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Commentsstatus: I believe it's illegal (or should be) This is not Stewardship land - its been deemed Conservation Park through a proper process and can't just be changed by DOc or any Govt because they favour a current commercial proposition.

I challenge DOC science and capability team's view that this enhances conservation values of the land - it does the complete opposite. It revokes it.

Trading land of higher value for lesser value makes a mockery of the extensive research and legal processes undergone to achieve these designations throughout NZ/Aotearoa

Commentsexchange: Conservation Park Status land should never be exchanged for Stewardship status land - it sets a dangerous precedent vulnerable to all commercial interests wanting to exploit conservation areas.

At present, we have both blocks .The Smedley block is already under Stewardship status so if we lose the 22h. conservation status land and gain the Smedley block, we have effectively lost 22h of land of conservation value.

Obviously , if this farce persists, a public consultation process should be mandatory not just ministerial decision - again, a dangerous precedent.

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