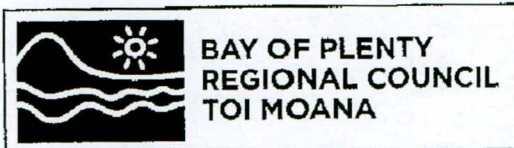


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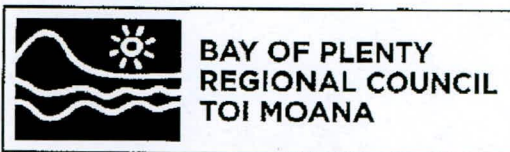
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## Mark & Sophie Dibley

Firstly – on reading through the Guide on how to make a Submission – I presume you think every farmer has been to University because you would need a Degree to understand it.

It states ***“Anyone can make a submission – you don’t have to be an expert”*** but you have to have READ and UNDERSTOOD the “Resource Management Act 1991” which requires a submission in a certain format.

Well – mine is not!!

Hello, my name is Mark Dibley, I am 57 years old, dropped out of school at 15 years old and I have lived on the same farm all my life – I am the 4<sup>th</sup> generation to run the farm. I do not have a DEGREE from University but I know my FARM

130 years ago my Great Grandparents purchased the original part of the farm - and when they settled here, there was only ONE house between them and Rotorua.

Our farm currently has the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> generation living on it.

I cannot see any of my children (I have 3) carrying on with the farm as the new rules will make it impossible farm. Our new NDA is in the 50’s but this changes every week and depends on who you talk to.

Basically the new NDA would mean cutting our cow numbers from 600 to 400 with loads of new compliance costs.

Sophie and I have work extremely hard to get to where we are and a good deal of our success was convincing the BANKS that we knew how to farm and could come up with the same results through

proven methods with high quality grass, high quality cows, and producing high quality milk.

The BANK has lent us money according to the production we can produce but with new rules and decreased production, our debt servicing is in serious doubt.

We also employ a 50/50 Sharemilker who has a contract saying he can milk 600 cows and under the new system we would only be allowed 400 cows – this will also put our contract with the Sharemilker in jepody and also put the Sharemilker out of business – the Sharemilker also employs 2 families on the farm which will also lose their jobs under new rules.

If we were to go to 400 cows our farm would end up a total mess. We grow too much grass in October, November and December which we make into silage for later in the year – under new system there would be twice as much silage which we wouldn't be able to afford to make, and the cows wouldn't need it anyway – we wouldn't be able to sell it as everyone else would be in the same situation.

We have already spent several hundred thousand dollars on installing a new effluent system and lined pond, fencing off all waterways and planting native trees on non productive land.

We have Bus loads of overseas tourists coming to the farm at various times during the year now, as we have a tidy well run dairy farm which we are proud of and are happy to share with these tourists. We wouldn't be able to do this under new system as we wouldn't proud of our farm!!

I'm also told that I can no longer plant summer or winter crops for our cows – why is it that you are only picking on farmers? Every household around Lake Rotorua – approx. 25,000 of them – all have



a flower garden and most would have a vege garden – this I would estimate a vege garden of 25 square meters – that would equate to a crop of 60ha (not counting flower gardens) all of which are under no rules as to cultivation/fertilizer/sprays etc and many of these are right on lake edge!! Why don't they have to stop this?

We are sick of people telling us what to do and how we should farm – every week the Scientists are coming up with new data and what they said last week is different to this week – the new rules that are trying to be put into place for our farm are ridiculous and not sustainable.

We have around 45 neighbours surrounding our property – all looking over the fence waiting for us to make a mistake – thus is the fear that the Regional Council has put into the community.

We are now told the Lake is as clean as it was in 1926 and word is that a lot of this is from the Allum that goes into 2 rivers tha flow through Rotorua – that's right – through the City – No DAIRY FARMS there!!

I have lived on Oturoa Road all my life, I'm very proud of where I live, I love Rotorua and the lake – I wouldn't be doing anything I thought was bad for the lake as I want to be able to continue farming here.