

PIKARERE FARM LIMITED

TITAHİ BAY, WELLINGTON



14 December 2023

Greater Wellington Regional Authority
Wellington

By Email: regionalplan@gw.govt.nz

RE: PLAN CHANGE PC1 TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN CONSULTATION

Please see **attached** Submission on behalf of Pikarere Farm Limited, including Plan showing location of Pikarere Farm, Titahi Bay.



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Date: 13 December 2023

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SUBMISSION ON BEHALF OF PIKARERE FARM LIMITED

TO GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL NRP PLAN, CHANGE 1

1 Pikarere Farm

1.1 It is located on the coast south of Titahi Bay.

- Northern boundary Pikarere Street, Titahi Bay.
- Southern boundary, Porirua City Boundary from Coast to Colonial Knob.
- Western boundary Coast (opposite Mana Island)
- Eastern boundary from Elsdon Native Bush Reserve (Porirua) to Colonial Knob.

1.2 Area 742 hectares.

1.3 Our family has owned and farmed the property since 1950.

1.4 It is a mixed sheep and cattle operation.

2 Conservation

2.1 We have supported conservation on the farm.

- Ring-fenced and preserved two particularly attractive blocks of native bush.
- Approximately 50 hectares of native bush on the eastern boundary (adjoining the Elsdon Bush Reserve) has been fenced off since 1955 and stock excluded.
- Above Open Bay covenanted to the Queen Elizabeth II Trust, a block of native bush of approximately 7.25 hectares.
- Also the cliffs south of Open Bay are fenced-off and are only lightly grazed so as to protect the natural state of the cliffs

2.2 There are small streams and springs on the farm.

The largest stream is Mill Creek, which commences at approximately the mid-point of the farm and flows south to the West of Ohariu Valley and ultimately into the Makara Stream.

Over the years we have built three dams on Mill Creek for birdlife and stock water.

3 We understand the purpose of the Plan change ("Plan"):

3.1 The Plan in its present form is very complicated and difficult to follow.

3.2 We have had very limited time to "get to grips" with the Plan.

3.3 We question whether the basic approach is right.

- Properties vary greatly and even different parts of our property vary greatly.

- The steeper hill country is no more prone to erosion or run-off than the valley floor areas.
- 3.4 We do not have an erosion problem on the farm and the established pasture is very stable.
- 3.5 A Farm Environment Plan should be specific to the property.
- It should be practical and simple to prepare.
 - The annual nitrogen loss assessment (three-year rolling average) and the nitrogen loss assessment tool, should be practical and easy to work.
 - The assessment of risks relating to farming activities also should be straightforward and practical, including "*Sediment Loss Risk*".
 - Stream bank erosion also should be of a practical nature.
 - Mill Creek on the farm has not changed its course over the last 70 years, despite storms and rainfall.
 - The calculation of stream bank erosion also should be practical and take account of the stream's "natural life".
 - Similar principles to apply to the assessment of slips (landslide) and hill slope run-off.
 - Erosion Risk Treatment Plans should also be practical and take account of normal and proper farming operations
- 3.6 The "*Highest Erosion Risk Land*" shown on Maps 91 and 94, in the case of the farm, do not include any significant erosion risk.

4 **Cost**

As with all farming matters, and particularly with the lack of economic return from wool, cost is an important factor and should be given proper consideration.

5 **Conclusion**

We are a party to the Ohariu/Makara Farmers' Separate Submission and support fresh, clean water and soil preservation.

It is important that in preparation of the Farm Environment Plan there be practical provisions, both as to the preparation and implementation of the Farm Environment Plan, including the overall cost.



Pikarere Farm Limited (Dan Stevenson)
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