Your submission to Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

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What are the values and benefits associated with existing food growing hubs and how can these be maximised? **Notes**

quality food

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What are the values and benefits associated with highly productive land?

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keep costs down and quality high

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How should highly productive land be considered when planning for future urban expansion? **Notes**

It should be either locally or nationally designated for a single purpose, that the RMA can't touch. this will reduce the price of land for sure, but it will also reduce the price of food. having houses built of land that is highly productive is very short-sighted. Protect it otherwise we will surely pay for it in the future if we do not.

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How should highly productive land be considered when providing for rural-lifestyle development? **Notes**

highly-productive land should be considered for one use only - growing food. Future residents and citizens will praise our foresight if we protect it now.

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How should the tensions between primary production activities and potentially incompatible activities best be managed? **Notes**

make it single use only - for growing food

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Do you agree that there is a problem? Has it been accurately reflected in this document? **Notes** yes

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Which option do you think would be the most effective to address the problems identified in Chapter Three? Why?

Notes Legislate. make it definitive.

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Are there other pros and cons of a National Policy Statement that should be considered?

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A policy statement sounds weak and likely to be ignored. Take this seriously and do it properly, otherwise we'll lose the valuable resource and we'll all end up paying for it will poor quality and highly priced food from overseas.

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Should the focus of the National Policy Statement be on versatile soils or highly productive land more broadly? Why/why not? **Notes**

Go broad. there's space.

Should the focus of the National Policy Statement be on primary production generally or on certain types of food production activities? Why/why not?

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Tastes change over time. Don't restrict at this time.

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Should future urban zones and future urban areas be excluded from the scope of the National Policy Statement? What are the potential benefits and costs?

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No. While there is a housing shortage, there is always up. We need to protect the soil, it feeds us.

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Should the National Policy Statement apply nationally or target areas where the pressures on highly productive land are greater? **Notes**

yes

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What would an ideal outcome be for the management of highly productive land for current and future generations? **Notes**

reduced food costs. Ease of passing on businesses to the next generation (i.e. it is not prohibited by land costs, as the land will be protected from other uses)

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How should highly productive land be considered when identifying areas for urban expansion?

yes definitely. "that's highly productive land, so we can't expand there"

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How should the National Policy Statement direct the management of rural subdivision and fragmentation on highly productive land? **Notes**

stop or minimise.

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Should these policies be directly inserted into plans without going through the Schedule 1 process (i.e. as a transitional policy until each council gives effect to the National Policy Statement)? What are the potential benefits and risks? **Notes**

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How can these policies best assist decision-makers consider trade-offs, benefits, costs and alternatives when urban development and subdivision is proposed on highly productive land?

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no trade-offs. its protected. work around it.

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Should the policies extend beyond rural lifestyle subdivision and urban development to large scale rural industries operations on highly productive land? Why/why not?

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yes

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Should there be minimum threshold for highly productive land (i.e. as a percentage of site or minimum hectares)? Why/why not? **Notes**

no. every bit counts. this will also create distortions in land price as well as people complaining

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Do you think a planning standard is needed to support the consistent implementation of some proposals in this document? **Notes**

yes