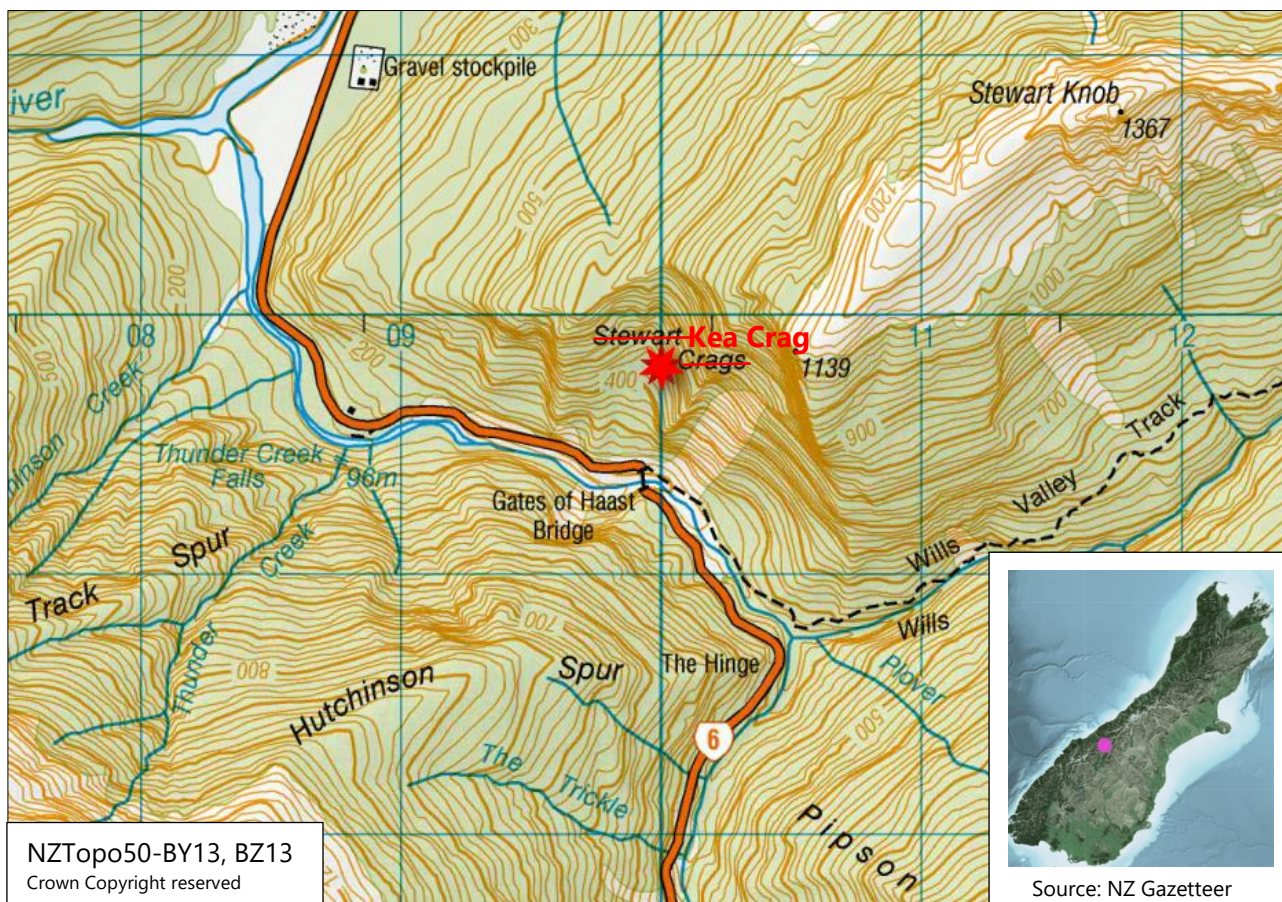


## Submissions considered by the Board on 2 December 2022 for Stewart Crag with edits to reflect the Board's discussion



### Summary

At its hui on 26 July 2022 the Board declined a proposal to alter Stewart Crag to either Kea Crag or Kea Crag based on:

- Stewart Crag being in long term use (73 years) on official maps for the whole cliff,
- Kea Crag being a recorded name for the high point of the cliff (previously the trig) at 1139m immediately above Stewart Crag, and
- the proposer not providing enough evidence to support the proposal.

Instead, the Board accepted its own proposal to approve Stewart Crag as an official place name for the whole cliff feature, based on its long-term use (73 years) on official maps.

The Board also agreed to not approve Kea Crag as the official name of the high point of the crag (spot height 1139m) as it is probably a spur, noting that Kea Crag would remain as an unofficial recorded name.

During the public notification of Stewart Crag (8 September 2022 to 13 October 2022) the only submission received was an objection from the person who made the proposal to alter Stewart Crag to either Kea Crag or Kea Crag.

The reasons in the objecting submission, which are responded to below, are not considered to outweigh the original reasons why the Board accepted its proposal for Stewart Crag.

## Secretariat recommendation

At its 2 December 2022 hui the Board resolved this recommendation.

**Consider** the one submission and its reasons objecting to the proposal to approve Stewart Crag as an official place name,

**and**

**Reject Uphold** the objecting submission based on the reasons provided not outweighing the reasons that the Board previously accepted for the proposal, being that ~~Stewart Crag~~ **Kea Crag for the rock face and not the high point has been in use on official survey records and in local use.** ~~maps for the whole cliff feature for 73 years.~~

**Noting** that because the Board upheld the objection and made the final determination, it does not need to report to the Minister for Land Information.

**and**

**Notify** in terms of sections 19(1)(b) and 19(3) of the NZGB Act 2008.

**Confirm** the Board's earlier acceptance to approve the recorded place name ~~Stewart Crag~~ **Stewart Crag** as the official place name,

**and**

**Report** the Board's decision to the Minister for Land Information **and request** the Minister to make the final determination on the proposal.

## Background

Draft Board minutes 26 July 2022 [abridged]

The Board considered whether the proposed Kea Crag is a separate and distinct feature from Stewart Crag. The Board examined aerial photos from various angles and how the feature is depicted on topographic maps. The Board noted that the feature at the top of the cliffs isn't a knob or crag but probably a spur. The Board agreed to not approve Kea Crag as the official name of the high point of the clifftop (1139m), noting that it would remain as a recorded (unofficial) name.

The Board agreed to decline the proposal to alter Stewart Crag to either Kea Crag or Kea Crag. Instead, the Board accepted its own proposal to approve Stewart Crag as the official place name of the steep cliffs rising from Haast River at the Gates of Haast Bridge to spot height 1139m based on the name being in use on official maps for 73 years for this feature.

## Notification

Advice to Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu (TRONT)

On 29 July 2022 the Secretariat advised TRONT that the Board would be publicly notifying the proposal for submissions between 8 September 2022 and 13 October 2022.

Advice to MPs

On 9 September 2022 the Secretariat advised the Members of Parliament for Te Tai Tonga and West Coast-Tasman and all adjacent electorates that the proposal was open for submissions until 13 October 2022.

Public notification including social media

The Board notified the proposal:

- in the [New Zealand Gazette](#),
- in the *Sunday Star Times*, *West Coast Messenger* and *Wānaka Sun*,
- on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ<sup>1</sup> [Consultation](#) page and New Zealand Government [Consultation](#) page.

The proposal wasn't posted on social media.

**Media**

The Board released a [media advisory](#) in te reo Māori and English, which was also posted on the Toitū Te Whenua LINZ website.

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## Summary of the objecting submission and the Secretariat's comments in response

Received one day before the consultation period began (7 September 2022)

*The Board's decision that it doesn't regard survey plans to be authoritative documents doesn't take into account that before the NZ mapping series, many names used today were introduced via approved survey plans. Trig RC, which Surveyor Roberts named Kea Crag on SO plan 6382 in 1884, is on a small, flattened area of no particular interest other than being close to the high rocky cliff face which falls into Haast River. Believes Roberts was referring to the crag, ie, rock face, when he named the trig station. A long-serving roadman has confirmed to him that everyone knew that Kea Crag was the rock face on the north side of the Gates of Haast.*

~~While survey plans are a useful tool for investigating the use of a place name over time, they are fundamentally about defining property boundaries and location, and there is no requirement for place names to be recorded and checked. Therefore, s~~

Survey plans have never been included in the Board's consideration of what should be authoritative documents in terms of the definition of recorded names<sup>2</sup>. **However, the quality of evidence is good. GJ Roberts was a well-respected surveyor and explorer, and his plans are considered to be authoritative. Kea Crag for the rock face is also in local use.**

~~Despite local use and the objector's assumption of what the early surveyor was naming, the steep cliffs appear to have only ever been named Stewart Crag on documents that the Board considers to be authoritative, the first being the NZMS 15 in 1949.~~ **In this case the research and evidence from early survey records and confirmation of local use provided in the objecting submission outweigh the 70+ years' depiction on published maps.**

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## Supporting information

1. Board report for Stewart Falls, Stewart Knob, Stewarts Creek, Kea Crag or Kea Crag – 2022-07-26
2. Objecting submission – 2022-09-07

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<sup>1</sup> Land Information New Zealand

<sup>2</sup> [Section 4 of the NZGB Act 2008](#) refers. A recorded place name is one that has appeared on at least two authoritative publications, ie maps, charts or databases, which the Board has resolved to be: NZMS map, Toitū Te Whenua LINZ Archived Place Names Database, [Kā Huru Manu](#), and all hydrographic and bathymetric maps and charts published under a New Zealand hydrographic authority at the time of publication. A recorded name is not official.