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Subject: (Bridget Hone 1/2) RE: Submission

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The answer to all those questions is NO.

Thank you,
Bridget Hone

From: Healthy Rivers [mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 March, 2017 4:13 p.m.
To: ruha2000@kinect.co.nz
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Hi Bridget,

Thank you for your submission.

I just require answers to a few questions in order for your submission to be considered complete, this is a requirement under the Resource Management Act.

- Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission?
- Do you wish to speak at the hearing in support of your submission?
- If others make a similar submissions, would you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing?

Once this information has been received your submission will be processed.

After submission closing date 8 March 2017, all submissions will be collated and you will then be sent a formal letter acknowledging receipt of your submissions. This letter will contain further information about the next steps in the submission process including information about hearings dates.

Kind regards,
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This is a Submission for the "Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1"

We live in an area that is Priority 3 on your catchment map but have 2 other farms on the Western Bays which are Priority 2 on your map.

We have considerable gullies at our Farm at Ngakuru, 15ha of them out of our farm 220ha. these have been fenced off, we pay full rates on these, some were retired about 20 years ago by environment Waikato.

After retiring these gullies, or fencing off any creek, they become choked with Blackberry within a couple of years. This can cause a blockage in the watercourses and cause "Blowouts" from time to time when there is a high rainfall incident. The cattle cannot get into our creeks but do keep the edges clean which prevents this from happening.

This area does not have a problem with its water quality. Our local lake Ohakuri, one of the Hydro dams on the Waikato river has the Whirinaki Arm in our valley. The water in the arm gets considerable algal growth and is certainly 'unswimmable' at certain times of the summer. This has been tested and the nutrient levels are quite acceptable, but it is a result of the Ohakuri Dam 'holding up' the water flow and the temperature then increasing in the arm and the algal growth happening.

The Waikato river is one of the cleanest rivers in the world its problems of nutrient and sediment accumulation come from the 7 Hydrodams on it that prevent the nutrients and sediment from being 'washed out' like they do in any other river.

The Sediment problems in the Waipa river are as a result of the Koi Carp that were put into the river by Environment Waikato many years ago to reduce the vegetation in the river. These are now in 'plague' proportions and churn up the river bed constantly foraging for food.

Many of the problems of the degradation of the river are from town pollution: detergents used, run off from roads, sewerage from the towns and cities and factories such as Kinleith Paper factory, Horotiu Freezing works, rather than just the farmers.

This proposal is trying to get the nutrient level that is pre population is quite unrealistic as the natural nutrients from the soil and the Geothermal activity from this area contribute to the nutrient loading of the river.

Basing the "Healthy Rivers" directive on the "Overseer programme" is totally unrealistic as it is based on many assumptions and dictates an historical level on nutrients so the people that are carefully farming to control these are penalised. The programme is also owned by two fertiliser companies Ravensdown and Ballance.

The "Grandparenting" of nutrients that you have suggested will stagnate the industry so no development will be allowed to take place. The Dairy Industry is the Waikato, and the country's biggest revenue earner. It would be crazy to stagnate it so that it cannot progress as it will stifle the country's income. Yes do it in a sustainable way but don't stagnate it so that land cannot be converted to make up for the loss of good Dairy land around our cities.

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