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Your Submission:

I fully support the proposed purchase of Te Oka farm.

I have been using a bach in Te Oka since 2000. I have also read the ecological report of the Banks Peninsula District, commissioned by DOC in the 1980s and prepared by Hugh Wilson. I have further done some walking on the land of the Te Oka Bay farm.

From the above, I am convinced that purchasing the farm for the purpose of creating a reserve is most sensible, and I congratulate Council on this far-sighted move.

I would like Council to consider supplementary measures to make this a supreme visitor experience:

- 1) The drive along Te Oka Bay Road between the summit road and the Magnet Bay turnoff is a beautiful experience, as much native bush frames this section. This could be enhanced by the removal of a limited number of pine trees along this section, and an exotic deciduous species near the top of the road.
- 2) Access to the Te Oka Bay foreshore needs to be enhanced. The foreshore needs to be enhanced by keeping stock away from it. Planting the area up would be an additional bonus.
- 3) Consideration could be given to establishing conditions suitable for the nesting of penguins.

There are numerous Hector's Dolphins on the south side of the Peninsula, who can almost always be seen when sea kayaking. The opportunity

presents itself to offer sea kayaking as a visitor experience.

Thank you for considering this submission.

Regards, Axel