



Submission form

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Post: The Chief Executive Bay of Plenty Regional Council PO Box 364 Whakatāne 3158	or Fax: 0800 884 882	or email: rules@boprc.govt.nz
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Submitter name:

This is a submission on **Proposed Plan Change 10 (Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management) to the BOP Regional Water and Land Plan.**

- 1 I ~~could~~**could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. *[Delete as required.]*
 - (a) I ~~am~~**am not** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that adversely affects the environment, and
 - (b) My submission ~~does~~**does not** relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
[Delete the entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.]
- 2 The details of my submission are in the attached table.
- 3 I ~~wish~~**do not wish** to be heard in support of my submission. *[Delete as required]*
- 4 If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing. *[Delete if you would not consider presenting a joint case.]*

[Signature of person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission.]

[NOTE: A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.]

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To The Bay of Plenty Regional Council,

Re: Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management – Proposed Plan Change 10 Submission.

I do not agree with the proposed plan change to reduce nitrogen losses from rural land in the Lake Rotorua catchment, because I believe the implications outweigh the benefits to the landowners and the Rotorua community.

For the past 35 years I have lived and paid rates in the Rotorua Lakes District and have been a self-employed farmer. I am now a small land owner of 13 hectares and lease a further 4 properties which total approximately 60 hectares which are primarily used for the grazing of bulls and other livestock. I understand that under the Management Plan Change 10, myself and the land owners of these blocks would require consents after 2022 under LR R8.

In order for my business to be profitable, I need to run 2.5 yearling bulls per hectare which I pay a lease of \$500 per hectare (annually) to the landowner, plus any running costs of my own. The lease amount allows the landowner to pay their rates and water and very little of anything else. The proposed changes to restrict the amount of livestock on these properties would make it uneconomical to farm and pay the additional costs occurred by the rule changes. The value of the properties in the Rotorua Lakes Catchment have already lost millions of dollars because of the uncertainty of these requirements.

As one of many farmers and small farm owners in the catchment, it is very concerning to imagine the implications this will have on farmers and their willingness to continue their businesses in the Rotorua Lakes District. Personally, my business expenses alone generate over \$200,000 back into the local industry and I can only imagine the across-industry effects this would have on our local economy and communities.

I have received extensive information from the BOP regional council and other industry news regarding the proposed changes, however, I am yet to receive one feasibility study on the economic benefits or consequences for the region justifying the proposed changes.

As a concerned lifestyle block owner and rate payer, I would take great interest in seeing the feasibility study and to gain a better understanding as to why I should continue to run my business in the Rotorua Lakes District. I am willing to be heard and speak with evidence of my concerns at a Council hearing or within a joint case.

Yours sincerely,



John de Jong