

## **Submission to the Hearing Commissioners from the Rangitata Dairies Limited Partnership**

1. My name is Justin O'Brien, and I am employed as a Support Analyst by the Rangitata Dairies Limited Partnership (Rangitata Dairies).
2. Rangitata Dairies own and operate seven dairy farms, five of which are located in the Timaru District. Additionally, Rangitata Dairies owns or leases five support properties, one of which is located in the Timaru District. A map outlining Rangitata Dairies farms within the Timaru District is included on the next page.
3. This submission refers to the policies and rules within the Proposed District Plan relating to the Sites & Areas of Significance to Maori. Four of Rangitata Dairies properties are either partly or wholly within a Wai Taoka overlay. A map showing the property boundaries and the Wai Taoka is also included.
4. Rangitata Dairies submission to the Proposed District Plan sought amendments to Policies 2, 5 and 8, and SASM-R1. Rangitata Dairies submission also opposed SASM-R6.

### **Policies**

5. Rangitata Dairies agrees with the importance of consultation and engagement with Kati Huirapa. The amendments to the policies were sought primarily to recognise the use of other engagement methods such as Farm Environment Plans (FEPs) to support consultation and engagement with Kati Huirapa, and recognise that landowners and occupiers may also be able to aid in the protection of cultural values.
6. Although the reporting officer has not recommended amending SASM-P2 (which encourages consultation between landowners and Kāti Huirapa) to expressly refer to other consultation methods, SASM-P2 does not preclude consultation and engagement through (for example) FEPs.
7. In respect of SASM-P5 and SASM-P8 (relating to the protection of Sites and Areas of Significance to Kāti Huirapa and cultural values in wāhi tūpuna areas), the officer has recommended that these policies are, in effect, combined (deleting SASM-P8 and amending SASM-P5). Rangitata Dairies notes that the reporting officer does consider that landowners and occupiers may also be able to aid in the protection of the identified values. This may aid in the retention, protection and maintenance of identified values.
8. Overall, Rangitata Dairies accepts that the reporting officer's recommendations sufficiently addresses the issues raised in its submission relating to the use of other engagement methods such as FEP and landowner/occupier awareness of the relevant cultural values and supports the recommended changes to SASM-P2, SASM-P5 and SASM-P8 in the officers report.

### **SASM-R1**

9. Rangitata Dairies also sought an amendment to the earthworks rule within the Wai Taoka (SASM-R1). This was to enable the repair of irrigation and house water pipelines and cables,

and to reinstate farm infrastructure following a flood event. The reporting officer agrees that resource consents should only be required where regulatory intervention is required to achieve the outcomes sought, and has recommended that Rangitata Dairies submission be accepted in part. Rangitata Dairies supports the recommended changes to the SASM-R1 in the officer's report, as the changes will enable reinstatement of existing farm infrastructure (fences, tracks, pipelines, buildings).

#### **SASM-R6**

10. Rangitata Dairies opposed SASM-R6 regarding intensively farmed stock within the Wai Taoka overlay. The officer agrees that an additional rule to manage intensively farmed stock is not needed and has recommended that the rule be deleted. Rangitata Dairies supports this recommendation. While existing stock would be an existing use, the recommended deletion of the rule provides more certainty. Additionally, resource consents for farming from Environment Canterbury require the assessment of cultural values

## Property Map



Wai Taoka Area

