I support part of the proposals, I do not agree to having my name posted on the MfE website. My submission,
Fencing to exclude livestock from streams and bush is important to reduce sediment run off and pollution. Common in the past, these measures have done much to reduce flash flooding.
Care must be taken as to the suitability of species especially planted near waterways. Varieties of Alder have been used to 'hold' river banks, (example) Waikato River. Alder is a known nitrogen producer.
Sediment loss is to an extent a natural occurrence due to under runners being regularly being flushed out.
Councils must play their part to prevent the serious erosion of road ditches due mostly to the regular application of herbicides.
The proposed changes will effect my ability to farm to a big extent.
Loss of prime farming and horticultural land to rapid urbanisation and unproductive lifestyle blocks is an ever present threat especially to small family units. Owners of these have done much to farm responsibly and comply with ever increasing legislation. Blanket rules aimed at those who choose not to comply would greatly impact those that do.