

Your submission to Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

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

Notes

Highly productive land has the potential to provide food crops to sustain the population in New Zealand, they can produce higher yields of crops and food supply than productive land used for farming, or unproductive land.

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Does the RMA framework provide sufficient clarity and direction on how highly productive land should be managed? Why/why not?

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No. The idea around "sustainable management" is not perceived the same for everyone, particularly farmers who do not think in long term especially for the environment or so. Only in short term for money. The framework needs more specific guidelines for how this land should be managed (eg; maximum stocking rate, maximum fertilizer & irrigation applications, maximum grazing periods)

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How is highly productive land currently considered when providing urban expansion? Can you provide examples?

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It is considered to be the best option for urban expansion, however this land is completely wasted by one storey large properties with huge backyards and driveways.

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

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Houses should be built up - not out. More apartments with multiple levels, stop wasting land on a 5 bedroom one storey house with a garage as big as the house.

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

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Have more rules and regulations

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Are you aware of other problems facing highly productive land?

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Poor soil management. Need better monitoring of soil quality to ensure soils are managed appropriately.