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

I am opposed to the proposed plan change 10.

My name is Eileen Campbell – my husband and I share milk on a Lake Rotorua catchment dairy farm. We have been share milking on the same farm since 1 June 2002 and our entire farming career has been dominated by the absolute uncertainty the proposed rules for nitrogen create – We have already made big changes to our farming system by removing 230 cows and two fulltime staff, we know that the proposed rules will make it uneconomic for us to continue farming.

I really struggle to understand rules that have be described as “best science” with only the possibility that the lake may improve in 80 years can be enforced and put my family out of business today. To me the proposed rules notified by our elected representatives are making this generation of farmers entirely responsible for the sediments on the bottom of the lake – *even though the lake is at target and we drink this water!!!*

The whole of the Rotorua community will feel the effects of the proposed rules but this is not well known. The most obvious is the reduction in land values which therefore equals less rate revenue for the district council this will be just part of the districts economic decline. Does the Rotorua community want to look out at green hill sides or be completely surrounded by trees...? Have they even been asked???

The information we are being fed by EBOP keeps changing, everything appears to be unproven, the models used are guesswork, first no attenuation, then 30% attenuation, but could it actually be 50%+ attenuation? We are told 435 ton of N is a sustainable load for the TLI target of 4.2 but this target has been reached with the current N load –we are told that the current load is approximately 755 ton of N... How can there be a rule enforced reduction target of 320 ton of N from unverified presumptions? Independent peer reviewed science is needed and a recalculation of the sustainable load target.

**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 one's self to actions up to 15 years in the future.**

I am in support of the Federated Farmers submission.

If others make a similar submission I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing

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