

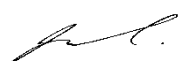
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Waimakariri District Plan Review- Issues and Options feedback

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the Issues and Options papers. Please find the feedback from NZ Pork in the tables that follow.

NZ Pork and our producers look forward to participating in the review process.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeska McHugh".

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| Paper 3 – Rural Zone | |
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| Issue | Feedback |
| <p><i>Issue 1: Activities within rural areas can conflict with each other and the purpose of other zones.</i></p> <p><i>Option 1: Keep the same planning controls</i> <i>Option 2: New provisions to identify and manage specified activities</i> <i>Option 3: Restrictive approach to limit activities that are incompatible</i></p> | <p>NZ Pork supports Option 1. The feedback from our producers is that the currently planning controls are working well. NZ Pork supports the retention of the separation distances between piggeries and other activities (Table 31.4, Page 30, Chapter 31) and the minimum separation distances for farm effluent application to land (Table 31.4, Page 50, Chapter 31).</p> |
| <p><i>Issue 2: Rural character and amenity and the extent that it should be protected.</i></p> <p><i>Option 1: Keep the current planning controls</i> <i>Option 2: New land use provisions to more fully protect amenity and the character of rural areas</i></p> | <p>NZ Pork supports Option 1. The feedback from our producers is that the currently planning controls are working well through the separation distances between intensive farming activities and dwellinghouses/residential zones.</p> |
| <p><i>Issue 3: Subdivision and housing density can affect farm production, rural character and land use.</i></p> <p><i>Option 1: Continue current management of subdivision and development</i> <i>Option 2: New provisions based on rural character or area, including changes to the minimum rural lot size and extension and intensification of rural residential areas</i> <i>Option 3: Increased minimum rural lot size and extension of rural residential areas</i></p> | <p>NZ Pork is supportive of the currently planning rules (Option 1) except for the location of the minimum lots sizes (4 ha). The issue is not the size of the lots as we recognise that the 4ha size is popular for a segment of the community seeking a rural 'lifestyle' property.</p> <p>A concern for our producers is the number of 4 ha lots that are located on productive soils when these lots are not 'producing'. NZ Pork would prefer to see new 4ha lots situated in areas where soils have less productive value and preserve these soils for farming activities.</p> |