

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 KARL WEAVER

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I have lived at this address for 8 Years and I own ±17.5 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: ① NITROGEN REDUCTION FROM PASTORAL LANDOWNERS WILL BE OFF SET BY INCREASE NITROGEN PRODUCTION FROM GROWTH IN TOURISM AS OUR SEWAGE SYSTEM WON'T COPE IE NO NET GAIN FOR THE LAKE & LIMITED FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BY TOURISM
② DAIRY GRAZING BLOCKS OF NATURAL CAPITAL VALUE HAVE NOT BEEN RECOGNISED.

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 -

① EARLY DISCUSSIONS INDICATED THE LIKELYHOOD OF CUSTOMISED SOLUTIONS FOR INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS VIA A 'TOOLBOX' OF OPTIONS. WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO THESE?

② CAPTURING THE 'LOW FRUIT' IN EACH CATCHMENT SHOULD BE THE PRIORITY AND DRIVEN BY LANDOWNERS WITHIN THAT CATCHMENT.

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.

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.

Signed K. Weaver