

Sue and Murray Edens are Forest and Bird members. Sue in particular has a strong interest in the natural world, having spent nearly all her life on the farm. Skipper has over the years created a number of artificial wetlands on the farm that are now sanctuaries for wildfowl.

From left, Sue Edens with Kim (4), Joyce Chapman, Murray Edens, Skipper Chapman.

Opposite bottom: One of the ponds created by Skipper Chapman. Brown teal nest here.

**TELL BARRACK MINING
THAT SKIPPER'S FARM IS
A NICE PLACE TO STOP.**



Forty years ago Skipper and Joyce Chapman walked on to a desolate piece of land at Opito Bay on Coromandel's east coast. Hard work has turned it into the thriving concern it is today. A farm Skipper can be justifiably proud of, a nest egg which one day will pass into the hands of his daughter Susan Murray.

The hospitality of the Chapmans is legendary as anyone who has sampled Joyce's homemade apple pie will testify. But people aren't the only ones to benefit from their hospitality. The rare Brown Teal has found sanctuary on a lake Skipper runs on the farm. A lake which, like a huge chunk of Barrack Mining has its way. Like many other beautiful places, the mine. At present have

127 hectares of Skipper's farm. If the moraine will be able to they find sufficient gold deposits, Barrack will be able to create a series of open cast mines on the site.

Now, the open cast is perhaps the most unsightly of mines. It involves digging up large areas of earth creating huge scars on the landscape. Large tailing dams are required to take the waste. Water which contains a lethal cocktail of harmful chemicals, a danger to the fragile environment should any leaching or spillages occur. And in an area prone to flash flooding, the potential for such spillages to occur isn't bear thinking about.

Barrack Mining are talking about a moraine of

But for the moment, Barrack would fill prospecting, in itself a messy business. The amount of taken for sampling from the Waihi mine would fill Auckland Town Hall. So even prospecting causes problems. But why mine at all? The government takes no royalties on the gold, and as the majority of mining companies are under foreign ownership, little of the profits would stay in New Zealand. Mining creates few new jobs, and the industry is declining. The potential for a new mining boom is small.

environmental damage is enormous, even the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries are opposing claims.

However the ultimate power to stop the mining rests with you. By bringing pressure to bear on our politicians we can save the Coromandel. Over eighty percent of people in the Coromandel, people like Skipper and Joyce Chapman, don't want mining but as yet they've been powerless to halt it. We can help you. We will help pay for this message as well as the other one.

For a start, a donation will help pay... enable us to create a fighting fund to help save Coromandel and ensure it remains a great place to stop.

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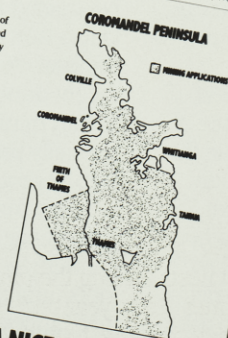
**IF THE NEW RESOURCE BILL
IS SO GOOD, WHY ISN'T
SKIPPER'S FAMILY SMILING?**



If you're been following the news in the last couple of weeks you'll have heard of these people. They're Skipper and Joyce Chapman, their daughter Susan, her husband Murray and their three children. The Chapmans are the owners of the Peñísula Mining Co., which controls all the mining rights on the island of Santa Catalina west of San Francisco. The company has been planning to open up its farm at Quito Bay on Comandante Benito Lugo State Park to prospect 127 hectares. Potentially there's 127 hectares of stunning farmland ripe for a series of disturbing open cast mines. And they're currently the Resource Management Bill was introduced into Parliament.

A lot of people probably breathed a sigh of relief when they found out that it actually gives the occupying land owner company can take them to court (Never mind that the mining companies would be responsible for the damage).

But here's the really bad part. The Bill is not retrospective. The occupying land owner could sue for prospecting and mining. But if the company has ever succeeded in winning a case \$50,000 a year for say as much as this map shows you how much of the Comandante Península already has licenses



over it. THEY'LL ALL BE HEARD UNDER THE ACT.

direction, but it does nothing for 85% of the Coromandel Peninsula. People like Skipper still

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