

PROPOSED NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN

Submitter No S 46; KINTYRE MEATS / KINTYRE TRUST

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As a principal of the above legal identities I have had over 50 years of experience in Meat Processing and Farming Enterprises. This has involved many dealings with both District and Regional Councils across New Zealand on matters including Resource Consents. As a small business operator we lack the resource to fully interpret the 'Plan'. However we believe it is full of change from the existing 'status quo'. This brings about a large degree of uncertainty for our future business operations. Continued planning and investment are critical aspects to enterprise and our interpretation of this Draft Plan is that if adopted will force us out of business. For the purpose of highlighting our concerns we have only selected what appeared to be the most significant.

I begin by reference to Chapter 4 of the draft plan.

P 111. Water take at minimal flows and water levels.

The take and use of water shall not occur (c) as authorized by resource consents in accordance with Policy 108 Integrated Ground and Surface Water.

Submit; The effect is unclear but appears to provide continuance to existing resource consents We seek that this is altered to clarify and ensure existing water dependent industry is provided continued access to water. We need to be certain that we are not included with consented irrigators who only seek water at times of low rainfall and when the water resource is stressed.

Also ;

Whaitua Chapters 7 and 11 also appear to take preference. We understand this committee process is overdue and a clear outcome of their work should have been available prior to this hearing process. In any event we submit that Chapters 7 and 11 are not applicable to water dependent industry.

The reference to P 108 and schedule P would also not be applicable to industry.



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P112 . Priorities in drought and serious water shortage.

In times of drought and serious water shortages water takes shall be limited to that required for fire fighting .. human health.. animal drinking water.. rootstock protection.

Submit; Other values and priorities need to identify water dependent food industries . The meat industry also provides for the 'disposal' of animals with supply largely driven by climatic factors. There also exists the need for a 'mercy' slaughter' service at times of drought .

P 114 . Priority when demand exceeds supply.

When the total take and use of water allocated by resource consents above minimal flows or water levels exceed the 'core' allocation amount allocated according to the following priorities.

A . health needs of people.

B . stock drinking water.

C . other values.

Submit; Other values need to be identified and include industry. The meat industry cannot exist unless the resource is available 365 days a year. Animal slaughter facilities are essential services and at times of drought the demand for their service increases.

P 115 . Authorising take below minimum flow and lake levels.

The take and use of water maybe authorized for

A . the health needs of people....

B . the water used by industry from a community drinking water supply for a period of 7 years from 31/07/2015 and

Submit . Clarification required and provision for existing water dependent industry currently sourcing from consented takes and/or community drinking water supply. Why is there a 7 year limit.

Panelists; The draft 'Plan' contains little regard to industry. We trust that in your wisdom this is remedied.