

Report No.	18-190
<b>Decision Required</b>	

## CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 2 CONTENT

### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1. The purpose of this item is to seek formal confirmation of the content of **Proposed Plan Change 2 (PPC2)** from Council.

### 2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Council:

- a. receives the information contained in Report No. 18-190 and Annex.
- b. adopts the content of Proposed Plan Change 2 as detailed in Annex A.

### 3. FINANCIAL IMPACT

- 3.1. Plan change costs are provided for in the LTP budget for 2018-19.

### 4. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 4.1. Engagement with iwi began in early August 2018. Plan change information was distributed to resource user groups and other interested parties in late September. Meetings have been attended to discuss the plan change and use of a streamlined process as opportunities have arisen. Engagement is ongoing.

### 5. SIGNIFICANT BUSINESS RISK IMPACT

- 5.1. This item is needed as part of the process of preparing PPC2 for the formal RMA planning process. There is no significant business risk impact associated with this item.

### 6. BACKGROUND

- 6.1. In August 2018 Council directed the Chief Executive to proceed toward notification of a plan change to recalibrate Table 14.2 of the One Plan as soon as possible [Strategy and Policy Committee resolution SP 18-96]. Confirmation of the content of the plan change is the next step to implement the resolution.

### 7. DISCUSSION

- 7.1. PPC2 is a technical recalibration of Table 14.2 using the most up-to-date version of Overseer®.
- 7.2. The Year 1 cumulative nitrogen leaching maximums in the plan change are those calculated by the **Massey University Fertiliser and Lime Research Centre (FLRC)** (reference: [http://www.horizons.govt.nz/HRC/media/Media/One%20Plan%20Documents/FLRC-Revised-Table-14-2-Summary-Report-\(Part-C\)-July-2018.pdf?ext=.pdf](http://www.horizons.govt.nz/HRC/media/Media/One%20Plan%20Documents/FLRC-Revised-Table-14-2-Summary-Report-(Part-C)-July-2018.pdf?ext=.pdf)).

- 7.3. The Year 5, 10 and 20 cumulative nitrogen leaching maximums have been calculated using the methodology outlined by FLRC in Part B of its report as follows:
- The percentage decreases in values in each of the subsequent years after Year 1 in the operative Table 14.2 were identified; and
  - These percentage decreases were applied to the revised Year 1 values to obtain revised values for Years 5, 10 and 20 in the recalibrated Table 14.2.
- 7.4. This ensures reductions in recalibrated Table 14.2 are in the same proportions as the current operative Table 14.2.
- 7.5. To ensure PPC2 content is consistent with the FLRC methodology, the values in the recalibrated Table 14.2 have been rechecked. This has resulted in minor corrections to five of the 32 values. These do not materially affect any previous information or discussions about the plan change, but significantly reduce the risk of future technical challenges to PPC2.
- 7.6. The Ministry for the Environment has also commissioned advice from planning and legal experts on the intensive land use provisions. As that advice is finalised it may influence the plan change process. Officers will revisit plan change content with Members if the advice substantively impacts Horizons' proposed direction.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1. Pre-notification engagement with specified parties, including the Minister for the Environment, local authorities, and iwi and hapū has begun and is ongoing. A range of other stakeholders, such as industry, non-Government organisations and community groups have also been advised of the plan change. This has been done via correspondence and through meetings and community engagement events. It is also available on our website.

## **9. TIMELINE / NEXT STEPS**

- 9.1. Once the content of PPC2 is confirmed, it will form part of the application to the Minister for the Environment for a direction to use the streamlined planning process. It is planned that the application will be made at the end of October 2018.

## **10. SIGNIFICANCE**

- 10.1. This is not a significant decision according to the Council's Policy on Significance and Engagement. Decisions related to the plan change process are made under the requirements of the Resource Management Act.

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## **ANNEXES**

- A Proposed Plan Change 2 Content for Confirmation