Landowner Engagement prior to notifying new Lake Rotorua rules

Summary for Land TAG, May 2016







Official website summary

The process for achieving 140 tonne nitrogen reduction as part of the solution for protecting Lake Rotorua

Input to develop the rules

Information gathering from research and science reports, discussions with the community, public meetings, hui and gathering feedback from stakeholders (2012-2015).

Rules adopted for notification

Bay of Plenty Regional Council adopted rules, methods and policies (14 December 2015).

Feedback period

for documents that are referred to in proposed plan change (14 December 2015 -29 January 2016). Proposed plan change is formally notified (29

February 2016).

Submission period

(29 February 2016 - 27 April 2016).

We are here

Further submissions

A longer history of landowner engagement

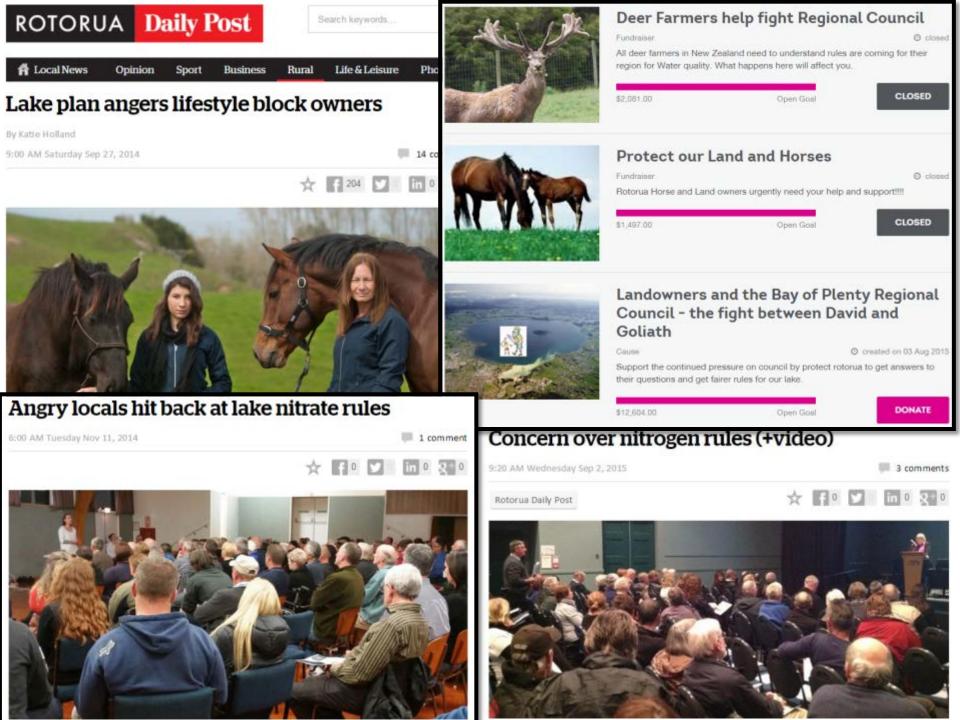
1970-1990	Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme, 87.5% subsidies, major riparian retirement
1980s on	Individual Land Improvement Agreements, Environmental Plans, Advice
2005-2007	Rotorua-Rotoiti Land Use Focus Group, met 7 times, 25-50 landowners
2007-2009	Rotorua-Rotoiti Action Plan, public submissions and hearings
2008-2010	Land Use Futures Board, all 12 lakes, 10 rural sector reps (out of 15 total)
2010	RPS notified with 435 tN/yr target; Feds submit, appeal
2011	Collective formed; SFF Rotorua dairy project; Rule 11 benchmarking protocol
2012-2015	Stakeholder Advisory Group, ToR 'how to meet 435', 11-13 landowner reps Collective support person BOPRC funded
2013	RPS appeals resolved via Oturoa Agreement: Collective + Feds + LWQS + BOPRC Integrated Framework initiated by Collective, modified by StAG, adopted @BOPRC Collective rep (DairyNZ) joins Water Quality TAG
2014	Crown Deed renegotiated with \$45.5m for land use Draft rules consultation #1, large public meetings, 330 gave feedback Land TAG established with Collective rep Influencing policy and
2015	Draft rules consultation #2 beyond RMA requirements

Changes due to consultation

- Integrated Framework: mandatory rural N reduction went from 270 to 140 tonnes
- \$40m incentives, \$2.2m advice, \$3.3m low N LU fund
- <5 ha permitted...</p>
- <40 ha and extra g/w properties delayed until 2022...
- Rule for land uses not modelled in OVERSEER®
- New permitted rule for low intensity, any size
- Allow N trading
- Science review









Some lessons on engagement

- Balance 'representative' engagement with more 1:1
- Assess \$ impact early, include farm scale, simple format
- Use elected members and scientists at public meetings (as well as planners)
- Explain uncertainty and precautionary principle
- More accessible science and economic impact info
- Publish ongoing research programme, incl. OVERSEER
- Major farm nutrient limits means major resistance

