

Summary of submission dated 7-5-2019

Name Angus Smith Dairy farming at Te Pahu Near Pironga with my wife Jan .

This is a neat area both socially, economic and with the environment .

We DO NOT want change for changes sake . If it is not broken why fix it?

People do matter and communities must be allowed to adapt and change as the economies of the rural areas change . In the past the land use has changed and this must be allowed to continue The best people to make decisions are those directly involved NOT people with political or other agendas.

Dont get me wrong, the environment we live in is critical for long term well being of all species including man kind. The science must be right and proven befor imposing restrictions and controls. I will add one more item If the decision to enforce the application of effluent onto land had been properly thought through and "sold" to farmers as an economic and environmental benefit then farmers would certainly have used land based spray systems . The official directive was not good so people did not readily adapt to the directive.

The Wai Ora discussions need /MUST be taken up by all New Zealanders . Any controls must be user friendly and benefit everyone .

Thank you for this opportunity to express my opinion on this very important subject .