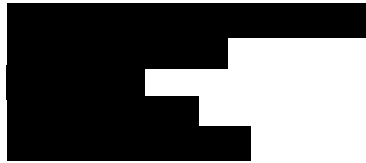


ORC Omnibus Plan Change - Plan Change 8

Submission Reference no: 4

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Clause

Are you a trade competitor?

Position

I am a person who would not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission

Notes

My concerns include sustainable land use, conservation and restoration of native vegetation, regenerative agriculture, and health and safety of potable water supply.

Clause

What are you submitting on? You can submit on specific parts of Plan Change 8 or the whole plan change.

Position

I am submitting on the whole plan change.

Notes

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Clause

What is your view on the Plan Change 8 or the specific parts listed above? Please select one, if you have multiple views state clearly in the notes box below.

Position

Oppose

Notes

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Clause

The reason(s) for my views are:

Notes

13.5.1 The concern is with the damage, not the identity of the animals which might cause it. There is little concern with analysis

of outcomes. A new section is needed, requiring the ORC to analyze ground-water (as well as lakes and rivers) for nutrient and microbiological loadings. The arbitrary "50m" boundaries in many sections could realistically be greater or less, depending upon local soil properties. These could be a default, but also subject to individual consents. Should this Plan include land-fill and offal pits?

Clause

What decision would you like the Environment Court to make?

Position

Approve the plan change with amendments

Notes

Clause

Do you wish to be heard in support of your submission? All submissions will be considered by the Environment Court. Please indicate if you wish to be heard in support of your submission.

Position

I do not wish to be heard in support of my submission

Notes

Clause

Authority to act:

Position

I confirm I have the authority to sign this submission on behalf of the submitter

Notes

Co-owner of Maori Point Vineyard Ltd