

Submission Form

To reach the CEO, Bay Of Plenty Regional Council, PO Box 364, Whakatane 3158 or email to rules@boprc.govt.nz or Fax to 0800 884882

no later than 4pm on Wednesday 27th April 2016.

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

I am an individual submitter and I wish to be heard as an individual.

My name is Roger Martin and Norreen
Martin_____

My address is __291 Maraeroa Road , RD2
Rotorua_____

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hours_____

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Fax_____

I have farmed at this address for __60_____Years and I own __96_____Ha of land.

I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the Plan Change has a direct impact on my ability to farm.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

Background Information:_____

I support finding the right environmental solutions for Lake Rotorua but the solutions must be fair and equitable across the entire community. Our elected representatives on Council have chosen to notify the rules, even though the lake is already at the target level required & there is legitimate concerns around the evidence, the science, the accuracy & enforcement.

My concerns with Plan Change 10 Rules are:

1.The Plan Change 10 Rules to be imposed on pastoral land owners are not fair nor equitable. The impact on my property will be –

It will affect our farm business, capital value and flexibility of farm use in the future.

2. The sustainable load to Lake Rotorua was first estimated in the early 1980's & has not been verified by actual scientific truth testing since then. I request the recalculation of the sustainable load target to Lake Rotorua and the recalculation of the nitrogen input from land use to the Lake as part of a larger Science Review to be started in 2017. Nitrogen targets may be changed to the detriment of sensible land use.

3. I do not support the Policies, Method or Rules of Plan Change 10. I do not support the nitrogen discharge allowance process and the requirement that land owners reduce nutrient loss by way of regulation. I do not

support the requirement for land owners to complete farm management plans that will be part of a compliance process. I do not support BOP Regional Council micro managing my farming business. It is impossible to develop a plan committing ones self to actions up to 15 years in the future.

It was never intended that farm plans would become part of the consent process. The idea appears to be very draconian.

The lack of recognition of good farming and environmental issues such as swamp land, native tree copses and the type of farming must be taken into consideration.

A suggested 5 yearly review of the plan be implemented to reassess the rules.

Signed _____ Roger & Norreen

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