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Chairman  
Hearing Commissioners  
Proposed Plan Change 10 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Water and Land Plan

**Attention:** Nora Moore, Committee Advisor

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Dear Sir

**APPLICATION BY LAKE ROTORUA PRIMARY PRODUCERS' COLLECTIVE TO DEFER COUNCIL HEARING**

We refer to the Hearing Commissioners' Memorandum No. 2 dated 12 October 2016 and to the Lake Rotorua Primary Producers' Collective's application to defer the hearing.

Ballance Agri-Nutrients (Ballance) is in alignment with our farmers being asked to meet the industry agreed Good Management Practice standards. It is our strong view is that policies and rules need to be based on robust and sound evidence and science.

Our concern with the timing of the Proposed Plan Change 10 is that the science underpinning the plan change is currently being reviewed. Proceeding to hearing, without providing an opportunity for the science review to be completed, there is an increased chance the Plan Change will be needlessly revisited in Environment Court.

Ballance sees there is merit in deferring the hearing for a short time until the science review is completed.

Regards



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