

From: Martyn Callaghan
To: [Healthy Rivers](#)
Subject: (Martyn Callaghan 2/3) RE: Waikato Regional plan
Date: Monday, 31 October 2016 6:43:24 p.m.

Regarding land ownership versus land users. Should the land user /actual farmer rather than the landowner be responsible for the discharge plan. I lease one of my farms out, and have never put a single gram of fertiliser on the farm. It is in the priority 1 zone.

The landowner (me) leasing out a farm creates no pollution, as I dont actually farm it. Should the monitoring of and responsibility of run off be with the actual farmer who may create nitrogen and phosphate pollution rather than the landowner.

I have fenced off a wetland, and planted it in flax, which acts as a filter and during the recent heavy rain the run off was clear water. How would water quality be measured ?

Cheers Martyn Callaghan

From: Healthy Rivers [mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz]

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Kind regards,

Waikato Regional Council

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My submissions regarding Healthy Rivers, of which I am very supportive of the scheme (and have already participated in fencing wetland from stock) are

1)The subsidy of 35% from Waikato Regional Council for fencing is insufficient. 8 wire fencing which is a necessity for a combination of sheep and beef grazing costs \$28/m. For a 500 m fence (250m long) wetland area I am fencing this summer the cost of fencing is \$14000. I get a gross margin of less than \$10,000 from the 104 acre farm I own, which is leased for grazing yet being the landowner I am having to do the fencing.

I would like to see 50% subsidy on fencing cost such that improvement of water quality is a 50/50 partnership between the land owner and the public /Council. Alternatively if IWI are partners they should also be providing farmers with funding to complete fencing as soon as financially possible.

2)There should be a greater reduction in rates more than the land area taken out of production as an incentive to farmers to fence off land near waterways.

Currently the District Councils do not contribute to the Healthy Rivers Plan, but are taking environmental taxes from the general public. I see very little from them. Where does this revenue go ?

3) The threshold minimum area of land to be registered and presumably audited at 2ha is too small.

This should be raised to 10 ha to reduce the need for numerous lifestyle blocks to carry out the expensive process of registering.

There are very few dairy farms or viable vegetable farms of less than 20ha in reality including commercial organic farms.

The cost of auditing hundreds of lifestyle blocks who are unlikely to use high analysis fertilisers, will tie up too much of the human resources of Waikato Regional Council and distract the administration from focusing on assisting the larger polluters which are large scale dairy and horticulture farms.

The Regional Council should focus on the large polluters and don't waste resources on lifestyle blocks with one horse and 5 sheep as an example for a 2 ha block.

Cheers Martyn Callaghan.

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