained. Changes in the water table can have an adverse effect on them.

Root system description: massive root zones and flaring buttressess that form a web of interlocking roots creeping <u>across</u> wet swamp floors to anchor New Zealand's tallest tree in soft waterlogged swamp mud. The roots form a collective, resilient foundation that stabilize the trees against strong winds.



The understorey is dense in a stand of kahikatea fenced off for the past 60 years. RNZ / Peter de Graaf



Location of NZTA Interim roundabout and linking roads at [redacted]. Ancient Black Maire in centre of photo.

In conclusion, I do not support the decision to build a roundabout on [redacted] I would like all of the Kahikatea Trees here and on Bryham Farms, on the other side of the highway to be fully protected. For future generations.

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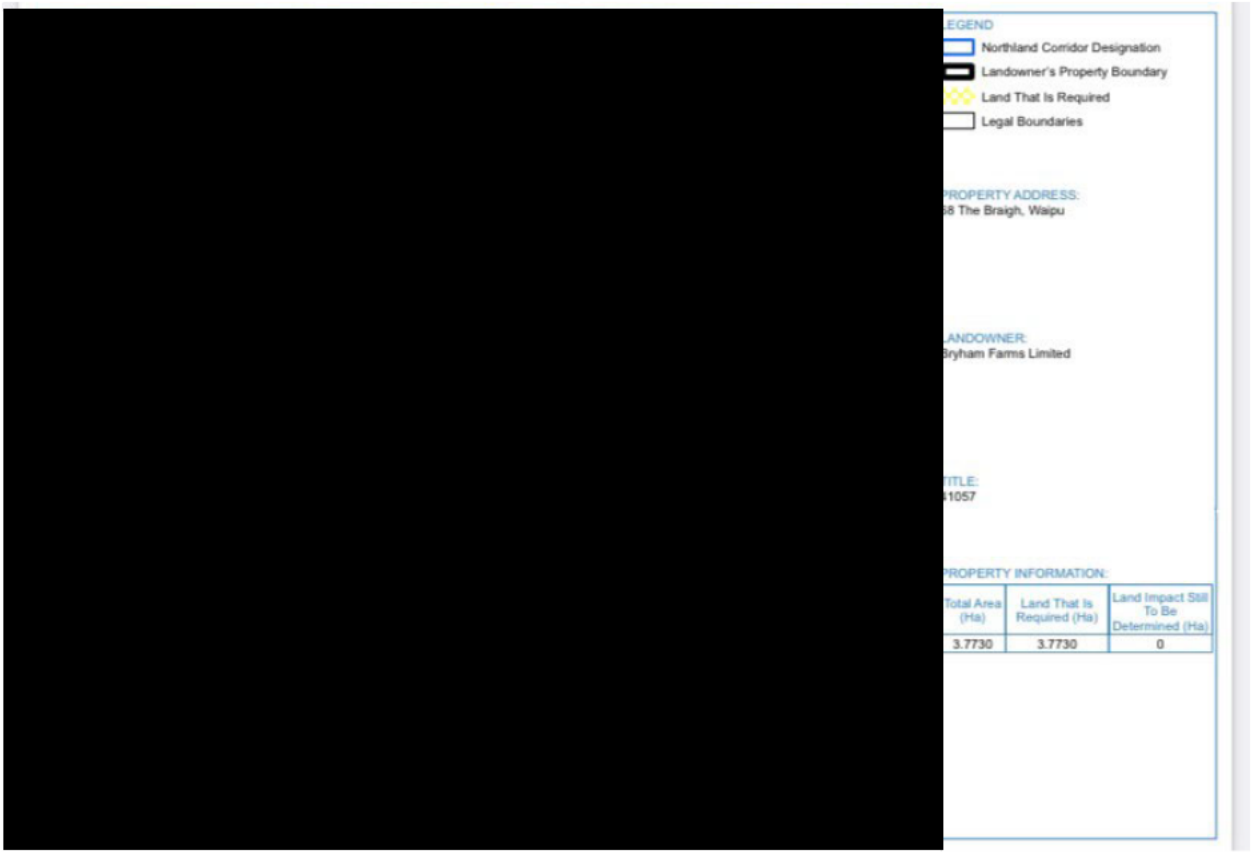
I would like to add this to my submission/comments sent to you by email on 11 August 2026.

We ask respectfully if we can remain in our home and curtilage.



We built our forever home at [redacted] in 2010, to enjoy our retirement years here, and then to pass it to the next generation.

We have worked hard to develop our lifestyle block, and also the orchard and vegetable gardens over 16 years. There is a huge garlic patch, the seed we first purchased in 1996. All our dead pets are also buried here with a special tree or bush planted.

We wanted to retire next year and are now in an impossible situation, with nzta to take 30 hectares of the family dairy farm, my sister's home and our home for stage 2B. In stage 2c nzta want to take the rest of the land and another 3 homes.

We want to stay living in Waipu. It would be very difficult to find a similar property nearby. I understand we should be left no better, or no worse off.

There are 18 other properties/homes, our neighbours, on the Braigh that will be impacted by the interim roundabout between the Braigh and SH1. They are able to stay in their homes

The impacts listed in the substantive application for the Brynderwyn Alternative/northern corridor are described as visual, construction noise, traffic noise, dust.

We are north facing, so visually there is less impact for us. The dense under storey of the Kahikatea wetland/forest would help with less visual impact, provided it is not felled.

Our home is solid plaster with double glazing, so less impact from construction noise.

The Braigh road was rebuilt a few years ago, and all our driveways raised. The construction noise from this was tolerable.

Dust will affect a lot of Waipu homes because of the prevailing south-westerly wind and they say they will mitigate this.

Traffic noise from the highway may be less than currently because it will be 50 km instead of 100 km.

One of our neighbours on Title [redacted] are losing a corner of their paddock, but not their home, so I understand this is possible to do.

We are sad, angry and disappointed that you can take our generational home from us, and put WORKERS in our home. We would like to remain in our own home instead of workers staying here.

Linda Bryham and Jose Castillo