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I could NOT gain competitive advantage in trade competition.

I do wish to make a verbal submission

I don't wish to make a joint submission

I do not support this Plan or the process

Hamilton Residents & Ratepayers Association Incorporated wish to make our serious concerns known on the "Health Rivers" proposed Plan.

It is disturbing to read that a "proposal" such as the magnitude of this project has already cost the ratepayers in the region over \$14million and without any improvement spent on the rivers in question!

It is not alright to engage a consultant i.e. Insight Economics, who incidentally was the same consultant who helped implement the controversial Cambridge Cycling Velodrome build.

68% of regional submitters said no to ratepayer/public monies spent on this facility for the elite on private land with this ratepayer funded council ignoring this substantial opposition. Can we expect the same outcome where the very people (ratepayers) who keep this council bureaucracy afloat are ignored?

Consultants are used far too often in this country with their noses in the public trough with public monies squandered. What is wrong with using your own staff's expertise since you employ an army of experts of all persuasions? This model is flawed and the public deserves better.

It is disturbing to see your staff and ex-staff create business, then contract themselves to Waikato Regional Council to help themselves to hard-earned ratepayers money. It appears that the cost/benefit analysis for these arrangements are lacking.

We had your CSG make a presentation to our group in 2016. To limit this proposal to looking at levels of E.coli, sediments, phosphorus and nitrogen is too narrow. The elephants in the room are discharges that are being completely ignored and spewing into the rivers:- pharmaceutical drugs including toxic chemotherapy drugs; leachate from our old dump at the site of Hamilton Gardens; fluorides such as 1080 poison (monofluoroacetate) and hydrofluorosilicic acid (HFA) which are readily added to our land and waterways by this council and Hamilton City Council respectively; toxic pesticides and herbicides. Roundup or glyphosates are an urgent matter with visiting overseas experts in 2015 saying if New Zealand does not stop this practice we will have 1 in 2 children suffering from autism within 10 years.

In 2015 I made submissions to your council and Hamilton City Council on behalf of this Association, asking who was monitoring the combined health effects of the fluoride poisons being released into our waterways. Neither council has bothered to reply. The CDC (U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention) have classed fluoride as a neurotoxin so why are our councils allowing this in our drinking water?

A valued, respected and long-time farming consultant to our community sent me some quick details that would mitigate the four ingredients of the proposal as follows:-

"To reduce N(nitrogen) and toxin pollution, put a substantial tax on urea and PKE (Palm Kernel Expeller). Read Nitrogen and PKE ingrazinginfo.com

Apply LimeMag from Farmlands (only \$27/25 kg bag or \$25 a tonne in bulk) to sweeten soils which then makes good elements available and bad elements unavailable.

The Overseer Nutrient Budget doesn't measure pasture figures for trace element levels so is useless. Some users, scientists and consultants agree.

Aerate all water leaving Waikato River hydros. See attached. Farmers get blamed for everything, even stagnant Waikato water caused by no aeration that is done in other countries. See attached.

Other countries aerate used and overflow waters. The Waikato has nine dams, none aerating. All other countries I know of aerate theirs. See photos and google for hydro water aeration.

Show towns increase bacteria." (ENDS).

This tells us that education is key to many of our perceived problems.

If this proposal is to go ahead we see that compliance costs will impede all of our food producers on already strained budgets. This country's economy is depressed as is the world's economies. This council needs to recognise that ANY increase in rates/costs will cause farming families and urban families to lose their property rights and the question remains who will own our country? Overseas buyers are already scooping up our land. So included in this bigger picture is who will own our water?

It seems regional councils are already allowing, at virtually no cost, overseas corporates to help themselves to our good drinking water. Why are they being allowed to do this when farmers as we speak are being hauled through our courts by our regional councils over water consents, with water being taken off their own properties? Our courts are now corporates being used to monetarily ruin farmers and citizens. It looks like this

council is poised to use the Environment Courts to implement this Healthy Rivers plan which we do not agree to.

Is this proposal a trojan horse used to over-regulate our society and drive people off the land? When will bureaucrats and elected officials actually wake up to what they are implementing, which is of course the end goal of United Nations Agenda 21. This Association presented the facts on this Agenda in an annual submission a few years ago and we see that you are still subscribing to this unscrupulous overseas programme.

In conclusion we say NO to this plan. It is not cost-effective and it does not address all discharges into our rivers. It is another method in which New Zealanders will lose their rights to our land and waterways, which is not the legacy we wish to leave our future generations.