

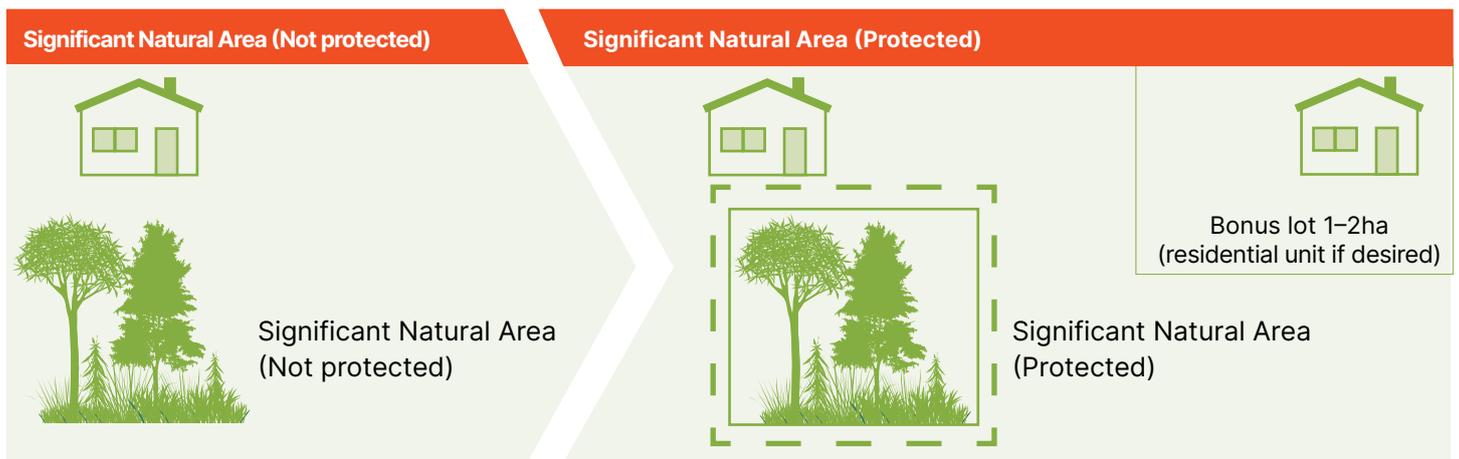
Bonus Allotments and Bonus Residential Units Significant Natural Areas

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To help improve biodiversity values, the Partially Operative Waimakariri District Plan proposes on-site development right incentives, via a resource consent, in exchange for the protection and restoration of a Significant Natural Area (SNA).

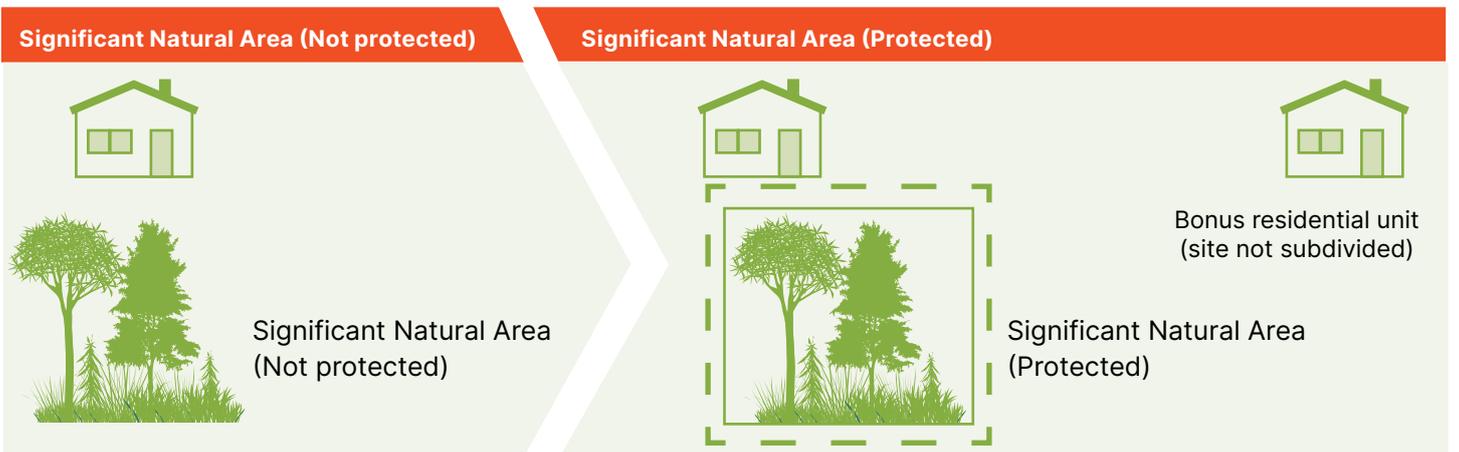
Bonus allotment

This is a 1–2ha lot in the General Rural Zone or Rural Lifestyle Zone, which is able to have a residential unit and minor residential unit, subdivided off the same site as the SNA.



Bonus residential unit

This is an additional residential unit (and a minor residential unit if desired) in the General Rural Zone or Rural Lifestyle Zone on the same site as the SNA.



What is required?

- Legal protection in perpetuity of the SNA and buffer area.
- SNA must meet minimum ecosystem size (as per table below).
- A buffer must be provided around the SNA (as per table below).
- The SNA must either be listed in the Partially Operative District Plan, or determined by a suitably qualified ecologist to meet SNA criteria and a Council commissioned peer review confirms this.

- Management Plan, prepared by an ecologist, which outlines:
 - the site's ecological values
 - proposed legal protection in perpetuity for the SNA and buffer area
 - buffer proposed and proposed mitigation of any adverse effects on buffer
 - pest management (both preliminary and ongoing), and annual monitoring proposed.

Wetland ecosystem 0.5–0.99ha	Minimum buffer width 20m	Buffer around the perimeter of the SNA on the site that is either planted with indigenous vegetation that is endemic to the ecological district, or comprises existing vegetation that is naturally regenerating.
Wetland ecosystem 1ha+	Minimum buffer width 15m	
Dryland ecosystem (e.g. Kānuka) 0.5–0.99ha with a minimum width of 20m	Minimum buffer width 20m	Buffer around the perimeter of the SNA on the site where natural regeneration is not ecologically appropriate, subject to restoration planting of indigenous vegetation that is endemic to the ecological district and ecologically appropriate.
Dryland ecosystem (e.g. Kānuka) 1ha+	Minimum buffer width 15m	
Any other mapped SNA 2ha+	Minimum buffer width of 10m and an average buffer width of 20m	A buffer around the perimeter of the SNA on the site that is planted in indigenous vegetation that is endemic to the ecological district.

The Management Plan must be implemented before the development right is provided, including:

- any restoration planting or regeneration facilitation must have been completed a minimum of 2 years ago resulting in at least 90% of plants deemed to be established, and/or
- any preliminary avoidance, remedying or mitigation of any identified potential adverse effects on the buffer area have been completed, and any on-going measures planned, and
- preliminary pest management activities completed.

There are a number of exclusions and limitations that apply. Please refer to the full provisions for further details.

The full provisions can be found in **Part 3 – Area specific matters – Appendices – APP2 – Standards for creation of any bonus allotment and establishment of any bonus residential unit** of the Partially Operative Waimakariri District Plan at waimakariri.govt.nz/eplan



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