

## Comments

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Please find our submission attached.

Kind regards

James Ryan

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New Zealand Farm Environment Trust





31 March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**Working in partnership to champion good practice**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on your Long-Term Plan 2021-2031.

The New Zealand Farm Environment Trust is a charity that was established in 2000 to promote sustainable farming and growing. The Trust is funded by a range of agribusinesses and through the generous support of a number of regional councils including Environment Canterbury.

Our flagship activity is the Ballance Farm Environment Awards. Through the awards programme, farmers and growers gain independent feedback which they use to improve the sustainability of their businesses. The programme also helps to share knowledge about farming and growing with others. In many cases, entrants have gone on to important leadership roles in which they have championed sustainable farming and growing to their peers.

Given the regulatory change that farmers and growers are facing through the NPS for Freshwater Management and other reforms, the awards programme is a positive way to help drive non-regulatory change which complements the outcomes sought by the regional council.

One of the strengths of the awards programme is that it is managed regionally by a group of locals passionate about sustainability. The Trust's role is to help provide co-ordination and to be a point of contact with national partners.

The Trust is keen to maintain and enhance its partnership with the regional council. We see a number of exciting opportunities to complement the role of the regional council. The Trust is implementing a range of new activities to support the adoption of good practice including a programme focused on the next generation of farmers.

On behalf of the Trustees and the local awards committee, I would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the regional council to meet community outcomes.

Yours sincerely

James Ryan  
**General Manager**