

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.
3. This submission refers to the policies and rules within the Proposed District Plan relating to the natural hazard flood assessment area provisions of the proposed plan. All of Rangitata Dairies properties on the south side of the Rangitata River are wholly or partly within a flood assessment area.
4. Rangitata Dairies submission to the Proposed District Plan sought amendments to Policy 4, and Rules 1, 4 & 7 of the Natural Hazards chapter. The submission primarily referred to the existing development within the flood assessment areas, remedial works which may be required, and the permitted activity criteria.
5. Rangitata Dairies has reviewed the Section 42A report relating to natural hazards. The Reporting Officer agrees that more flexibility is needed to respond to remedial work post-flooding events. Rangitata Dairies supports the recommendations made in the Section 42A report to assist with this flexibility including:
 - Policy NH-P4
 - Rules NH-R1, 4 & 7
6. In relation to the light chapter, Rangitata Dairies made a submission on the Light Sensitive Area (LSA) overlay which sought the removal of wai taoka sites from the definition. Rangitata Dairies supports the Reporting Officer's recommendation to remove the LSA's and associated provisions.
7. Overall, Rangitata Dairies supports the recommendations in the Section 42A reports as an appropriate response to the issues set out in its submission.