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Re: Plan Change 5 – Dark Sky Section 42A Report

Kia ora Freya,

The Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust have considered the s42A report prepared by Kaikōura District Council and concur with your findings and fully support the recommended changes to the outdoor lighting provisions.

As you are aware, on the 12th of September DarkSky International (DSI) designated the Kaikōura Dark Sky Sanctuary. This is a huge achievement, and one which would not have been possible without the private plan change work carried out to date. DSI were so impressed with the outreach, stakeholder support and 100% positive local community submissions that it gave them enough confidence to award the designation ahead of the full private plan change process being completed.

The benefits of trying to control ever increasing light pollution are many. For the Trust, the biggest driver has been for our environment, including the habitats of nocturnal species such as the Hutton's shearwater, though the minimisation of skyglow.

Thank you for your support.

Ngā mihi,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Colette Doughty".

Colette Doughty

Project-Coordinator of the Kaikōura Dark Sky Trust

