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Save Happy Valley Coalition
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Dear Sir/Madam

Development of Cypress pits: removal of campsite

Solid Energy is undertaking preliminary works to develop the Cypress pits at its Stockton Mine. Accordingly, Solid Energy now considers it essential to close part of the land within the coal mining permit area to ensure public safety and to meet its obligations under health and safety legislation and has done so by designating a public exclusion zone.

The area to be closed is shown on the attached plan. The boundary of the exclusion zone is clearly marked by signs around its perimeter. As you will see from the plan, the campsite established by the members of your group was within the exclusion zone.

Solid Energy has therefore exercised its rights pursuant to the Trespass Act and has removed the yurt and all other personal items from the campsite. The removal of the campsite was supervised by the New Zealand Police and all property removed from the campsite is available for collection by its owner(s) from the Westport Police Station (11 Wakefield Street, Westport). Please contact Sergeant Matt Frost (03 788 8310) to make any necessary arrangements for collection.

You should also be aware that any person who enters the exclusion zone without Solid Energy's consent will be trespassing and may be prosecuted.

Yours faithfully

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CYPRESS PUBLIC EXCLUSION ZONE

Solid Energy New Zealand Ltd has put in place a public exclusion zone covering approximately 480 hectares immediately east of its current Stockton Opencast Mine operation. The exclusion zone is a section of the Mining Permit land it occupies in the Upper Waimangaroa Valley.

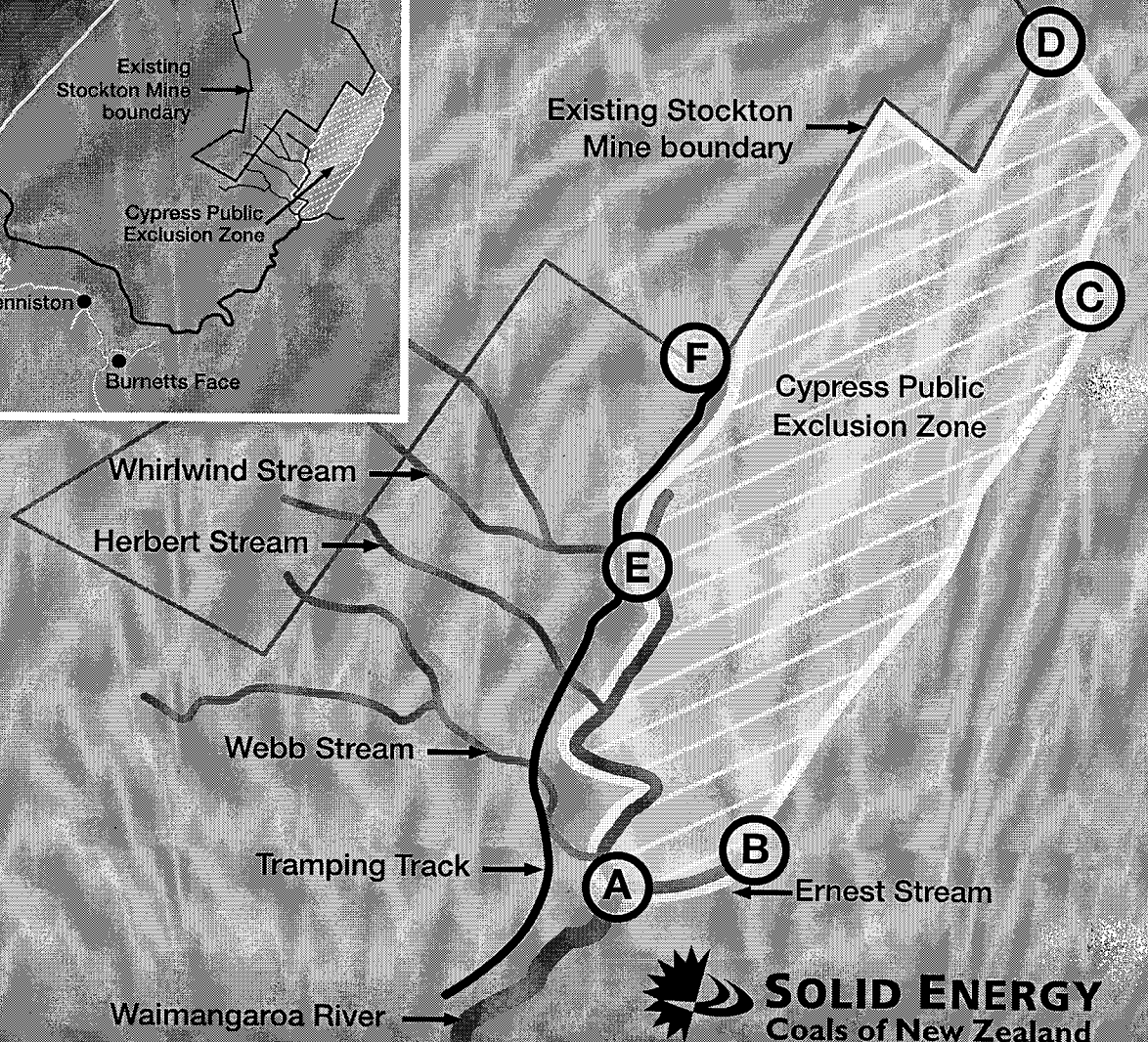
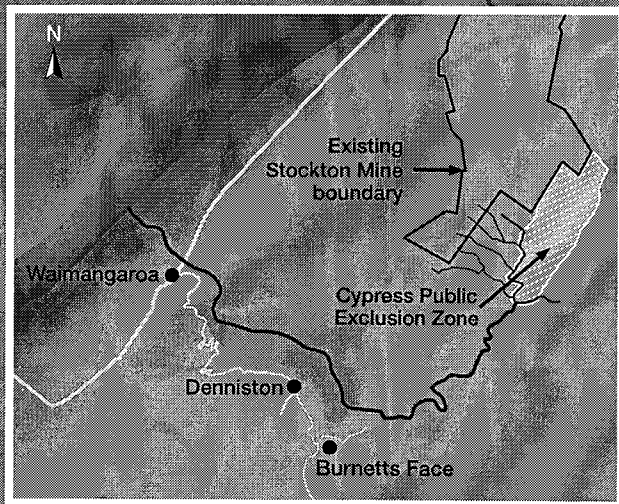
The exclusion zone, the site of Solid Energy's planned Cypress coal mining pits at Stockton, has been established to protect public safety and to ensure the company can fulfil its workplace health and safety obligations. Preliminary work to prepare the Cypress pits area at Stockton for development is being scaled up from mid-2009.


In the south, the eastern boundary of the exclusion zone is the true left bank of the Ernest Stream

from its confluence with the Waimangaroa River (point **A** on the map) to the ridgeline of the Mount William Range (**B**). It then runs north-east along the ridgeline to a point east of St Patrick's Dam (**C**). Between that point and the existing Stockton Mine boundary (**D**), the zone boundary is the line of a series of marked tracks.

The western boundary runs from the Waimangaroa-Ernest confluence (**A**) along the true right (western) bank of the Waimangaroa River to its confluence with Whirlwind Stream (**E**). From there, the boundary is the eastern edge of a tramping track which will be formed from mid-2009 (**F**). This track diverts and extends an informal track from Cedar Creek Road (Burnetts Face) and runs over several ridges offering good views of the Cypress pits area.

The exclusion zone is well signposted
Trespassers will be prosecuted



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