

PNZ June 2021 Updates on Plan Change Submissions

PC7: Canterbury Commercial Vegetable Production provisions

- A Decision will be released in July. PNZ will provide a briefing on the outcome and consider whether an appeal is needed.
- All appeals in Canterbury would be to the High Court and would need to be on points of law.

PC2: Horizons One Plan review for intensive farming land uses (including Commercial Vegetable Production)

- The decision supported the relief sought by PNZ for potato growers across the region.
- Following review of the decision; an error was identified by PNZ.
- Commissioners had supported a PNZ submission to have the long-term targets in the LUC Nutrient Threshold Table (Table 14.2) deleted on the basis that PC2 was a transitional plan.
- Horizons RC was contacted, and it was agreed that the long term targets should not apply to existing growers applying for consent.
- The change can be made without appeal and PNZ is to be involved in the drafting.
- This month PNZ received notice of three appeals on the decisions: two from and iwi and hapu in the Horowhenua region and one from Fish and Game.
- The decisions seek that all amendments made to commercial vegetable production rules and policies by the Commissioners be deleted except for:
 - The changes to Table 14.2 made to update the version of OVERSEER used; and
 - The transitional pathway allowing a short timeframe consent to a lower discharge that meets the thresholds in Table 14.2.
- PNZ is seeking involvement in these appeals as an interested party.

PC1: Healthy Rivers Plan for Change (Waikato)

- PNZ is working towards a common approach to evidence that can be agreed across the affiliated organisations representing commercial vegetable growers.
- There have also been some informal meetings with other appellants.
- PNZ will be attending workshops held by Waikato RC to discuss appeals over the next 2 months.