Policies and rules for Water Quality – Point Source Discharges

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Chapter 13 Discharges to Land and Water	
1. Policy 13-8 (10) Exceptions to Nitrogen Leaching Values page 13-6	In response to matters raised by Fonterra.
2. Policy 13-9 (11) Transfer of N-Loss page 13-7	In response to matters raised by Fonterra.
3. Table 13.1 Water Management Sub-Zones pages 13-8 and 13-9 (Section 4.78, page 191 of the officers report and section 4.78, page 308 of Appendix 1)	Dates have been moved out for the first three catchments to recognise the current dates have either passed or are close. The addition of all other catchments was to recognise that Rule 13-1 for new uses applies to all catchments and there was no "kick in" date.
4. Table 13.2 Land Use Capability Classes pages 13-9 and 13-10 (Section 4.79, page 193 of the officers report and section 4.79 page 310 of Appendix 1)	
5. Rule 13-1 Intensive Farming page 13-11 (Section 4.81, page 197 of the officers report and section 4.81, page 325 of Appendix 1)	Note working with Hort NZ to develop an alternative approach to deal with commercial vegetable growing and potentially take this activity out of Rule 13-1 and require compliance with NZ GAP as a Permitted Activity.
6. Rule 13-2 Fertiliser page 13-15 (Section 4.82 page 200 of the officers report and section 4.82 page 358 of Appendix 1)	Refer to Code of Practice for Nutrient Management as that is the generic applicable code. Inclusion of 60 kg/N/ha/year to set a limit when a nutrient budget will be required. Working with the Fertiliser Industry to potentially include a standard around a kg/N/ha/year across an individual block on a farm and to consider further the need to refer to the Aerial Spreadmark Code for aerial application of fertiliser.
	Assessing the links between the bio solid

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	and fertiliser definitions and rules in response to the questions from the Panel.
7. Rule 13-3 Stock Feed page 13-15 (Section 4.83, page 204 of the officers report and section 4.83, page 365 of Appendix 1)	As a result of legal review the wording has been recommended to be changed to clarify when the sealing requirement applies which is for farm silage storage pits greater than 500m ² per property and feed pads.
8. Rule 13-4 Biosolids pages 13-16 and 13-17 (Section 4.84, page 207 of the officers report and section 4.84, page 368 of Appendix 1)	Having discussed the CPG NZ's submission with them it is recommended to include an additional clause (ea) to cover the discharge of grade Aa biosolids in accordance with the Guidelines for the Safe Application of Biosolids to Land.
	Deletion of (d)(i) and (ii) as clause (f) deals with the effect of concern which is offensive or objectionable odour and these setbacks would be unduly restrictive in terms of where biosolids could be applied.
9. Rule 13-5 Offal Holes page 13-18 (Section 4.85 page 211 of the officers report and section 4.85 page 374 of Appendix 1)	Clauses (a) and (f) – the changes are to provide greater clarity of wording. Deletion of clause (e)(v) as setbacks from water bodies is covered in clause (e)(iv).
	Not recommending the deletion of clause (e)(i) and (ii) which cover setbacks as also included in the Rule 13-4. There is some choice in the location of offal holes and farm dumps unlike the application of biosolids and therefore the setbacks are not unduly restrictive.
10. Rule 13-6 Farm Animal Effluent page 13-19(Section 4.86, page 214 of the officers report and section 4.86, page 377 of	Clause (b) altered to clarify intent. Clauses (a) and (c)(iv) – inclusion of drains to provide grater clarity as to what is covered.
Appendix 1)	Clause (a) in the Control Column – changes in response to matters raised through the Hearing to provide greater clarity.
	Clause (f) in the Control Column to state "including but not limited to effluent storage" to assist in what is covered by

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	the matters of control.
11. Rule 13-7 Effluent from New Piggeries page 13-20	No changes recommended.
(Section 4.87, page 218 of the officers report and section 4.87, page 390 of Appendix 1)	
12. Rule 13-8 page 13-20	No changes recommended.
(Section 4.88, page 219 of the officers report and section 4.88, page 391 of Appendix 1)	

