

SUBMISSION ON THE PROPOSED REGIONAL LAND AND WATER PLAN

**UNDER CLAUSE 6 OF THE FIRST SCHEDULE TO THE
RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

Please note that submissions are required to be received by the West Coast Regional Council no later than **5.00 pm, Friday 15 October 2010.**

To: Chief Executive Officer
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Submission On: Proposed Regional Land and Water Plan

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1. The specific provisions of the Proposed Plan that my submission relates to are as follows:

Rule 72 & 73 (Policy 9.3.6)
(Policy 9.3.7)

2. My submission is that: [State in summary the nature of your submission. Clearly indicate whether you support or oppose the specific provisions or wish to have amendments made, giving reasons.]

We are against the restriction of type of fertiliser we are allowed to use as our farm is less established (less than 5 years dairying) we have to some lower fertility areas we would like to develop. We have already bridged our main waterway, we have recently dug ponds and now have 3 months storage for our effluent, and are fencing waterways.

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These improvements have been at our own expense and we are committed to continue improving, but we feel that limiting fertiliser use will restrict production and income which will limit ongoing environmental work.

3. I seek the following decision from the West Coast Regional Council [give precise details]:

I would like to see the fertiliser rule to be changed so that more soluble types of P can be used as long as there is regular soil testing, nutrient budget completed, nutrient management plan completed and best practice for application followed.

4. I ~~do~~ or do not wish to be heard in support of my submission [delete one].

5. If others make a similar submission I would or ~~would not~~ be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing [delete one].

Shelley A. Selby
[Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission]

15-10-10
[Date]

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Changes to Regional Plan Policies and Rules in the Lake Brunner Catchment.

Thank you for the opportunity to consult regarding the proposed changes to the Lake Brunner Catchment. As land-owners in the catchment we have some concerns over the proposed changes.

Since consultation began, we (on our farm) have dug effluent ponds to enable us to have three months storage, we have continued fencing off waterways, and bridged Dry creek. All of these have been at our expense, during hard financial times (due to Dairy company clawback and \$3 advance last season). We feel we are being proactive, making farm improvements as we can, and as our farm is one of the less established (developed) in the catchment, we will be penalised by being forced to use RPR, which will limit production, therefore limit income.

We are committed to improving our farm, and environment, and generally have no problem with the proposed changes. We believe the main cause of phosphorous in the waterways is effluent, due to poor effluent systems (or poor irrigator monitoring), stand-off pads and stock crossings and access to waterways.

The issue we have with the proposed changes is the restriction of fertiliser. We have applied sub-maintenance phosphorous over the past 5 years (we haven't even been dairying here for 5 years), so our average tonnage is below what we would like to apply. We also have some lower fertility areas, which we would like to improve, and RPR alone will not do it. We see humps and hollows in the catchment, which have not had capital fertiliser applied, and they are devoid of any decent ryegrass. Stock then pug them, and move soil around, which we believe is more detrimental to the environment.

Our other concern is that wintering cows out of the catchment will require higher stocking rates (to pay for the grazing), which will mean more stock in the catchment during the regular wet spring season.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our concerns.

Yours Sincerely



Arthur & Sonya Perkin