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Hi,

Attached is our submission for the Air Plan.

Cheers Ben

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1st May 2015

Re- Ecan Airplan Submission

Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Ecan Airplan

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

We believe Broiler Chicken Farms should become a 'Permitted Activity'

After a lifetime in dairy, pig, sheep farming and the last 14.5 years in Broiler Chicken farming we feel the current 'Restrictive Discretionary' status for Broiler farms is outdated.

With the dairy industry at present at a 'Permitted Activity' and able to build cowsheds, effluent ponds and spread effluent without any neighbours consent v's the Broiler farms requiring written approval from neighbours and other conditions seems a real imbalance.

Since the addition of a recent neighbouring dairy conversion there has become a notable increase in a smell of effluent. This over powers any smell associated with our chickens. Another example is a farmer spreading pig effluent from a nearby piggery and this also counters any smells associated with the chickens. Neither of these farmers required consent.

A friend was telling me his neighbouring dairy farmer recently built a huge barn/house for his cows without needing neighbours consent. This is remarkable given it is surrounded by lifestyle blocks.

We have had regular audits done by Ecan over the past 11.5 years and have favourable reports each time. These modern Broiler operations are computerised and are consistently ventilated to enhance air quality and ensure environmentally friendly air discharge which in turn minimises unnecessary odour.

As we are continually told we are farming in a 'Rural Zone' so we are more than entitled to be farming along with all other farming entities and do accept there is an associated smell to all types of farming but strongly believe the modern Broiler farm should operate under a 'Permitted Activity'.

Yours faithfully,
Ben & Lois Smith

Handwritten signatures of Ben and Lois Smith in blue ink.