

Pastoral Farming within Limits

A Transitional Approach

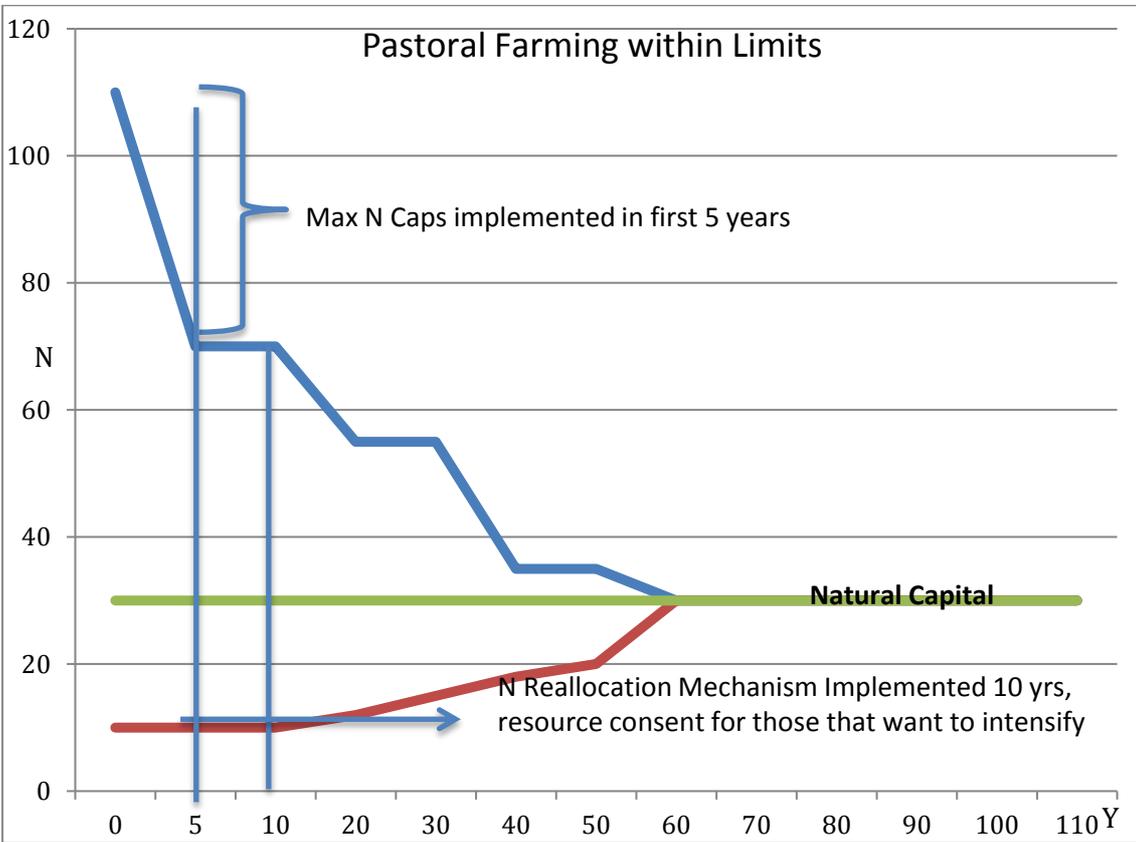
Introduction

We propose that we adopt a transitional approach that recognises current investment and existing land use and creates a pathway to achieving the Vision and Strategy through reductions of contaminant loss and takes a considered approach to land use change.

In essence it is a combination of grand parenting transitioning to natural capital over time.

Key Points

- This approach considers land users in terms of loss of contaminants, it does not focus on sectors
- Existing land use, investment, and corresponding loss rates must be recognised and a transitional pathway created to achieve acceptable contaminant loss rates for that land over time
- The Natural Capital approach is used to determine the final loss rate and limit
- It is fully acknowledged that there is work to be done to refine Natural Capital of the land in the Waikato and Waipa catchments
- The CSG has discussed establishing hard limits once more robust information has been collected and knowledge is developed
- We envisage that part of the process will be the development and refinement of Natural Capital within the Waikato and Waipa catchments



Implementation Time Frames (indicative only)

First Five years

- Max N caps put in place to bring down high emitters
- Development of property plans and actions to **address all four contaminants**
- Development of Natural Capital of land classes within the Waikato and Waipa Catchments
- In the first five years, any increased contaminant loss to be managed through resource consent

Five to Ten years

- Definition of Natural Capital N loss rate limits
- Step wise reductions in N loss towards Natural Capital
- N reallocation mechanism implemented to distribute any headroom created through reductions towards Natural capital over time

Ten to Sixty years

- Step wise reductions in N loss towards Natural Capital
- N reallocation mechanism continues to distribute any headroom created through reductions towards Natural capital over time
- Natural Capital loss rates realised at 60 years in accordance with CSG time frames (50% towards V and S in 60yrs)