



# MEET THE ROBINSONS

REAL PEOPLE. A FAMILY. FARMERS.

A scenic landscape featuring rolling green hills, several large trees with bare branches, and a stream in the distance. In the foreground, a clear glass of water sits on a light-colored surface. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**OUR FAMILY HAS BEEN DRINKING AND BATHING IN THE WATER  
FROM OUR STREAM FOR 73 YEARS.  
WE ARE INVESTED IN THE HEALTH OF OUR STREAM!**

## NITROGEN REFERENCE POINT

- ✓ WE HAVE NEVER APPLIED N
- ✓ WE WILL BE SIGNIFICANTLY DISADVANTAGED BY NRP
- ✓ WE ADVOCATE THAT HIGH USERS OF N ARE REDUCED FURTHER THAN 75%
- ✓ WE BELIEVE A SUB-CATCHMENT APPROACH IS A MORE APPROPRIATE WAY TO MANAGE WATERWAY HEALTH
- ✓ IF WE HAVE EVIDENCE OF AN ISSUE WITH OUR WATERWAYS WE WILL BE INVESTED IN ADDRESSING THIS ISSUE
- ✓ WE ARE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO NRP /GRANDPARENTING



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## ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS

- ✓ WE SUPPORT THE USE OF ENVIRONMENTAL PLANS
- ✓ WE HAVE ALWAYS HAD AN ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN
- ✓ WE DO NOT NEED TO PAY A CONSULTANT FOR A PLAN
- ✓ WE SUPPORT AN ACCREDITATION PROCESS ENABLING FARMERS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THEIR OWN PLANS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH STAKEHOLDERS



## OUR ENVIRONMENTAL PLAN

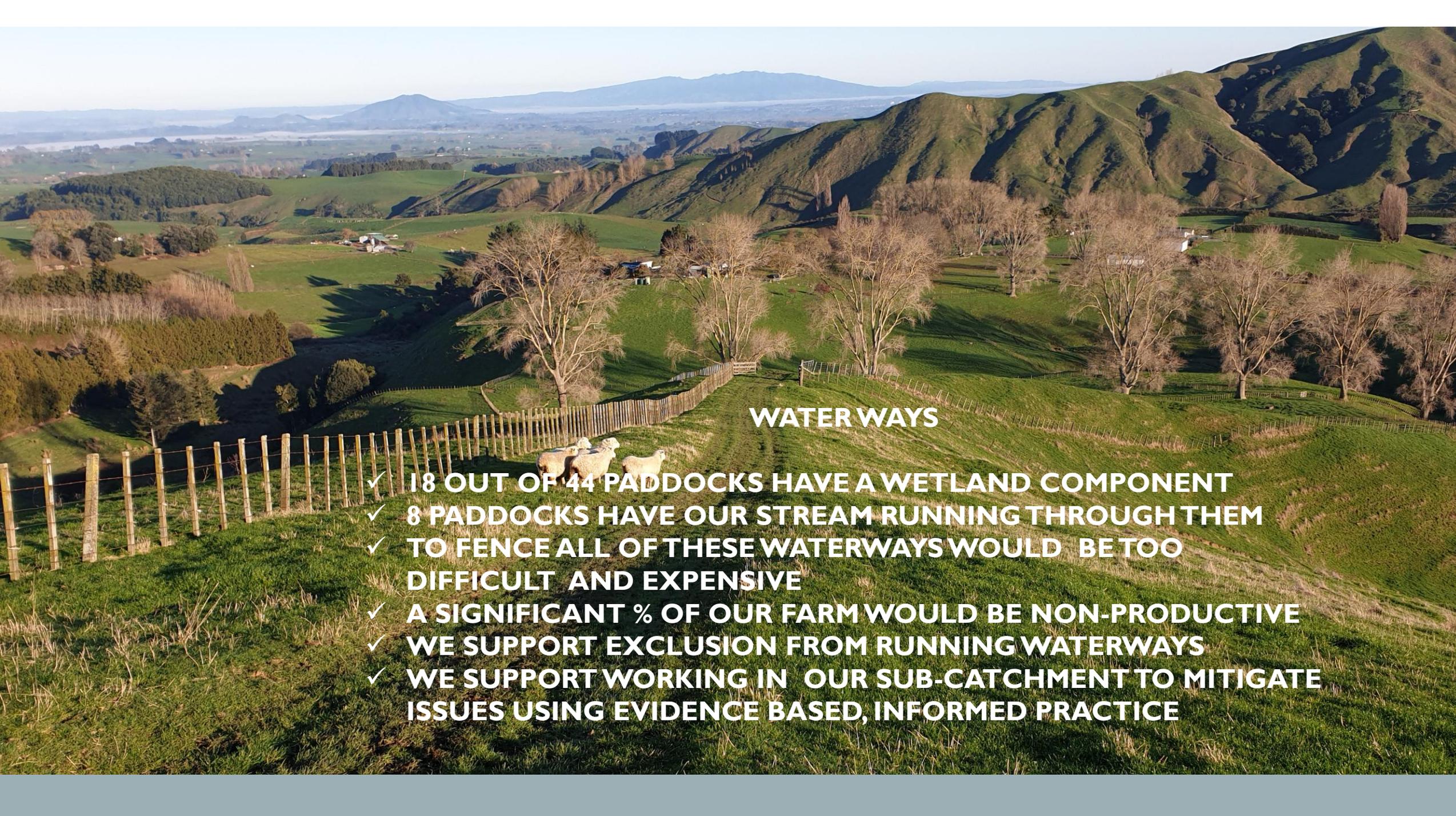
- ✓ NO N
- ✓ NO AGRI-CHEMICALS BESIDE WATERWAYS
- ✓ OVERALL RESTRICTED USE OF AGRI-CHEMICALS
- ✓ MANUAL REMOVAL OF WEEDS WHERE POSSIBLE
- ✓ REDUCED CATTLE ON HILLS OVER WINTER
- ✓ EXCLUSION OF CATTLE FROM RUNNING WATERWAYS
- ✓ HIGHER PASTURE COVERS YEAR ROUND





## **GRADIENT**

- ✓ **ESTIMATED 75% OF OUR HILL FARM IS  $\geq$  15 DEGREES**
- ✓ **WE ARE OPPOSED TO PLANTING OUR BEAUTIFUL FARM IN FORESTRY**
- ✓ **OUR FARM FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS 3 GENERATIONS OF OUR FAMILY. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO PLANT A FOREST**

A scenic view of rolling green hills and valleys. In the foreground, a wooden fence runs across a grassy slope where several sheep are grazing. The middle ground shows a stream winding through the landscape, with several bare trees scattered along its banks. In the background, more green hills rise up, and a valley with some buildings is visible. The sky is clear and blue.

## WATERWAYS

- ✓ 18 OUT OF 44 PADDOCKS HAVE A WETLAND COMPONENT
- ✓ 8 PADDOCKS HAVE OUR STREAM RUNNING THROUGH THEM
- ✓ TO FENCE ALL OF THESE WATERWAYS WOULD BE TOO DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE
- ✓ A SIGNIFICANT % OF OUR FARM WOULD BE NON-PRODUCTIVE
- ✓ WE SUPPORT EXCLUSION FROM RUNNING WATERWAYS
- ✓ WE SUPPORT WORKING IN OUR SUB-CATCHMENT TO MITIGATE ISSUES USING EVIDENCE BASED, INFORMED PRACTICE



- ✓ ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE FARMING
- ✓ SUB-CATCHMENT FOCUSED
  - ✓ FARMER AUTONOMY
  - ✓ PROFITABLE BUSINESSES
- ✓ STRONG RURAL COMMUNITIES
- ✓ RURAL AND URBAN FOCUS
- NO GRANDPARENTING/NRP**