

**IN THE MATTER OF**

the Resource Management Act 1991

**AND**

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Lake Rotorua Nutrient Management – Proposed Plan Change 10 to the Bay of Plenty Regional Water and Land Plan under Clause 8B of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991.

**Date:** 21 April 2017

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**Questions for Council**

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- [1] What is the basis for the Government funding for the implementation of PC10? Are there any particular requirements of any funding agreement that the Regional Council has to adhere to?
  - [2] What activities are specifically targeted by the Government funding referred to in (1) above?
  - [3] The Council proposes that larger non benchmarked properties would be allocated the sector average – is this fair? What would be the consequences of allocating the 90<sup>th</sup> or 95<sup>th</sup> percentiles instead?
  - [4] Why is the basis for the Regional Council advising us that it is not able to purchase land in the Lake Rotorua catchment?
  - [5] What do Bay of Plenty Regional Council Farm Quality Programme, Environmental Programme and Property Plans (as required via different rules in the Regional Land and Water Plan) involve / cover? Approximately how many farms within the catchment would already have one of these in place for their farm?
  - [6] Please explain how for farms 1 and 7 shown in Appendix 11 from Sandra Barns, in the Council memorandum dated 22 March 2017 the current kg of kgN/ha/year exceeds the benchmark for the farms?
  - [7] Please provide a concise summary of the particular provisions that apply to tangata whenua ancestral lands in Plan Change 1 to the Waikato Regional Plan. The Commissioners realise
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that submissions on this Plan Change are yet to be heard, so there is no requirement to discuss the weight to be given to the provisions.

- [8] Please explain when Rule LLR8 is intended to commence as it is unclear. There appears to be a disconnect with the Table on Page 13 of the Plan Change.
- [9] Are there any unintended deletions that have been recommended to Rule 11 that should be reconsidered?
- [10] Why do nutrient management plans require detail of effluent management, gorse management and water irrigation management?
- [11] Please update the integrated framework to reflect the application of Overseer version 6.3. To what extent do these new numbers mean that proportionately greater contributions to the 2032 nitrogen catchment load target are expected from the dairying and drystock sectors, and from the incentives scheme?
- [12] What would the potential consequences be of enabling land presently in forestry, bush or scrub to be developed for drystock farming up until about 1 April 2020 (assuming this land is then provided the sector average for drystock)? If this was provided for, about how much land would the Council actually expect to be converted to drystock farming? How much of this might be land owned or managed by tangata whenua?

Retired Judge RG Whiting  
**Chairman**  
**For and on behalf of the Hearing Commissioners**

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