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**FEDERATED  
FARMERS**  
OF NEW ZEALAND

To: **Environment Canterbury**

By: **Combined Canterbury Provinces,  
Federated Farmers of New Zealand**

On the: **Variation 18  
Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan  
Chapter 5: Water Quantity  
Deletion of Provisions for Pareora Catchment**

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## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 Federated Farmers thanks Environment Canterbury for the opportunity to submit on Variation 18 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan.
- 1.2 Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a primary sector organisation that represents farming and other rural businesses. Federated Farmers has a long and proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand farmers
- 1.3 The Federation aims to add value to its members' farming businesses. Our key strategic outcomes include the need for New Zealand to provide an economic and social environment within which:
- Our members may operate their business in a fair and flexible commercial environment;
  - Our members' families and their staff have access to services essential to the needs of the rural community; and
  - Our members adopt responsible management and environmental practices.
- 1.4 This submission was developed in consultation with the members of Federated Farmers. It is important that this submission is not viewed as a single submission, but as a collective one, that represents the opinions and views of our members.
- 1.5 Federated Farmers acknowledges submissions from individual members of Federated Farmers.

## **2 Support for the Plan**

- 2.1 Federated Farmers supports Variation 18 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan in its entirety, with the exception stated below, because it paves the way for the Proposed Pareora Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan. This proposed plan has been developed following extensive consultation with the affected community.
- 2.2 One concern about Variation 18 is stated below.

### 3 Proposed NRRP Chapter 7: Wetlands

**Provision:**

Amendment 2.6, addition to Table WTL1 (page 10).

**Submission:**

The first sentence in the right hand column doesn't make sense, beyond the words *Pareora Catchment*. Should the sentence be amended, as follows: *...Pareora Catchment, but not ~~with for~~ the classification of wetlands or other activities that may affect wetlands?* Are the words beyond *Pareora Catchment* needed at all? Wording consistent with that in amendments 2.4 and 2.5 would suffice.


**Decision Sought:**

Ensure that the sentence makes sense and that the Proposed Pareora Catchment Environmental Flow and Water Allocation Regional Plan prevails over the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan. Federated Farmers recommends an amendment, as follows: *...Pareora Catchment, ~~but not with for the classification of wetlands or other activities that may affect wetlands.~~ Therefore Chapter 7 applies within this area.*

**CONCLUSION**

The Combined Canterbury Provinces of Federated Farmers thanks Environment Canterbury for the opportunity to submit on Variation 18 of the Proposed Natural Resources Regional Plan. We are committed to the sustainable management of the region's natural resources and look forward to continuing to work constructively with council in the future.

Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of its submission.



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