

Submission to Horizons Regional Council – Plan Change 2

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1. I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
2. I own a 96 ha Dairy farm milking 240 cows near Dannevirke.
3. I run the farm as a system 3 operation targeting 100,000kg/ms. The farm is flat with around 1200mm rainfall. It has the Kumeti stream running through it which we have re-fenced and planted since buying the farm and also have constructed 2 bridges for stock and vehicle crossings. The system we run on the farm has been modeled in overseer showing N leaching of around 35kg/N/ha. The farm is currently experimenting with plantain as a measure to lower N loss. This is adding significant cost and extra workload and as yet the results are not able to be modeled to show any improvements in the N loss. But I have been assured the science is not far away.
4. The existing nitrogen rules in the One Plan are affecting my property and farming. As I am unable to gain resource consent, I do not have the certainty required to leverage full support from my bank, ultimately limiting investing in on farm environmental improvements including nutrient mitigations.
5. I am particularly concerned about the following aspects of Plan Change 2.
  - a. The significant negative effect on rural communities.
  - b. The cost and practicality of the proposal, including the cost of obtaining consent, the cost of any Assessment of Environmental Effects required, the potential cost if the consent application is notified, and the cost of mitigation activities for reduction of nitrogen and other nutrients.
  - c. The effect that meeting the Table 14.2 Cumulative Nitrogen Leaching Maximums (CNLMs) will have on my business and on my family's and my community's economic and social wellbeing.
  - d. The uncertainties for my business if I am required to submit and comply with a Nutrient Management Plan (and/or Overseer budget) on an annual basis, and the ongoing uncertainty about how my farm will be impacted by future Overseer version changes.
  - e. The lack of science and monitoring at the sub catchments level and the lack of relationship between Table 14.2 and the CNLMs, the N leaching

from my farm, and the desired water quality objectives.

6. I support the submissions that have been lodged by DairyNZ and Federated Farmers and the relief they have sought. .
7. I wish to be heard at the Hearing.