

# Rules Framework: Follow up questions

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# Who decides on “substantial change”?

- 💧 For non-benchmarked properties
- 💧 Reference to 2001-04 period
- 💧 Application of sector averages
- 💧 Unless evidence of substantial change

# Evidence of substantial change

- Staff would be initial discussion point
- Farm records (for example more intensive operation)
- Aerial photos (for example land clearance)
- Discussion to establish position
- Considerations will be documented in an implementation plan

# Idea of a Panel

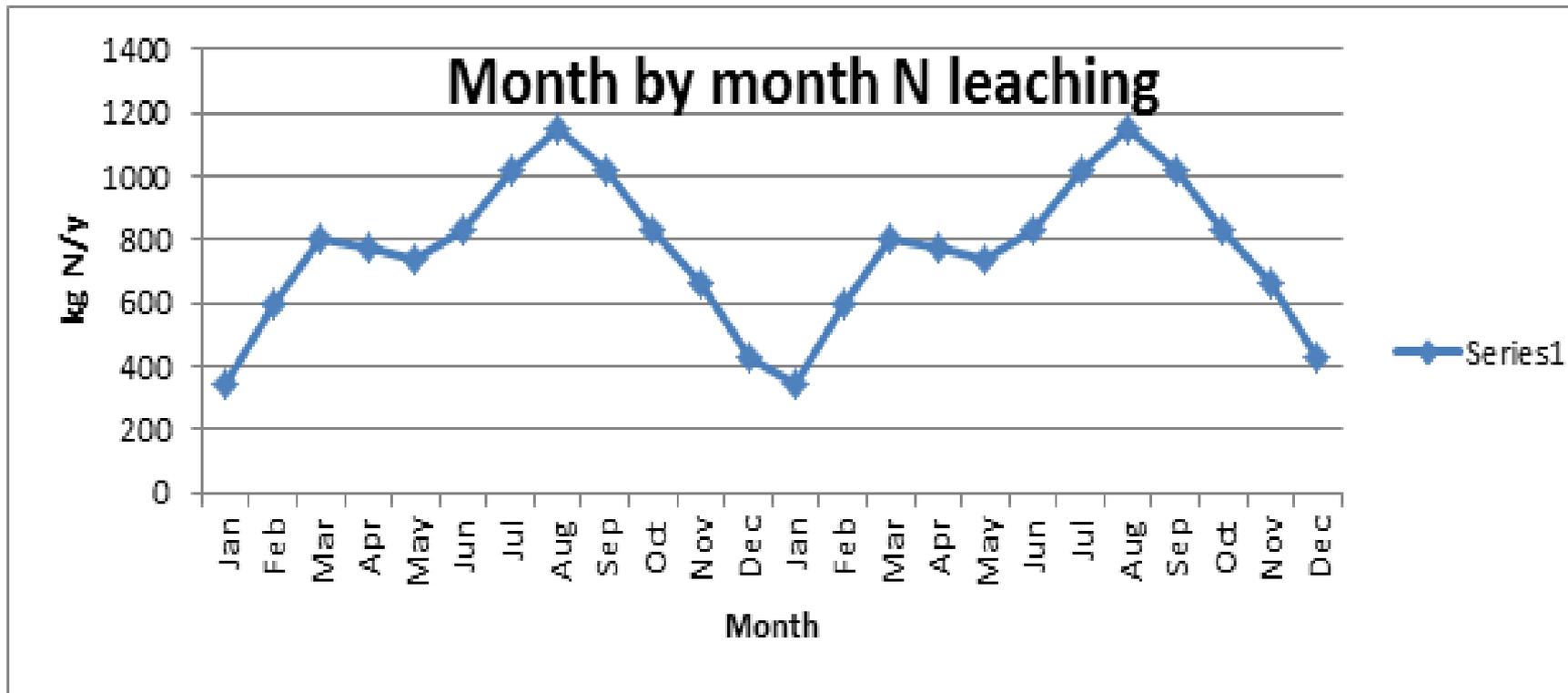
- 💧 If disagreement (or to confirm?) – an independent assessment panel (2-3 people)
- 💧 StAG member, Councillor, independent expert
- 💧 Process may need to be fast in some cases
- 💧 Alternative might be independent assessors? Could we use advice and support advisors?

# Can a farm have more animals outside of the high risk period?

- 💧 Short answer - yes
- 💧 Draft rule period relates to N leaching for Rotorua - between 1 February and 31 August
- 💧 Checking period for Rotorua
- 💧 March – July time frame often used
- 💧 “High risk” certainly wider than this and could be wider than above

# Can a farm have more animals outside of the high risk period?

- 💧 Still looking at this issue
- 💧 Drainage under OVERSEER is critical input



# Science Review Schedule

- Based on 5 yearly review:
  - Integrated Framework
  - Aligned with RPS dates
  - RMA reviews (5 years, 10 years)
- Proposed in rules
- Assuming 2016 implementation:
  - 2021
  - 2026
  - 2031

# Phosphorus Rules

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# Context

- 💧 Regional Policy Statement asks that Phosphorus is considered
- 💧 No target in RPS as there is for Nitrogen
- 💧 Part of the picture but not the focus of the rules
- 💧 Current scientific advice from the Water Quality Technical Advisory Group remains - to achieve the long term TLI of 4.2, no more than 435t of nitrogen and 37t of phosphorus

# Draft Rules

## **Policies Section**

To manage phosphorus loss in association with the managed reductions in nitrogen loss.

## **Methods Section**

Phosphorus referenced within Science Review Method

# Draft Rules

## Nitrogen Management Plan Requirements

A description of how each of the following management objectives, where relevant, will be met:

*Phosphorus management:* To identify the environmental risks associated with phosphorus and sediment loss from the subject property, the significance of those risks and management practices to be implemented to avoid or reduce the risks.



Thank you.  
Questions?