

# 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

<b>1970-1990</b>	Kaituna Catchment Control Scheme, 87.5% subsidies, major riparian retirement
<b>1980s on</b>	Individual Land Improvement Agreements, Environmental Plans, Advice
<b>2005-2007</b>	Rotorua-Rotoiti Land Use Focus Group, met 7 times, 25-50 landowners
<b>2007-2009</b>	Rotorua-Rotoiti Action Plan, public submissions and hearings
<b>2008-2010</b>	Land Use Futures Board, all 12 lakes, 10 rural sector reps (out of 15 total)
<b>2010</b>	RPS notified with 435 tN/yr target; Feds submit, appeal
<b>2011</b>	Collective formed; SFF Rotorua dairy project; Rule 11 benchmarking protocol
<b>2012-2015</b>	Stakeholder Advisory Group, ToR 'how to meet 435', 11-13 landowner reps Collective support person BOPRC funded
<b>2013</b>	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
<b>2014</b>	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
<b>2015</b>	Draft rules consultation #2

**Influencing policy and  
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...
- <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





## Lake plan angers lifestyle block owners

By Katie Holland

9:00 AM Saturday Sep 27, 2014

14 comments

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## Angry locals hit back at lake nitrate rules

6:00 AM Tuesday Nov 11, 2014

1 comment

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## Deer Farmers help fight Regional Council

Fundraiser

closed

All deer farmers in New Zealand need to understand rules are coming for their region for Water quality. What happens here will affect you.

\$2,061.00

Open Goal

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## Protect our Land and Horses

Fundraiser

closed

Rotorua Horse and Land owners urgently need your help and support!!!!

\$1,497.00

Open Goal

CLOSED



## Landowners and the Bay of Plenty Regional Council - the fight between David and Goliath

Cause

created on 03 Aug 2015

Support the continued pressure on council by protect rotorua to get answers to their questions and get fairer rules for our lake.

\$12,604.00

Open Goal

DONATE

## Concern over nitrogen rules (+video)

9:20 AM Wednesday Sep 2, 2015

3 comments

Rotorua Daily Post

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# 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