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In response to WDC heathy rivers plan, proposed plan change 1 (pc1)

As a farmer on a 1100 ac drystock property I feel the pc1 is totally flawed and unfair. My property has running water ways in almost every paddock, The compliance costs of fencing and therefore a water reticulation system to be put in place are financially unaffordable and physically impossible as I could not afford to employ someone for the job so would have to do it myself which would take more than a life time to complete. The outcome that WDC is trying to achieve of cleaner water quality on my type of property will not be achieved .

The stocking rates of cattle on my farm is about 1 cattle beast per 5.5 acres, where as a typical dairy farm is 8 times higher in cattle stocking rates.

WDC is wanting a blanket cover type approach , which is giving farmers like myself , # the greatest compliance costs, even though we have the least effect on water quality issues as a result of our very low stocking rates. We do not have cattle standing in water ways, I have never seen cattle standing in the river that runs through our property.

CHANGES THAT COULD HAVE POSITIVE EFFECT,

- * cap on nitrogen fertilisers
- * cap on cattle stocking rates
- * Have a farm by farm inspection and if there are issues where waterways are being polluted by cattle , then farmers need to address those issues.

CONSIDER THIS,

Would WDC allow the water leaving my property to be tested pre pc1 . Then tested again 12 months after all pc1 creteria has been put into effect. If following that there is no improvement

over that time frame to the quality on water leaving my property --- would WDC be prepared to refund all my compliance costs incurred from pc1 ?? I suspect WDC would not be willing to do this , which proves a point ----- that they themselves realise that pc1 is flawed and quite simply is not the solution to the problem.

Please consider carefully as to what decision you reach, as in pc1s present form there will be farmers on property's such as mine who will be force out of business, their property's will drastically lose value ,local communities will suffer all this because of WDC seriously flawed plans.

Regards, Richard Nelson.

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