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Dear Phil

### IMPLICATIONS OF THE ENVIRONMENT COURT DECLARATIONS

I wrote to you on 8 June 2017 with a detailed reply to your earlier correspondence. Having not heard further from you, I reiterate my offer to meet with you to discuss implementation of the intensive land use policies and rules in the One Plan.

As you know Council has been working on a revised set of guidance material for applicants following the Environment Court declarations. In doing so Horizons has sought professional legal and planning advice alongside the work of council staff. We have also considered the planning advice you provided to us. The guidance documents will be finalised in the next few weeks and I will be taking them in draft to Council's Strategy and Policy in August.

Council staff have also been considering the ability of applicants to provide an adequate application, to obtain and to exercise a consent for intensive land use. This includes understanding the implications of the declarations and the rules and policies for farmers and our communities. The outcomes of work completed to date will be reported to Council's Strategy and Policy Committee in August. Once this committee meeting has occurred I suggest it would be valuable for our organisations to engage further on the implications of this work. Clearly there is a significant level of community concern and uncertainty so I suggest that if you do wish to discuss this work it should be before the end of August.

I reiterate my offer to continue to engage with the Environmental Defence Society and Fish & Game.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael McCartney", written over a white background.

Michael McCartney  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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