



Environmental Management Services

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Proposed One Plan
Horizons Regional Council
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Attention : Robyn Harrison

Dear Robyn

AGRESEARCH & LIC – PROPOSED ONE PLAN HEARING (WATER)

As discussed, I have reviewed the recommendations in the Horizon's Regional Council's Supplementary Officers Report in relation to *Water* in terms of the relief sought in submissions from my clients AgResearch Ltd (AgResearch) and Livestock Improvement Corporation Ltd (LIC).

As detailed in their Statement of Evidence dated October 2009, AgResearch sought that "agricultural research farms" be exempt from the maximum nitrogen leaching/run-off values of Table 13-2 to avoid potentially restricting the scope and value of research AgResearch can offer to the pastoral industry. To achieve this outcome, AgResearch sought that Rule 13-1 be amended so that it specifically states that "agricultural research farms" are exempt from its application.

Following a review of the AgResearch/LIC Statement of Evidence (dated October 2009), the Supplementary Officers Report notes that there is validity in the concerns raised, and that suitable amendments are appropriate. I have undertaken further discussions with Helen Marr who agreed that exempting "agricultural research farms" from Rule 13-1 would be an appropriate solution.

On the basis of the above relief sought (or similar) being accepted, it is considered that my clients do not need to attend the upcoming *Water* Hearing. Could you please ensure that this letter is tabled at the Hearing formally recording the position of AgResearch and LIC in relation to the recommendations in the Supplementary Officers Report. My clients still wish to retain the right to lodge an Environment Court appeal against any Council decision on this matter that they are not happy with.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries, or if you require additional information.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. J. Mathieson', with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

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