

Plan Change 1 Submission

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I do not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

Introduction

Our business Piripiri Station Ltd is located at Awakino in the West Coast Zone

The Directors are Mark and Wendy Smyth.

We farm approximately 2600 hectares of freehold and leasehold land of which 1820 hectares is effective and we farm approximately 10000 sheep and 1100 cattle.

Our rivers the Awakino, Turipoto and Manganui are very important to us as a place for family time such as swimming most summer days, fishing, water sports and boating.

We consider ourselves good custodians of the land and our mantra is to leave the land in a better state than when we started farming it. We are achieving this by fencing and planting 5km of our more intensive areas along the Awakino River, we are in the process now of fencing another 5km of bush that will protect approximately 60 hectares which will also restrict stock from another 2km of the Awakino River.

Wendy and I are very community orientated with Chairing and being members of, Mokau School BOT, Mokau Home and School (fundraising), Awakino Junction Ltd (local service station owned by the community), North King Country Junior Hockey, Mokau Representative to Piopio Youth Sports Committee, Team coaches for rugby and hockey, Mokau Girls Brigade and community rep for the West Coast Zone sub-committee for the Waikato Regional Council.

We think the objectives 1 and 2 of Plan Change 1 to be good, however the rules I think will have serious implications for the King Country as a community and our cultural identity.

I wish to be heard in support of the submission

The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words to that effect'. The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including Objectives, Policies, or other rules, or restructuring of the Plan, or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought.

The Specific Provisions of proposed Plan Change 1 that my submission relates to

Objective 1

I support or oppose the provision

I support the provision

My submission is that

I support healthy rivers

I seek the following decision by council

I accept the above provision

The Specific Provisions of proposed Plan Change 1 that my submission relates to

Objective 2

I support or oppose the provision

I support the provision with amendments

My submission is that

I support strong communities however I believe the plan in its current state will not achieve its objective

I seek the following decision by council

I accept the above provision with amendments

The removal of nitrogen reference points

The stock exclusion slope reducing from 25 degrees to 15 degrees

The definition of a waterway to be greater than 1 metre and deeper than 30cm

I support a sub-catchment approach, this will identify problems for each area which can be addressed within the sub-catchment. This will have community involvement and support and this will help strengthen communities.

The Specific Provisions of proposed Plan Change 1 that my submission relates to

Policy 6 Land Use Change 3.11.5.7

I support or oppose the provision

I oppose including the nitrogen reference point

My submission is that

The farms value and its inability to meet future markets for both long and short term will be seriously compromised

Land Use capability is a better method of measuring a farms capability

Using a farm plan that has flexibility built into it is another

I seek the following decision by council

I seek the provision be removed in its entirety

The Specific Provisions of proposed Plan Change 1 that my submission relates to

Stock exclusion

3.11.5.1, 3.11.5.2, 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4

I support or oppose the provision

I support with amendments

My submission is that

Change from 25 to 15 degrees

Change from all permanent water bodies to water bodies that are 1 metre wide and 30 cm deep

Using farm plans that are practical and flexible will help mitigate problem areas

I seek the following decision by council

That the plan is changed in line with the national policy on water

The Specific Provisions of proposed Plan Change 1 that my submission relates to
Policy 1 and Policy 2 and Schedule B regarding Nitrogen Reference Point

I support or oppose the provision

I oppose

My submission is that

It rewards polluters in land value and future production

It will limit potential of profitability of farming and weaken rural communities

I seek the following decision by council

Take out Nitrogen Reference Point out of the plan and use FEP's

The Specific Provisions of proposed Plan Change 1 that my submission relates to

FEP's, Provision 3.11.4.3

I support or oppose the provision

I support with amendments

My submission is that

Time is limiting for the plans completed

I seek the following decision by council

Extension of the time frame for the FEP's

Yours Sincerely

Mark Stewart Jonas Smyth

signed: Mark JS 8/3/2017