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 specific focus on feedlots appears to capture a much wider range of farming practices and animals than intended. By stating that there are only five feedlots in New Zealand it appears that only bovine stock has been considered. NZDG is opposed to the broad nature of the proposed changes on feedlots as the change will have a significant (and what appears unintended) consequences that this will have on the dairy goat industry. Dairy goats spend the majority of their day in sheds and this proposal would not make this possible. The dairy goat industry is growing significantly in New Zealand (in addition to the sheep milk industry that is beginning to take off) and has been backed significantly with funding from the Central Government. In considering altering the requirements of ‘feedlots’ this needs to either be restricted to cattle/bovine only or a significant amount of research done on the sheep and goat milk industries to make dedicated proposals. This is especially the case given the significant environmental benefits of sheep and goat dairy farming industries over traditional NZ dairy farming.

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