

In the matter of: Proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

And: Perfect Produce Ltd

Submitter

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Submission on proposed National Policy Statement for Highly Productive Land

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We at Perfect Produce Co Ltd support a National Policy Statement for highly productive land.

We are a family owned business specializing in the production of Green Leaf Vegetables for the domestic market. Our land area is approximately 160 hectares. We are for preserving highly productive land for producing fresh food for our cities.

Soil types, access to water, the ability to utilize modern "science proven products and practices" are essential to be able to produce food in a sustainable and profitable manner.

The restriction of capping land for vegetable production is a huge disadvantage as this adds costs and lower yields as well as promoting pests and diseases because of the inability to rotate land.

Because we specialize in growing green leaf type vegetables our nitrogen uses are high. We have limitations on how much we can reduce before it impacts on lower yields which become uneconomical.

We fully support the preservation of highly productive land for the purpose of feeding our nation. Our fertile soils, topography, favorable climatic conditions, proximity to Auckland makes us an important area in our food chain.

We hope positive initiatives for encouragement to develop lands for vegetable production is a better proposal rather than legislation that restricts and penalizes for these activities.

Signature:

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