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FURTHER SUBMISSION P.O.P. Ch. 5 LAND

1 In response to minutes § 9 1-10 and the yellow pages.

The Hearing Committee has proposed changes of minutes proportions

This is appreciated but in the yellow pages 5.1. the accuracy and rationale of the Plan remains unchallenged.

2 The H2A report from Allan Cook warrants close examination.

His para 6 concentrates on 2004 but represents 35 yrs experience

8+9 are the critical factors of training and experience.

10 Admits the exclusion of the 1897 Rangitikei event. This happened before and outside deforestation and is relevant.

11 And continues to do so utterly <sup>IRRESP</sup> irresponsibly.

15-25 Records the present situation

24 Acknowledges a significant proportion of total material is from lateral channel erosion and degradation in <sup>MRD</sup> ~~said~~ catchments.

27 This assumption is contrary to 24 and to

3. Landcare 1992 p51 7.1.1 Geology, and quote

"Rapid rates of geological uplift typically 1-3 mm a year

ie 1-3 metres every thousand years. Rivers and streams

downcut at approximately the same rate in order to maintain

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their courses, overstepping and undermining the base of slopes."

This is natural erosion driven by geological movement building up a potential 12 million tonnes per annum until the next storm

4. Yellow pages 5.1 Scope and Background remain unaltered to the content of Cook. 8+9 an unbiased appraisal could not produce 5.1.1+2 with a content that covers only the failings of the hills and not the many advantages of better roading, better internal access, better <sup>FENCING</sup> fences, and greatly improved farm management, while completely ignoring the failure to provide for the natural processes of the flood plain, in the lower catchments.

5. Many submissions challenge the whole concept of P.O.P. and of the evidence used to justify it, and its relevance to the principles of the RMA. It is also true that many applaud its restrictive nature. What is the evidence.

It is my opinion that it is the duty of the Hearing Committee to test the validity of the submissions.

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6. The 341 page Planning Evidence & Recommendations Report is written by Council planners. With the best intentions this document cannot be seen as anything but biased. It would be better headed "Council staff response to submissions"

LUCs are well known and respected as a guide

Remote sensing as a tool fails because it does nothing to identify

fragile land on a usable scale. is at a scale that can

identify where control is justified. The cost is prohibitive.

Conclusion - without prejudice to initial submissions,

① yellow pages Policy 5-2 Replace "shall" with may.

a The Regional Council may -- for consistency with a

② Make provision within the area of FMA to

exclude parcels of land that can provide evidence

of neither loss of production or residual loss of soil

NOTE. All land erodes. The definition of accelerated

erosion is based on arbitrary standards. The

inclusion within the FMA. implies controls also

arbitrary.

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