

# Land TAG modus operandi

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## Land TAG ToR: Purpose and scope

To provide independent technical science and economics advice to BOPRC and other organisations on catchment land uses, associated contaminant losses to water and land-based methods of mitigating those losses.

## Staged spatial scope:

- a. Initial focus on Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Programme, especially the Lake Rotorua catchment.
- b. Later expansion to other Bay of Plenty catchments and issues other than nutrient losses from rural land, as policy develops on setting water body and catchment targets.

# ToR - key excerpts

## LTAG will give advice on:

- Multiple listed topics, incl. nutrient loss, mitigation, alternative land uses, cost-effectiveness, drivers of change, barriers and extension
- Current research, ID gaps, opportunities and priorities **proactive**
- Specific projects and questions put to it **reactive**

## LTAG membership:

- Farm systems analysis, nutrient dynamics
  - Farm and catchment economics, modelling
  - Forestry and horticulture
  - Knowledge exchange and behaviour change
  - Matauranga Maori
  - BOPRC, RLC and TALT staff
- Plus:**
- BOPRC, RLC and TALT staff
  - BOPRC convenor
  - WQTAG rep
  - Others as needed

# Modus operandi messages from Land TAG

- Expect more direct science/economics questions from BOPRC
- Fewer agenda items, more workshop style process
- Focus more on landowner behaviour, extension and economics
- Lake Rotorua policy largely set i.e. limited scope to advise

## Messages from BOPRC staff

- Need input to NPS-FM limit-setting (see Ian Morton's paper):
  - iterative scenario modelling
  - Impact assessments
- Sometimes need specific direction on a tabled method or project
- Proactive advice on national research initiatives, synergies
- Integrate Land TAG chair (and members) into BOPRC processes
- Use Land TAG members in landowner meetings

# LTAG linkages which impact its MO

## **‘Close’ external fora**

- WQTAG
- Incentives Board
- Low N LU fund assessment panel
- Farmer’s Collective
- Public science meetings
- Regional Water Advisory Panel

## **Formal reporting as per ToR**

- Rotorua Te Arawa Lakes Strategy Group on lake issues
- BOPRC on regional issues

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## **Internal BOPRC fora**

- Programme Steering Group on lakes issues
- Freshwater Futures on NPS-FM
- Science team
- Rotorua rules & advice implementation team

## **‘Occasional’ external or indirect links**

- Regional Council SIGs e.g. Land Monitoring Forum
- CRIs e.g. Our Land and Water team
- Professional bodies e.g. NZIPIM, NZSSS, NZARES...
- Industry bodies: DairyNZ, B&LNZ, HortNZ, FAR...
- Government: MBIE, MfE, MPI...

