

# Glen Alva Forest Public Access Consultation Process and Outcomes

**March 2026**

## Land, Values, Operational Activity and Values Information Summary

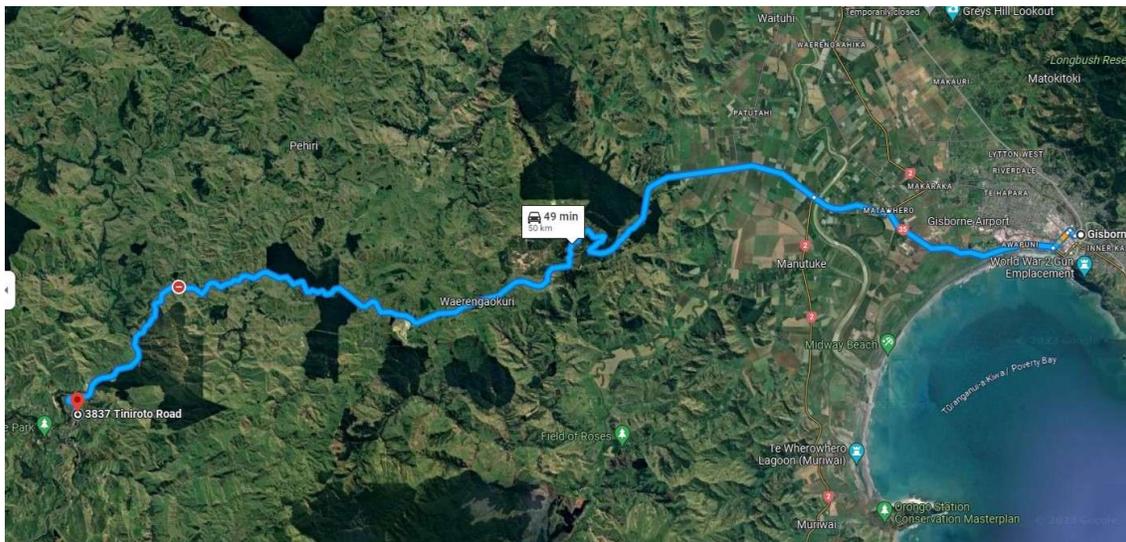
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### Introduction

Glen Alva Forest is a plantation forest located in the East Coast of New Zealand, Tiniroto District of Gisborne.

The closest town is Gisborne, approximately 49km or a 1-hour drive located on Tiniroto Rd.

The current Glen Alva Forest is surrounded to the East and North by existing Exotic Forest and to the west and south by Pastoral Hill Country Farming.



*Figure 1: Location of Glen Alva Station within the region*

The site is currently new forest, some older woodlots, with existing farm tracking and old crossings in place although the property is in the process of being afforested with a wider tracking upgrade programme partly completed.

The forest comprises plantings 1996, 2021, 2024, and 202 planting of Pinus Radiata, Redwood Manuka, and areas retired from production

Logic Forest Solutions Ltd (LogicFSL) has been engaged as Forest Manager by Ingka Investment Management NZ Limited, and Harvest Manager in the Glen Alva Forest.

Ingka Investment Management NZ Limited is a New Zealand Registered Company with its parent Company based in the Netherlands.

LogicFSL is a 100% New Zealand owned, Gisborne based forest management company providing a range of services to both small woodlot and corporate forest owners primarily in the East Coast region, and more broadly throughout New Zealand.

### **Glen Alva Forest Physical Characteristics.**

The predominant Land Use is Production Forest.

The geography of Glen Alva Forest can be described as steep slopes leading into incised gully systems. This is common in the Tiniroto Hangaroa Area.

The block is split at times by the Tiniroto Road.

Access through an area known as the Hangaroa Bluffs was limited following Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023.

### **Cultural values**

There are no recorded physical archaeological sites within the Glen Alva Forest.

The GDC Heritage Alert Overlay does not overlay any part of the area of Glen Alva Forest.

Nothing has been identified to our knowledge throughout the current land use as a Pastoral farm as having physical significance on the property.

Prior to afforestation LFSL commissioned an Archaeological Survey of the Forest by InSitu Heritage Ltd in September 2024.

A review of LiDAR data found two possible archaeological sites related to pre-1900 Māori occupation of the landscape.

In May 2025 a field inspection was carried out by InSitu Heritage of these suspected sites and they were ruled out as being manmade landforms.

Logic Forest Solutions has worked with Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa and InSitu Heritage to investigate any sites further through the following steps:

- Site visit with Logic Forest Solutions Staff and Tatau Tatau o Te Wairoa representatives to conduct a visual and spiritual inspection of the potential sites.
- Any sites confirmed as having attributes of a Maori Site, or values, InSitu Heritage will be arranged to conduct a site visit for confirmation and recording.
- Sites will have appropriate buffers applied from Afforestation activities
- Sites will be identified on the ground by methods agreed between TToW and InSitu Heritage

The planting planning process included scrutiny of ridges, terraces and trying to identify any evidence of Māori pa sites, banks, ditches, loose stones, levelled terraces, pits or remains of shells.

Nothing has been identified in planning to date.

Logic Forest have been vigilant in taking a precautionary approach to any assumption of lack of specialness on the property.

Logic Forest (as Forest Managers for Ingka Group) has an Accidental discovery policy in place and operators and supervisors follow this during all operations.

Appreciation of the Cultural aspects within this forest are very important to the forest owners.

### **Biodiversity values**

The Glen Alva Forest area contains a GDC Protection Management Area.

TN24 (Pariroa) is located within the legal boundary of Glen Alva Forest, outside of the production area.

There are no Protection Management Areas within the production area.

The Hangaroa River is downstream of the Forest and is listed in Schedule G15C and E is therefore considered to contain the freshwater habitats of threatened indigenous flora and fauna and important habitats for trout.



*Figure 2 GDC Scheduled Waterways*

The MPI Fish Spawning Indicator Tool shows the extent of the Hangaroa River as likely Trout Spawning habitat. This is downstream of the Forest.

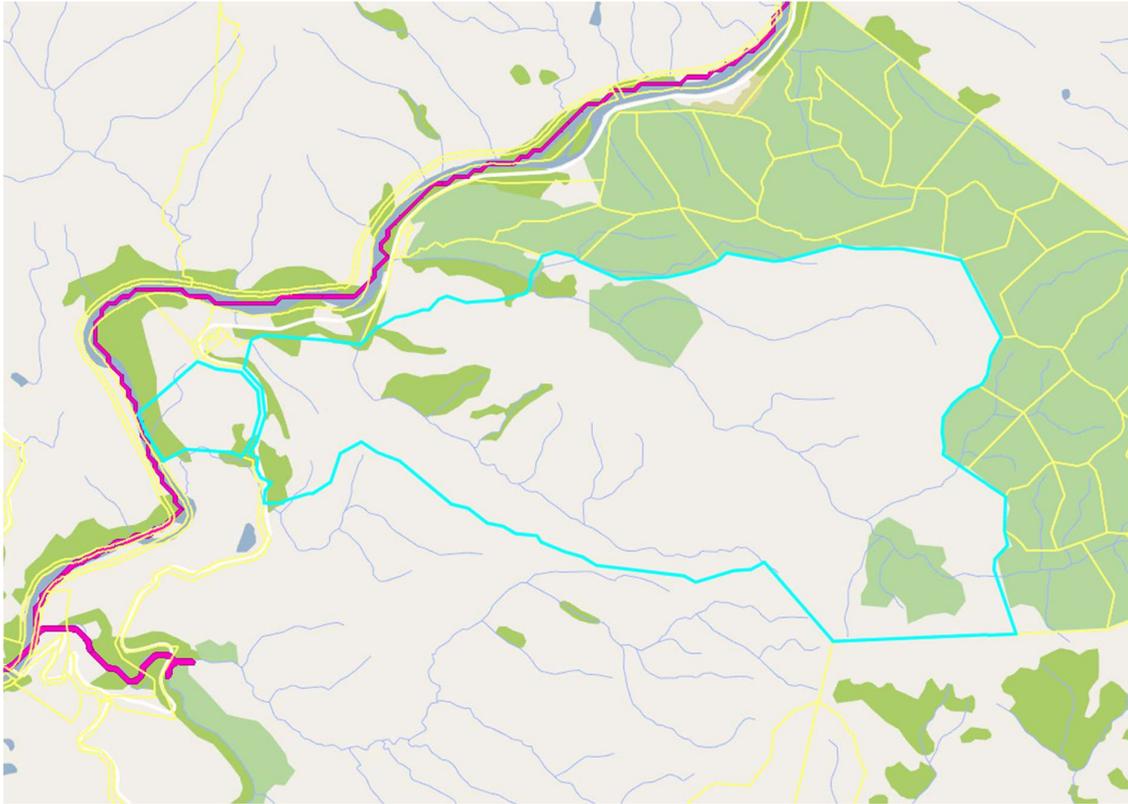


Figure 3 MPI Fish Spawning Habitats

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**NES-PF Fish Spawning Habitats Report: NZFFD Fish Spawning Habitats**

Glen Alva Station

Common Name	Species Name	Sensitivity	Database Source	NZREACH	Spawn From Date	Spawn To Date	Notes
Rainbow Trout	Oncorhynchus mykiss	Group A	NZFFD fish habitats	8003729	01 Jul	30 Nov	
Rainbow Trout	Oncorhynchus mykiss	Group A	NZFFD fish habitats	8003680	01 Jul	30 Nov	

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**NES-PF Fish Spawning Habitats Report: Modelled Probability of over 50% - Group A**

Glen Alva Station

Common Name	Species Name	Sensitivity	Database Source	NZREACH	Spawn From Date	Spawn To Date	Notes
Rainbow Trout	Oncorhynchus mykiss	Group A	Modelled	8003373	01 Jul	30 Nov	

Logic Forest Management commenced **Stream Health Monitoring** within the forest in November 2023.

An Ecologist has undertaken Assessments of potential reserve areas and developed plans to work towards implementation and monitoring of restoration of reserve areas. Other biodiversity Programs could evolve from this information.

### **Operational Plans**

The main Operational management objectives for the next five years are:

- Pruning and Thinning operations on 2<sup>nd</sup> rotation Woodlots within the block
- Manage the growth phases of the forest in the first year's post plant.
- Work with Pest Control on control and eradication programs.
- Continue Ecological Management programs as developed.
- Plan and carry out Pruning and Thinning operations on 2024/25 Plantings as needed
- Woodlot Harvest planning for remaining woodlots on the property
- Woodlot Harvesting and Earthworks
- Woodlot Replant

### **Pest Management**

Pest Management is carried out by Contract Pest Controllers, Staff and Permitted Recreational Hunters.

### **Hunting**

Recreational hunting is being managed via Logic's permit access system and issued as required. We would also advise:

- No camping or fires to be permitted within the forest.
- No forest access will be issued in times of High Fire Risk.
- No forest access will be granted whilst forest operations are undertaken in the forest.

### **The Public Access Consultation process**

Logic Forest Solutions would like to consult with you on potential public access options for these forests.

You can submit on this in the survey link sent to you.

From there we will collate the various responses, and a considered decision will be made on what form Public Access will take to these forests given the operations and values of the sites, and the views of the stakeholders.

# Affected Party Questionnaire and Submission.

[Sent 9 February 2026 responses closed 16 March 2026]

Logic Forest Solutions would like to consult with you on potential public access options for Glen Alva Forest as described in the included Forest introduction.

Logic Forest Solutions are the Forest Manager on behalf of Ingka Investments New Zealand Ltd

## Background Information:

We would like input from you on various access factors. You do not need to contribute answers on every topic.

1. Name :
2. Affiliation: (e.g., resident, conservation group, business owner)

## Public Access interest

This questionnaire aims to gather your input on potential public access options for Huiarua and Matanui Forests. Your responses will be considered in developing a responsible and sustainable access plan.

1. Would you be interested in accessing this land for recreational purposes? Yes/No
2. If yes, what types of activities would you be most interested in? (Select all that apply)
  - Walking
  - Camping
  - Hunting/fishing
  - Wildlife Biodiversity Interests
  - Mountain biking
  - Horse riding
  - Motor Sports
  - Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
3. How often would you likely visit this land per year? (Select one)
  - Less than once a year
  - Seasonally
  - 3-5 times a year
  - More than 5 times a year
  - Never

## Cultural Considerations:

### This section asks questions on risks to Cultural Values within the Land

1. Are you aware of any cultural or historical significance associated with this land? (Yes/No)
2. If yes, please elaborate on your knowledge of Cultural Aspects of the Site:
3. If you answered "Yes" above do you believe Public Access to this land could potentially have any effects on Cultural Values (Yes/No/No opinion on this)
4. Please add any suggestions for mitigating the risk to Cultural values)

**Environmental and Biodiversity Values:**

1. Are you aware of any Environmental and Biodiversity Values associated with this land?
2. If you answered "Yes" above, please elaborate on your knowledge of the Environmental Values of the site
3. If you answered "Yes" above do you believe Public Access to this land could potentially have any effects on Environmental Values (Yes/No/No opinion on this)
4. In your opinion, what are the biggest environmental risks associated with increased public access to this site? (Select all that apply)
  - Soil erosion
  - Damage to vegetation
  - Disruption of wildlife habitats and biodiversity programs
  - Increased risk of wildfire
  - Water pollution
  - Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
5. Please add any suggestions for mitigating these risks to environmental values

**Economic Considerations:**

1. Do you believe public access to this land could potentially have any positive economic impacts? (Yes/No/No opinion on this)
2. Do you believe public access to this land could potentially have any NEGATIVE economic impacts on the landowners or businesses associated with the land? (Yes/No/No opinion on this)
3. If you answered above, please elaborate on your knowledge of the Economic Impacts of allowing Public Access to the site.

**Additional Comments and Submissions:**

Please use this space to share any additional thoughts or suggestions you may have regarding public access to this land:

Please attach any documents you believe are important to your answers.

Thank you for your valuable input.

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Logic Forest Solutions Ltd.

# Questionnaire and Submission RESULTS

[Sent 9 February 2026 responses closed 16 March 2026]

## Participants

17 Surveys were sent out, 9 responses (52%) were received

## Summarized results by Question

### 2. Affiliation:(e.g., resident, conservation group, business owner)

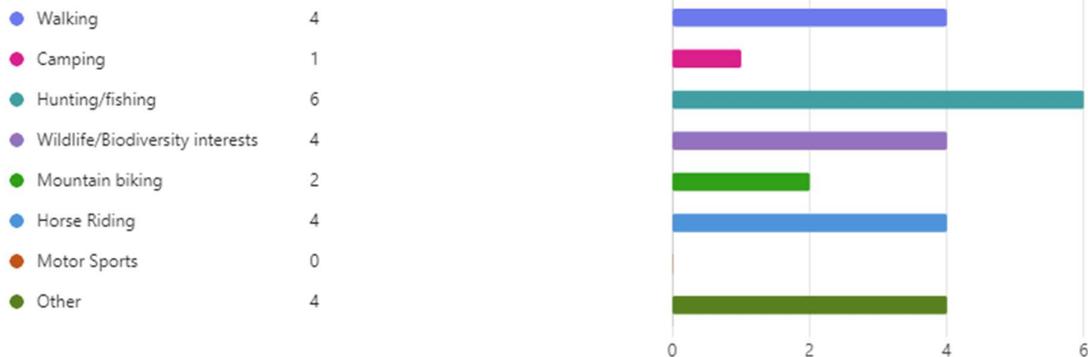
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3. Would you be interested in accessing this land for recreational purposes?

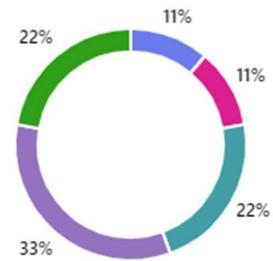


4. If you answered Yes above what types of activities would you be most interested in? (Select all that apply).



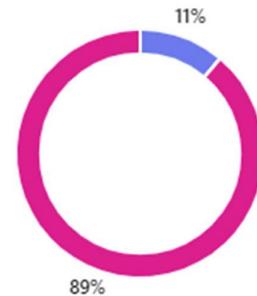
5. How often would you likely visit this area each year? (Select one)

- Less than once a year 1
- Seasonally 1
- 3-5 times a year 2
- More than 5 times per year 3
- Never 2



6. Are you aware of any cultural or historical significance associated with this land?

- Yes 1
- No 8



**7. If you answered "Yes" above, please elaborate on your knowledge of cultural aspects of the site**

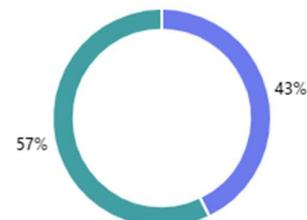
LFSL provided background information in the Survey introduction document.

Mana whenua expressed they would like the opportunity to ground truth to verify sites on the estate.

This is entirely possible as we have contacts with the local representatives. One accessible site was shown to representatives on a site visit when two possible sites were identified (and subsequently ruled out) by Archaeologists.

8. If you answered "Yes" above do you believe Public Access to this land could potentially have any effects on Cultural Values (Yes/No)

- Yes 3
- No 0
- No opinion on this 4



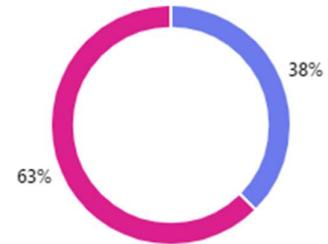
**9. Please add any suggestions for mitigating the risk to Cultural values.**

All who responded to this question proposed constructive ideas which are all underway and policy and within the LFSL Accidental Discovery Protocol.

Continued consultation. Will be key to ensuring any new information is built into plans.

10. Are you aware of any Environmental and Biodiversity Values associated with this land?

● Yes 3  
● No 5



**11 If you answered "Yes" above, please elaborate on your knowledge of the Environmental Values of the site**

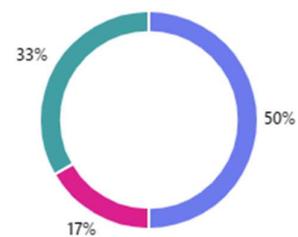
Values that were outlined at a consent level and through the process of working through Glen Alvas sign off. Nothing regionally specific however biodiversity none the less

From an erosion perspective, there are areas on the property that could deliver sediment to waterways, but these have been well documented by Logic and previously discussed. There is some nearby remnant podocarp forest on Awatahi. And beautiful broadleaf podocarp forest on edge of Hangaroa on Glen Alva. There are weeds on the roadside, riverside and at Awatahi that could spread further into Glen Alva without maintenance and stock pressure.

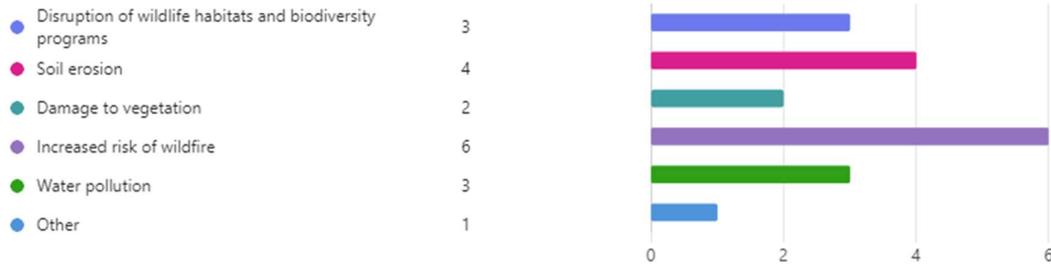
Ground-truthing will be required to appropriately determine areas and species.

12. If you answered "Yes" above do you believe Public Access to this land could potentially have any effects on Environmental Values (Yes/No)

● Yes 3  
● No 1  
● No opinion on this 2



13. In your opinion, what are the biggest environmental risks associated with increased public access to this site? (Select all that apply)



**14 Please add any suggestions for mitigating these risks to environmental values.**

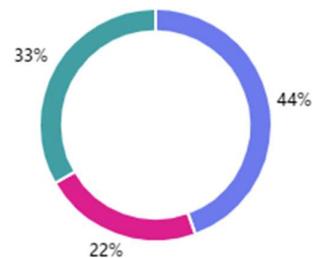
*Careful management, increased awareness including signage*

*Regular inspections, and get on top of the weeds that are already nearby, work in with GDC biosecurity team for help. Have signs explaining weed risk and ones to keep an eye out for etc.*

*Isolation and protection of specific areas. Establish an access system that provides restrictions around numbers, seasons, types of activities to certain areas and times. Establish a programme of monitoring to review compliance and make adjustments to the access requirements.*

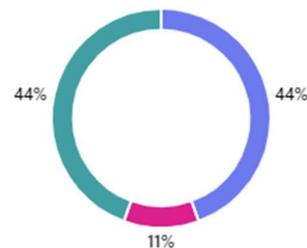
15. Do you believe public access to this land could potentially have any POSITIVE economic impacts?

Yes	4
No	2
No opinion on this	3



16. Do you believe public access to this land could potentially have any NEGATIVE economic impacts on the landowners or businesses associated with the land?

Yes	4
No	1
No opinion on this	4



***17 If you answered above, please elaborate on your knowledge of the Economic Impacts of allowing Public Access to the site.***

The positive impacts were raised as Hunting and gathering of both pest and taonga species support whanau providing some financial relief. It would raise the profile of the owners as generous, and with hunting, reduces the impact of pests on the property.

The negative impacts were raised by neighbours with the concern Public access to Glen Alva Forest could give unwanted people the opportunity to illegally access the neighbours lands, possible wild fire risk, fence damage

***18 Any other comments or suggestions.***

Reflected the above concerns and positives.

By offering public access to the block is an interesting dimension to consider as it brings its own challenges to the whenua more so with a commercial operation. As the roading infrastructure develops what better utilisation of these roads for walking, biking, horse riding when not in use. All outdoor pursuits that can be managed.

Some were not happy with the general public having access to this area and if issuing permits for hunting it has to be very clear that no access is allowed in the neighboring lands.

One of the best places to access is the lower northern side of the road, where the native forest meets the. Access to the Hangaroa River is the easiest and likely the most important from a cultural, aesthetic and recreational point of view, and perhaps up top for hunting etc

Herenga Nuku stated it is important to communicate clearly to the public about existing public access areas - including any unformed legal roads, Public Access Easements, Esplanade Strips and Marginal Strips; as well as providing clear information on accessing the private forest land using a permit system for recreation / hunting / cultural harvest. Maps are a key form of communication - showing how public access areas connect to the forest land.

**The current access policy for Rawhiti Forest.**

Recreational access is currently being managed via Logic's permit access system and issued as required. We also advise:

- No camping or fires to be permitted within the forest.
- No forest access will be issued in times of High Fire Risk.
- No forest access will be granted whilst forest operations are undertaken in the forest.

**Health and Safety Factors to consider**

The forest has inherent hazards of

- Steep slopes
- Erodible soils within the plated areas and roads and tracks
- Pest Control operations
- Biodiversity Monitoring operations
- Management, Compliance, and Supervision activities

There are multiple parties responsible for safety of workers and operations within the forest and a very detailed Safety Plan and PCBU<sup>1</sup> Agreement is in place and maintained as matter arise.

All PCBUs have a duty of care to their workers and Logic Forest Solutions have an overriding duty of care to all persons who access and use the (worksite) forest to provide a safe work environment to our contractors (who then have a duty of care to their employees).

This cannot be done effectively when Public Access may interact with operations.

There is currently unauthorised access occurring with hunting and while this is prevalent there is a risk to workers, biodiversity staff, and equipment which could lead to harm and loss to authorised forest users – and neighbours lands.

### **Cultural Factors to consider**

Opening up the site to public carries threats and opportunities to the cultural values.

Currently there are no physical sites recorded however the owner, and manager will work with Iwi and, if any are discovered or knowledge is gained, these will be protected. Cultural values must be considered, and this could include use of the forest for gathering food and taonga.

Heritage research has been carried out and considered low risk. The Manager also has an accidental discovery protocol that has proven results in other forests to action if further information comes to hand.

### **Forest Certification and Biodiversity Responsibilities to consider**

The forest has no areas which will be assessed as High Conservation Values 3 (Biodiversity). However, areas have been identified as reserves and there is an identified GDC Protection management Area. The improvements from stock removal and Pest Control could, in the future, elevate these reserve areas to High Conservation Values.

Public access could represent a risk to the success of these operations and future values and must be considered.

However, these can also be managed effectively through the Permit System

The forest will have High Conservation Value 4 Very High Erosion Risk under the Forest Stewardship Certification Standards.

It is unlikely public access to any level proposed would risk this. If earthworks such as track construction is considered in the future these will be designed to minimise risk. None are currently proposed.

### **Recreational User Groups Interest**

There is very low interest of recreational user groups to access the land at Tiniroto for recreational use. The area was severely impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023 and, while being relatively close to town, it is a hard trip to get there.

Council has identified the Tiniroto Rd as an alternate access for the district and road and bridge repairs continue.

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<sup>1</sup> PCBU is defined as a Person Conducting a Business or Undertaking

As these evolve over time the Public Access review cycle can assess any more interest at the time.

Hunting has only limited interest due to the location and pest control of target species.

### **Forest Owner Aspirations**

Ingka Investments NZ Ltd have clear aspirations of land ownership which involves public access and will work with Logic Forest Solutions and the public to enable, where practical, at the right time, and satisfying the risk factors mentioned in this summary.

There is a willingness for a well-structured access policy to be supported by the Forest Owner.

### **Outcome**

Given the low public interest, concerns from neighbours, and presently low-level values for the area, it is assessed that **Public Access can be suitably managed through the existing Permit system.**

Review of any changes to values or interest should be on a 2-year cycle, or when any significant values are identified (such as cultural or Rare and threatened species) arise.

**The next review is planned for March 2028.**

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**Logic Forest Solutions Ltd.**