



Ministry for the
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Draft first set of National Planning Standards

SUBMISSION FORM

The Government is seeking views on the draft first set of National Planning Standards.

For more information about the Government's proposals read our National planning standards consultation document available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/draft-national-planning-standards>.

Submissions close at 5:00 pm on Friday 17 August 2018.

Making a submission

You can provide feedback in three ways:

1. Use the online submission form available at <http://www.mfe.govt.nz/consultation/draft-national-planning-standards>. This is our preferred way to receive submissions.
2. Complete this submission form and send it to us by email or post.
3. Write your own submission and send it to us by email or post.

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Submission form

The questions below are a guide only and all comments are welcome. You do not have to answer all of the questions. To ensure your point of view is clearly understood, please explain your rationale and provide supporting evidence where appropriate. The structure of this form is in line with the draft first set of national planning standards as shown in the overview section tables 1 and 2.

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* Questions marked with an asterisk are mandatory.

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1. Do you support the draft first set of National Planning Standards?

- Yes, in part
- No

Ballance Agri-Nutrients Limited (or 'Ballance') supports an approach to achieve national consistency in Planning Standards, however there are aspects we feel could be improved.

For context, Ballance is a farmer-owned co-operative with over 19,000 shareholders and approximately 800 staff throughout New Zealand. We place a strong emphasis on delivering value to our shareholders and on the use of the best science to inform sustainable nutrient management. A national consistency planning approach and framework, for the protection of natural resources, is highly desirable.

18. CM-1: Definitions standard

Ballance supports nationally consistent definitions as they will promote efficiencies in the interpretation and application of objectives, policies, and rules.

a. Individual definition

The proposed National Planning Standards definition for fertiliser is:

- (a) means any substance or biological compound that is—
 - (i) applied to plants or soils, whether in solid or liquid form; and
 - (ii) supports or sustains the growth, productivity or quality of soils, plants or, indirectly, animals; but
- (b) does not include livestock and human effluent, or pathogens.

This definition is acceptable, but it is not consistent with the statutory definition of fertiliser, Section 3 of the Agricultural Compounds and Veterinary Medicines (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Regulation 2011. Ballance sees no advantage in having inconsistent definitions, so suggests only a reference to the ACVM (Exemptions and Prohibited Substances) Regulation. If the regulation is updated then Ballance supports using the definition in the updated regulation.

Ballance is supportive of consistent noise measurements (i.e. L_{Aeq} , $L_{AF(max)}$, L_{A90} , L_{peak} , L_{dn}) that are supported by New Zealand Standard 6801:2008 - Measurement of Environmental Sound. Ballance believes this will foster the best overall result across the country.

Ballance is supportive of the definition for 'official sign' which includes '... all signs required or provided for under any statute or regulation, or are otherwise related to aspects of public safety'. Ballance has had issues with District signage rules capturing 'official signs' amongst advertising signage.

b. Additional definitions

Ballance has no additional definitions to propose.

19. CM-2: Draft noise and vibration metrics standard

Ballance supports nationally consistent rules that manage noise emissions to reflect the latest version of the relevant acoustical New Zealand Standards and provide a consistent methodology for the management of vibration effects.

Releasing submissions

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Note that the name, email, and submitter type fields are mandatory for you to make your submission.

When your submission is complete

If you are emailing your submission, send it to PlanningStandards@mfe.govt.nz as a:

- PDF
- Microsoft Word document.

If you are posting your submission, send it to National Planning Standards, Ministry for the Environment, PO Box 10362, Wellington 6143.

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