

Mining no issue – Goudie

Coromandel MP Sandra Goudie says she is unaware of opposition to the prospect of more mining in her electorate, and believes any concerns are being generated by political opponents.

Mrs Goudie said she could not recall any correspondence on the mining issue from anyone in her electorate, “apart from the Green Party people”.

“I’ve had no interest. People just aren’t worried about it, obviously,” she said.

“I just haven’t had the reaction the Green Party people would’ve expected. I don’t think there’s that blanket opposition to mining that’s proclaimed by the Green Party.”

Prime Minister John Key last week confirmed the Government review of Crown Minerals Act Schedule 4 land currently unavailable for mining operations.

Mrs Goudie was content to “wait and see what the changes to Schedule 4 are”, and believed the pristine bush walks and beautiful beaches would not be affected by mining.



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Coromandel Watchdog spokesperson Denis Tegg said his group did not bother voicing concerns about mining issues to Mrs Goudie, who he described as “a very minor backbencher”.

“The people here have made a decision not to talk to her, because it’s a waste of time and energy,” he said.

“She (Mrs Goudie) doesn’t have any say in the matter, and there’s going to be this public consultation, so everyone’s saving their energy for that.”

Clive Monds, Thames Coast Protection Society treasurer, said he believed Mrs Goudie was increasingly out of touch with the depth of feeling over mining in her electorate.

Mr Monds said his group had been “getting the message from National people that this (mining) is an issue for them”.

Green Party MP Catherine Delahunty said she had received regular feedback from people opposed to mining, and believed many may have voted for Mrs Goudie in the past. “I think National Party voters, many of who are absentee Coromandel ratepayers, are going to be challenging their party on this because its their backyard they don’t want to see destroyed.”

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