

I AM LEITH CHICK WITH MY WIFE ROSEMARY WE HAVE FARMED A 207 Ha PROPERTY AT NGAROMA SINCE 1984

WE HAVE 3 CHILDREN WHO ARE FARMING OR INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE.

OUR FARM IS ROLLING TO STEEP, SOIL TYPE IS NGAROMA SANDY CLAY WITH SOME PUMICE OVERLAY. AVERAGE RAINFALL IS 1.8 METRES ALTHOUGH THE LAST 3 YRS HAVE AVERAGED 2.3 METRES.

FORESTRY IS 16 Ha OF RADIATA AND SMALL BLOCKS OF DOUGLAS, LUSITANICA, BLACKWOOD AND NATIVE TOTALING 7 Ha OR 11% OF FARM AREA.

CURRENT STOCK MIX IS 69% DEER 31% SHEEP, IN EARLIER YEARS OUR STOCKING RATE WAS 17 Su/Ha. IN 2009 WE MADE THE DECISION TO STOP WINTER CROPPING. WE NOW WINTER BETWEEN 13 AND 14 Su/Ha.

C. S. G. PROCESS

IN MY OPINION THIS GROUP WAS POORLY ASSEMBLED AND LED TO DAIRY INTERESTS DOMINATING PROCEEDINGS. NOT ONLY ~~WERE~~ ^{DID} DAIRY NZ HAVE 2 REPS BUT RURAL ADVOCACY AND RURAL PROFESSIONALS WERE BOTH REPRESENTED BY MEMBERS WITH SIGNIFICANT DAIRY INTERESTS.

I WOULD ALSO DRAW ^{FARMER} THE COMMISSIONERS' ATTENTION TO A N.K.C. ARTICLE OF FEB 14, 2017 WHERE W.R.C. COUNCILLOR KNEEBONE'S WROTE, "THAT COUNCIL ADOPTED THE PLAN UNDERSTANDING FULL WELL IT WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY NEED FURTHER WORK AND REFINEMENT"

POSSIBLY AN UNDERSTATEMENT

FORESTRY

I AM AN ADVOCATE OF FORESTRY. BUT THE RIGHT TREE IN THE RIGHT PLACE.

OUR CHILDREN HAVE RECENTLY HARVESTED 8 HA OF RADIATA THEY PLANTED IN THEIR TEENS. THIS HAS BEEN REPLANTED PLUS ANOTHER 8 HA. THIS IS NOT MARGINAL LAND BY ANY MEANS BUT IS IN THE RIGHT PLACE AND WILL HAVE MINIMAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT AT HARVEST.

HOWEVER IT DOES CONCERN ME THAT A VESTED INTEREST GROUP (NAMELY THE 'RIVER RESTORATION GROUP') IS AGITATING TO PLANT 2,000 HA OF FORESTRY IN OUR UPPER PUNIU CATCHMENT. IT IS PERHAPS NO ACCIDENT THAT DAIRY NZ IS PART OF THE GROUP WHICH INCLUDES THE WAIKATO RIVER AUTHORITY. THE GOVERNMENT APPOINTEES TO THE WRA ARE PREDOMINANTLY PEOPLES WITH DAIRY INTERESTS AND 3 OF THEM HAVE OVERSEEN THE CONVERSION OF FORESTRY TO DAIRY IN THE UPPER WAIKATO CATCHMENT.

THE FORESTRY LOST FROM THE PUNIU COUNTRY OF THE UPPER WAIKATO SHOULD NOT BE REPLACED BY STEEP WINTER WET HILL COUNTRY.

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THE PREMISE THAT THE RIVER SHOULD BE RETURNED TO ITS 1863 STATE IS DEEPLY FLAWED.

THERE ARE NOW 8 DAMS WHICH ARE A NECESSARY AND HIGHLY VALUED RECREATIONAL AND ECONOMIC RESOURCE. HOWEVER WITH THE INABILITY OF THE RIVER TO ADEQUATELY FLUSH THEY DO HAVE AN IMPACT ON WATER CLARITY. I WOULD IMAGE E COL LEVELS WOULD INCREASE GIVEN THE WARMING OF THE LAKES.

WITH MASSIVE DEFORESTATION AND POPULATION GROWTH THERE MUST BE SOME SANITY AROUND HOW CLEAN WE CAN GET THE RIVER.

MY OWN OBSERVATION IS THAT NATIVE FOREST HAS A LARGE SEDIMENT LOSS. I BELIEVE THE AKAKA FLATS AND NAVRAKI PLAINS ARE TESTAMENT TO THIS. THE CURRENT SEDIMENT LOSS IS TRAPPED BEHIND THE DAMS AND TO A LARGE EXTENT CANNOT BE FLUSHED.

N. R. P.

I AM TOTALLY OPPOSED TO GRANDPARENTING NITROGEN DISCHARGES.

GRANDPARENTING REWARDS POLLUTERS.

IT ALSO REDUCES THE ABILITY OF THOSE FARMING RESPONSIBLY AND SUSTAINABLY TO BE FLEXIBLE WITH THEIR MANAGEMENT AND CHOICE OF STOCK CLASS.

WE HAVE HAD N.R.P.'S DONE FOR 2006/7, 2014/15 AND 2015/16 WHICH WERE ALL 17Kg/ha/yr. OUR STOCKING RATES AND STOCK MIX FOR THESE YEARS WERE VERY DIFFERENT. THIS DOES NOT GIVE ME A GREAT CONFIDENCE IN OVERSEER.

FOR ANY OF OUR FAMILY WHO WISHED TO FARM ~~HERE~~ GRANDPARENTING WOULD LIMIT THEIR OPTIONS

SUB-CATCHMENT - L.U.C. - FENCING - STOCKING

WE WOULD FAVOUR A SUB-CATCHMENT RATES APPROACH ALIGNED WITH LAND USE CAPABILITY THE 6 Su/Ha CAP WOULD HAVE TO BE REMOVED AND LIFTED TO FIT L.U.C.

THIS COULD ALSO PERHAPS MITIGATE THE NEED TO FENCE SOME WATERWAYS.

A SUB CATCHMENT APPROACH COULD BE SELF POLICING AND I BELIEVE PEER PRESSURE COULD BE A VALUABLE METHOD.

THERE WOULD HAVE TO BE REGIONAL COUNCIL BACKUP WHEN REQUIRED.

WE ARE CURRENTLY FENCING A 600 METRE GULLY, INSTALLING SILT TRAPS AND DRAINING A WET AREA. THE FENCING COST IS \$27,000 BULLDOZER + DIGGER HIRE \$16⁰⁰⁰ NOVAFLOW + CULVERTS \$2000 TOTAL \$45⁰⁰⁰ ALSO HAVE TO GET WATER TO 2 PADDOCKS.

THERE IS ANOTHER 2,100 METRES OF FENCE TO COMPLETE THIS WATERWAY TO THE BOUNDARY, 2 WETLANDS AND A SERIES OF SILT TRAPS. WITH FENCING, TROUGHS, CULVERTS, DIGGER HIRE AND RESOURCE CONSENTS FOR THE WETLANDS PROBABLY \$60⁰⁰⁰.

THATS \$100,000 FOR ONE WATERWAY.

I HAVE A SERIES OF PHOTO'S OF THIS WORK AND WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REACH THE BOUNDARY.

THERE'S FARMS HAVE SIMILAR CONTOUR AND SOIL TYPE TO OURS. ONE WAS RECENTLY SOLD WITH A NRP OF 41~~1~~ Ha - 24% HIGHER THAN OURS.

THIS FARM IS MEANT TO COMPLY WITH THE DAIRY ACCORD

IN CONCLUSION

I AM CONCERNED BY THE COMPLIANCE COSTS THAT MAY - WILL - COME WITH THIS PLAN. IN CANTERBURY A 200 Ha FARM ATTRACTS ANNUAL COMPLIANCE COSTS OF \$5,000 - IT IS REGARDED AS A LICENCE TO PRINT MONEY BY THE RURAL PROFESSIONALS. MY HOPE IS WE CAN MINIMIZE COMPLIANCE COSTS.

THERE IS MUCH LAND WHICH IS IMPRACTICAL TO FENCE. A COMBINED SUB-CATENMENT - L.V.C. - F.E.P. APPROACH WOULD HELP ADDRESS THIS.

PEER PRESSURE IS A GOOD TOOL

GRANDPARENTING NITROGEN IS NOT EQUITABLE
I WILL RESIST IT WITH ALL MY RESOURCES

ALTHOUGH THIS IS A PRIVATE SUBMISSION AS CHAIRMAN OF THE WAIPA DEER FARMERS ASSN AND A FORMER MEMBER OF FEDERATED FARMERS I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH P.C.I FROM THE FIRST MEETINGS

THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS I HAVE BEEN DISGUSTED BUT NOT SURPRISED, BY THE SELFISH ATTITUDE OF THE DAIRY INDUSTRY IN PROTECTING THEIR PATCH TO THE DETRIMENT OF ALL OTHERS.

I HAVE NO WISH TO BE DOMINATED AND DICTATED TO BY THE MILK GODS AND THEIR SUBSTANTIAL RESOURCES.

I THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY AND YOUR TIME.