

SUBMISSION ON PLAN CHANGE 1 (PC1)
TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN
GREATER WELLINGTON (GW)

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Declarations

We do not stand to gain commercial advantage from our submission.

We wish to be heard in support of our submission.

Submission

- The wording Whaitua Te Whanganui-a-Tara and Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua, without the English translation, mean absolutely nothing to us. The language used in the voluminous documents is very difficult to follow and understand.
- Consultation with those people directly affected by this proposed change has been poor as we only heard about it approximately one week ago. This proposed Plan Change baffles us. GW appears to be proposing a plan aimed at the smaller block owner based on the perception that there is a major problem being created by these people. Where is the evidence/proof of this based on actual investigations of those properties?
- If an actual investigation had been carried out you would have found that the majority of small block owners carry stock numbers well below commercial farmers with many having the smaller and rarer breeds of cattle , alpacas, miniature horses, rare sheep, horses etc. Logic tells us that the problems result from the larger more intense farming and logging operations being carried out within these catchment areas. The silt and other debris deposited

in the water bodies from these logging operations is obvious following prolonged heavy rain.

- We have owned this property for 22 years and in that time the stream has not caused any problems through erosion. No fertiliser (with exception of liming) has been applied to the land and we constantly run stock numbers well below those carried by a larger commercial farm. In fact we are a small stud breeding farm for Dexter Cattle that have an average weight of approximately 300-350kgs for a Dexter cow. These are a smaller breed of cattle with an equivalent 3.7 stock unit (SU) compared to the “Standard Cow” that has a SU of 5.5
- On a personal note if we are required to completely fence off this stream, which runs the entire length of our property it would effectively destroy the property by splitting it in two requiring moving the cattle along the road from one half to the other to keep them completely out of the stream. Additional fencing, water troughs, a water tank and piping and fittings that would cost approximately \$25,000. As I have a rare form of cancer requiring a large financial commitment any work on this proposed Plan Change would be low on our priority list.

THEREFORE WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 (PC1). IT IMPINGES ON OUR PERSONAL FREEDOM AND IS AUTHORITARIAN AND DICTATORIAL TO ITS CORE.

We are therefore seeking the following relief if it passes

- Financial help from GW up to \$25,000 for fencing, water troughs, pipe and fittings and a water tank.
- Maintenance by GW of weeds including any gorse, blackberry, barberry and broom within the fenced off stream area.