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**INQUIRY INTO BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION
AMENDMENT (BIODIVERSITY OFFSETS SCHEME) BILL
2024**

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My dealings with the BCT involved me emailing about land for sale at South West Rocks in the light of complete clearing of prime koala habitat at Ridgeview development. I was hoping to help them identify suitable offset land.

Their response was as follows....

We have briefly assessed the property at 60 Lindsay Noonan Drive, South West Rocks and it does not meet our current criteria or priorities for acquisition under our Revolving Fund.

When I emailed to ask for more details, they did send more details. Unfortunately I cannot find this email but it clearly stated that the subject land was TOO SMALL and that WE (BCT) DO NOT HAVE ANY PRIORITIES ON THE COAST.

I find this a great indictment of the whole process, given the importance of coastal biodiversity.

Please stop this destructive process of offsetting: while it may work well in western areas, with low land values, it is an absolute disaster in terms of protecting coastal biodiversity

Regards

Cath Ireland