

SUBMISSION

TO; HORIZONS – Manawatu/Wanganui Regional Council
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SUBJECT PROPOSED ONE PLAN

Thank you for the opportunity to allow me to make a submission as regards the POP. I originally submitted that the Proposed One Plan did not utilize the Treaty Partner in the development of its document. Now I realize that this was beyond the capabilities of the legislation of the RMA Act and is a too hard basket for any Regional Council to go outside their arena to implement. Therefore I will only recount some recent events and a brief recommendation.

I have been issued with the following documents:

- 1 Supporting documentation Appendix to Section 42A Report of Bettina Anderson on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.
- 2 Planning Evidence and Recommendations Report May 2008
- 3 Section 42A Report of Percy on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.
- 4 Section 42A Bettina Anderson on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.
- 5 Section 42A Andrea Ruth Bell on behalf of Horizons Regional Council.
- 6 Frequently asked questions(16 pages) on Iwi Management Plans from the Quality Planning website www.qualityplanning.org.nz/plan-topics/faq-iwi-managment.php
- 7 Other material throughout the two years from a farm planning perspective.

The reason why the information concerning the POP came to my notice is because of the farming issues as a trustee we are now faced with in the Plan. As regards been consulted as part of an Iwi/Hapu I had no knowledge of the Councils consultation process due to Treaty Claims issues.

One property called Manunui No 2 situated in the Ruapehu District needed to have a hill side contoured because of deep chasms appearing in the soil. The controlling body of trustees engaged staff members of Horizons to give their opinion about how best to

achieve a good outcome and continue to have access into the property otherwise the hillside may slide and block off that only access. The staff was very experienced cooperative, knowledgeable and scientific in their approach to the problem and the suggestions that were given on the three separate times were implemented and the contouring of the hillside achieved a favourable outcome.

I mention this experience because members of the board were skeptical in the Horizon team's knowledge of farming operations and needs and were expecting restrictions to hinder progress to our farming operation needs. Well this never eventuated. To me this shows how the POP will work in the future.

Then in the Rangitikei region the issue is of water aquifer and river erosion and metal extraction that is causing our farmland to be "eaten away". This makes me alert to the need for the Council to notify the Landowner as well as the land Occupier. Most of the Maori Land Status is leased and the Maori Land owner is not made aware of the effects the Regional Council Plans can affect the future generation equity land use.

RECOMMENDATION

Thus my only recommendation is a policy to verify the Maori Land Status properties and seek ways to alert the Maori Land Owners of the future plans that Council develops so that they can have part in ownership of them and know that these plans affect the future generations' equity base.

Kia ora

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