

# Landowner Symposium

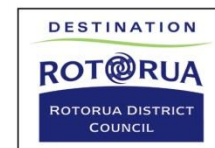
## Advice & Support Service for Lake Rotorua Catchment Farmers

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# A service to assist landowners with reaching their Nitrogen Discharge Allowance

- 💧 <http://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/adviceandsupport>
- 💧 [http://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/rotorua\\_incentives](http://www.rotorualakes.co.nz/rotorua_incentives)

# On-farm Actions needed for New Rules

Properties > **40 ha** effective area:

- will be allocated a **Nitrogen Discharge Allowance (NDA)\***
- will need to have applied for a **Resource Consent** by December 2017

To get a Resource Consent the land owner will need:

- a **Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP)** that shows progressive steps towards achieving the required Nitrogen Discharge Allowance (NDA) by 2032.



## Smaller properties - 10 ha to 40 ha

- will not need a resource consent until 1 July 2022.
- Annual Report required from December 2017

## Properties – 2 to 10 ha (Intensive)

- with intensive land use  $> \approx 10\text{kgN loss /ha/yr}^*$
- will require resource consent by 2022.

## Properties – 2 to 10 ha (non - intensive)

- Non intensive land use  $< \approx 10\text{kgN loss /ha/yr}$
- will require resource consent by 2022.



## Properties - < 2 ha

Permitted - will not require a Resource Consent

# Limitations Vs Opportunities

Limitations, few people love them:

- Speed limit 100km/hr ?
- a 75km/hr speed limit?

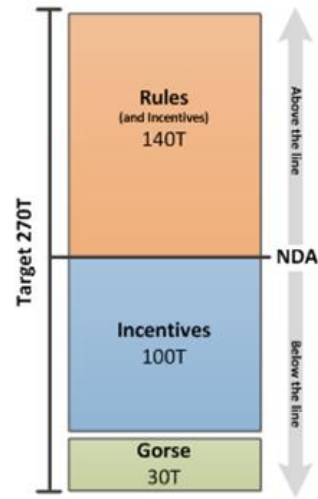
Similarly - imposition of nitrogen limitations could impinge on:

- Your ability to earn a living from your land?
- Your ability to plan your / your families future progress?

BOPRC acknowledges this limitation will cause stress for many landowners.

**BOPRC will help:**

- Make available best expertise
- Help develop new opportunities



- 💧 **270T ↓ less N**
- 💧 **140T ↓ by regulation off pastoral sector operations**
- 💧 **Effect on Landowners - minor to  $\approx 50\%$**

# First Questions

Regulation for N-loss reductions – first responses from most land owners include:

- 💧 What is my current N-loss?
- 💧 Where do I have to get to? (=NDA)
- 💧 What nitrogen-loss reduction options are possible for my farm?
- 💧 What impacts will reductions in nitrogen-loss have on my farming business?
- 💧 Can the required N target be achieved and the farm remain viable?

# BOPRC recognizes that:

- **Coming to grips with 'Catchment Limits' on nutrients for water quality objectives is a difficult process**
- **Not easy to see what workable options there may be for your farming operation and the impacts on your future business**
- **Pressure is on > 40ha properties – need a Resource Consent application in 2 years time**

**The recognition of this difficulty and stress has resulted in BOPRC offering a suite of support specifically for catchment farmers that is available now**



# Support Suite

- Advice and Support Service
- Business Support
- Incentives programme

A support suite to help landowners along positive pathways that focus on opportunities rather than doom

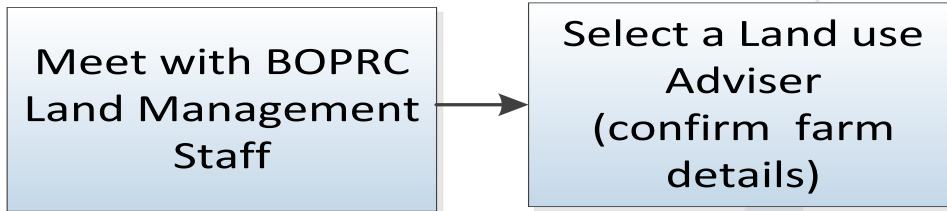
The Advice and Support Service is:

- 💧 a free service
- 💧 well resourced – \$2.2 Million.
- 💧 a level of funding that will service all land owners that choose to take it up
- 💧 access to independent and qualified land use consultants.
- 💧 access to a wide range of professional expertise.

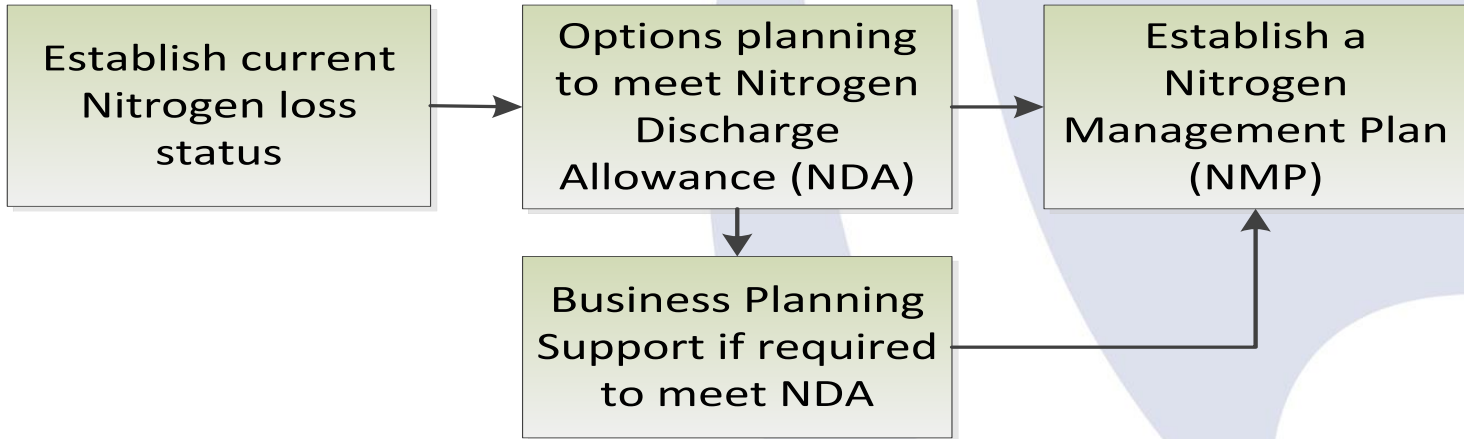
## **Advice and Support Service:**

- delivers the property's "provisional" Nutrient Discharge Allowance\* (pNDA)**
- establishes the current nitrogen-loss status**
- facilitates development of Nitrogen Management Plan (NMP) via free independent Land Use Advisors**
- NMP shows how a landowner intends to meet his Nitrogen Discharge Allowance**
- the property NMP is a requirement for applying for a Resource Consent**

## Getting started



## Land Use Advice Service



## Further options



# Progress to date

- 💧 ~ 30 farmers have registered interest in A & S.
- 💧 ~ 12 Nitrogen Discharge Assessment Reports are currently being drafted for farmers
- 💧 The mechanism for how the N-limits will be allocated to various land use types is still to be finalised.
- 💧 The Stakeholder Advisory Group is working with Council on the N-allocation mechanism for rules.
- 💧 Current thinking is an NDA allocation system with:
  - a range for dry stock and a range for dairy
  - tree and house block allocations

# Land Use Advisors

Independent consultants available free of charge via the Advice and Support Service include:

- 💧 AgFirst,
- 💧 Fruition,
- 💧 Headlands,
- 💧 Opus,
- 💧 Perrin Ag,
- 💧 Stratum
- 💧 Wilson Consultancy.

# Initiating steps

- 💧 Contact BOPRC Rotorua office.
- 💧 Register for the Advice & Support Service\*
- 💧 The Advice and Support Service is free! – use it
- 💧 Enquiries are welcome NOW.

## A&S Staff - **Here to help:**

- Rosemary Cross (Team Leader)
- Richard Mallinson
- Eykolina Benny
- John Paterson