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To Whom It May Concern

Fonterra has recently reviewed its policy relating to the use of human effluent wastewater and sludge on pasture or feed that is fed to dairy cows supplying Fonterra.

Fonterra's previous policy allowed for the application of wastewater treated to the Californian Standard Title 22 to be applied to pasture being grazed by lactating cows. Any wastewater not meeting this standard was to be sub-surface irrigated.

Additionally, stabilised sewage sludge could be incorporated into the soil, a crop could be grown, harvested and fed to lactating cows, and then the pasture could be re-sown and fed to cows.

Taking into account feedback from our customers and markets, the following policy has been approved by the Fonterra Board and applies from 1 June 2010:

- Only wastewater that meets the Californian Standard Title 22 is to be used on pasture or feed that is fed to lactating animals supplying Fonterra.
- No sewage sludge derived from the treatment of human waste may be used to grow pasture or feed that is fed to lactating animals.
- If dry stock is fed with feed that has been grown with stabilised sludge or wastewater that does not meet the Californian Standard Title 22, the stock must not be fed the material for 30 days before the start of lactation if they will be supplying Fonterra.
- Any suppliers using human sewage must meet the requirements of their local Regional Council.
- District Councils will be responsible for the production and implementation of the required management plan.

If you have any questions or comments relating to this change of policy please contact Charlotte Rutherford, Environment Programme Manager, on 021 471 045.

Yours faithfully

Andy Goodwin  
Manager, Food Safety and Sustainable production

*note added by J Bradley of RPSC TAG. - (7/5/2015)  
This appears to be the latest correspondence  
on this matter from Fonterra - while undated  
this letter was sent before 1 June 2010.*

Dairy Industry Technical Advisory Group

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Attn: Sue Walsh

Taranaki Regional Council  
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Letter sent  
to all  
Regional Councils/  
Unitary Councils  
as referred to  
by J Bradley  
at TAG meeting  
8 April 2015  
note added by  
J.W. Bradley  
7/5/2015

19 May 2014

Taranaki Regional Council  
Private Bag 713,  
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To whom it may concern

Re: Dairy Industry Technical Advisory Group notification as Interested Party and Advise Notice

The Dairy Industry Technical Advisory Group is grateful for the guidance and support received from the RCEO forum meeting earlier this year and wishes to now formalise the proposed approach presented to the RCEO meeting on 6 May 2014.

The notification of resource consents for waste streams that are applied to agricultural land and the attachment of the advice notice to the consent will improve visibility, allowing the dairy industry to better assess and manage potential risk to the milk supply and ultimately the food chain.

Please provide:

1. Notification as an interested party of all relevant resource consents, for waste streams (application to agricultural land) to DITAG, C/- Sue Walsh, [sue.walsh@fonterra.com](mailto:sue.walsh@fonterra.com)

Information required would include:

- Consent Applicant/Holder
  - Type of waste to be disposed/consent granted
  - Address of disposal site/site location
  - Existing environ description/use
  - Commencement date
2. And include the advice notice with the consent, please find this attached, an electronic version can be requested using above email.

Dairy Industry Technical Advisory Group would like to thank each of the Regional Councils and Unitary Authorities for their implementation in advance,

Thank you again

Yours faithfully



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Suggested Advice  
note for consents on  
next page (J Bradley)

## Advice Notice:

Please be advised that the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) 'New Zealand Code of Practice for the Design and Operation of Farm Dairies (NZCP1) requires that:

*The application of:*

- *human waste;*
- *meat processing waste; or*
- *industrial waste from tanneries and pulp and paper mills*

*to land used for grazing milking animals is not permitted and the use of the feed from land that has had the above wastes applied is not acceptable unless the waste has been treated by a process that ensures potential hazards are reduced to an acceptable level, and the process has been evaluated and confirmed by the RMP (Risk Management Programme) Operator, i.e. Dairy Company, to be fit for purpose.*

If producing Feed NZCP1 requires that:

*'All purchased stock feed must only be accepted when delivered with documentation identifying:*

- *What it contains*
- *Source (name of supplier); and*
- *Confirmation that it is suitable for feeding to dairy animals.*

*This documentation, whether hard copy or electronic, should be kept for at least four years.*

*Any contract signed with a feed provider must allow for consignments to be rejected when they cannot be confirmed as suitable for feeding to lactating dairy animals.'*

To ensure that the suitability of feed is known please label all feed lots and provide a feed declaration with each sale, feed declaration minimum requirements and/or templates can be requested from Dairy Companies.