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Dear Sir or Madam

**SUBMISSION ON NEW ZEALAND EMISSIONS TRADING SCHEME REVIEW 2015/16**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on priority issues identified in the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) Review 2015/16.

Horizons Regional Council supports moving to full surrender obligations for the liquid fossil fuels, industrial processes, stationary energy and waste sectors.

Hill-country erosion is a significant environmental issue in the Manawatu-Wanganui Region. It leads to the loss of productive soils and degrades freshwater quality. Afforestation of erosion-prone land is one of the tools Horizons Regional Council uses to mitigate this. We believe that the removal of the present one-for-two regime will contribute to fair pricing of carbon through the ETS, which in turn supports targeted afforestation programmes and therefore broader environmental outcomes in this Region. An element of 'fair pricing' is international comparability: this submission is made on the assumption that other countries are also committing to similar carbon-pricing regimes.

Thank you again for the opportunity to submit on this matter. Should you have any queries, please feel free to contact [REDACTED], [REDACTED] [REDACTED], on [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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