

Waikato



REGIONAL COUNCIL

Te Kaunihera ā Rohe o Waikato

Healthy Rivers: proposed rules

Feedback from implementers

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We will cover...

- Property plans
 - Likely numbers
 - Cost
 - Key requirements for rules
- General feedback on rules

Property Plans

Land activity	Landuse	Property Numbers	Totals	Area (ha)	Totals
Farms	Dairy	3638	7606 (45%)	393,335	715,012 (74%)
	Sheep and Beef	3287		292,663	
	Deer	144		13,116	
	Hort/cropping	537		15,899	
Not farms	Native Forest	127	9258 (55%)	85,965	246,561 (26%)
	Plantation Forest	178		94,316	
	Lifestyle	7487		21,519	
	Unclassified	1466		44,761	
Totals		16864	16864	961,573	961,573

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Examples of other plan costs

Plan example	Hours	Cost
SLUI (Horizons)	16 - 20	\$4-5k
One Plan (Horizons) (N only)	16 - 20	\$4-5k
Waipa farm plans	40	\$5k
Sustainable Milk Plans		\$2k
Lake Taupo Benchmarking and NMPs		\$11k average actual cost
N benchmarking using SMP or Milk Co data		Potentially quite low
LEP 3	24	\$3k

Feedback on Decision Tree of Rules

Generic:

- Consents v permitted activities
- Drafting challenges
- Interrelationships between rules/plans
- Monitoring challenges

Rule 1 (prohibited activity)

- Support prohibited activity
- Date of implementation
- Stock in water vs stock exclusion
- Drains?

Rule 2 (non-complying activity)

- Extremely difficult to monitor
- Response to complaints only?
- Enforcement very difficult
- Unintended outcomes?

Rule 3 (permitted activity)

- Implementation challenges – again likely to rely on complaint response
- Incorporate requirement to register with Council?
- Incorporate requirement to provide information to Council?

Rule 4 (permitted activity)

- Unintended/perverse outcomes?
 - Small operations might not comply (and need consent)
 - Large operations might comply (and avoid consent)
 - What numbers of properties will comply with rules 3 and 4?
- If large, might this compromise achievement of the water quality objectives

Rules that require property plans

- Scope/nature of rules currently unclear
- Numbers of properties subject to these requirements is currently unclear
- Current industry schemes are very variable
- Industry schemes – liability question to be addressed

Property plans (cont)

Whether:

- attached to PA or consent
- Industry-led or not
- the Plan change needs to provide for:
 - Clear standards for MP content and process;
 - Clear connection between actions and objectives;
 - Clear standard for accrediting and auditing plan preparers
 - Appropriate council access to relevant information

Questions?

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