

## Submission to Regional Plan Change

My name is William Gerard Gill. I have lived and farmed in South Makara for over 40 years.

I have had to quickly read the over 750 pages of documentation and Maps pertaining to the Plan change and the associated report that was put on the internet after the Plan had been lodged on 30 October 2023.

I attended a meeting in Ohariu on 4 Dec at short notice, thanks to advice received from other locals. I was not contacted as an affected party.

Based on the GWRC report they had categorized 129 properties as being over 20 Hectares, so GWRC must have known which entities were affected and did not communicate the extent of the intended impact upon our properties.

Based on the information provided from attending the GWRC run meeting and from the documentation on the internet, I am losing majority of my farm to: -

A/ The High-risk erosion provisions, and

B/ The Lower slopes Provisions, Part a and Part b, and

C/ Significant Natural areas (SNA;s)and

D/ Forestry-- an inability to replant and inability to return that land to grazing land due to the Land change stocking rate provisions.

Apparently, there is a requirement to retire some of my land and to exclude stock from other parts deemed to be SNAs or from certain waterways, from Lower slopes and from erosion prone areas.

Effectively this is shutting down my farming operation, which is my livelihood, or to simplify it you are closing my business.

By February I will be able to talk to my submissions and will have sought some answers from GWRC.

I will need the appropriate amount of time to detail my statements adequately, so do not want to be shut with a statutory 5 minutes or whatever the norm is.

Information required by GWRC.....

We reserve the right to add more to this submission and to speak to it at any hearing in the future.

We would consider presenting a joint case at the hearing with others who make a similar submission.

We could NOT gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Many thanks for accepting this submission in this format.

Sincerely

William Gill

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