Your submission to Action for healthy waterways – consultation

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Clause
Feedlots and stock holding areas - please refer to questions 71-75 on page 81 of the discussion document

Notes
This is a change from the earlier submission. 71. Do you have any comment on the proposal to restrict feedlots? Feedlots as written in the proposal includes dairy farms with animal housing as well as beef farms. If this rule includes both beef feedlots and dairy cow housing the consent required should be a restricted discretionary consent with the same conditions as those described in the proposal. If the rule is written to only include beef farms, then a restricted discretionary consent (i.e. one that includes the expectation of a public hearing) may be suitable. 72. Do you support the proposal relating to stock holding areas? Why/why not? Stockholding areas including where cows are housed on dairy farms in conditions that allow them to graze on pastures for a minimum of 6 hours per day, should require a consent to ensure that mitigations are put in place minimising the risks of contaminating nearby waterways. In regions where a landuse consent is already required an additional consent would not be necessary, and instead a stockholding consent and a landuse consent could be bundled together eg Manawatū-Whanganui Regional Council. 73. Do you think sacrifice paddocks should be included? Yes, sacrifice paddocks should be included requiring a stockholding consent. This will encourage farmers to establish purpose-built standoff areas and feed pads. Such a rule includes farmers with either beef cattle and/or dairy cattle. Otherwise an untended consequence of farmers avoiding consent requirements could be a proliferation of cattle on sacrifice paddocks in unsuitable situations. 74. What would you have to do differently if this proposal was implemented? The biggest change would be on beef farms where stand-off areas would have to be built in areas accessible to herds that may otherwise be confined on sacrifice paddocks. 75. Do you have any comment on what would be required to ensure this proposal could be effectively implemented? N/A