



Healthy Rivers
PLAN FOR CHANGE

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Policy options session today

Outline all policy options on the table

And a bit more detail on:

1. Property-level limits
2. Policy options to achieve
 - No further degradation (cap)
 - Improvement (reduce sediment, *e.coli*, nutrient)

Policy options being investigated

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- Focus on effects
- Measurability
- Can the contaminant be measured at a property level?
 - To a community-agreed degree of certainty
 - CSG makes this call
- Yes = property-level limit
- Must not exceed the total allowed for their property

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- Focus on activities that reduce contaminant entering water
- Rules that apply to everyone
 - Is the activity known to be high risk regardless of how it is carried out?
 - Can a clear and certain rule be written?
- Yes = catchment-wide rule
- CSG ideas plus what's in the plan already

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- Focus on activities that reduce contaminant entering water
- Context specific
 - Does the risk differ depending on location?
 - Does the way the practice is carried out make a difference to environmental outcome?
 - Does the relevance of the practice vary from property to property?
- Yes = tailored farm plan

Options for 'No further degradation'

- Overall cap on discharges, that might include:
- What's already in place, such as:
- Current industry support to get farmers to good practice
 - Sustainable Milk Plan actions - small decrease in N
- Regional plan earthworks rules
 - Forestry harvesting risk is managed
- Current Waipa incentives for sediment mitigation
 - Public money for riparian

Options for ‘No further degradation’

- New rules to stop upwards creep of discharges from current land use
 - Existing Regional Plan not enough on its own
 - Tailored farm plans and Catchment-wide rules to mitigate effects of some high risk activities
- New rules to manage new entrants
 - CSG makes the call
 - Should existing landholders make room for new higher dischargers?

What if reductions are required?

Pace:

- Plan Change in 2016 as the first phase
- Reductions come in over decades?

Priority:

- Where in the catchment are the priority areas for large reductions?
- Which attributes are most important to focus on first?

Price:

- Link with existing funding to get faster uptake and behaviour change

Options for 'Water Improvement'

- Reduce discharges - options might include:
- All of the capping options, plus:
- Regulation that requires more on farm actions or stricter limits
 - If farm is no longer viable, land use change occurs
- Policy that chooses where and what land use is suitable
 - Public purchase, rules to prevent activities on some land