



# FEDERATED FARMERS

SUBMISSION ON:  
Proposed Livestock Movements Bylaw 2010

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**Federated Farmers of New Zealand would like to be heard in support of this submission.**

# 1. INTRODUCTION

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- 1.1. Federated Farmers welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposed Livestock Movement Bylaw 2010.
- 1.2. Federated Farmers of New Zealand is a member-based organisation representing farming and other rural business. Federated Farmers has a long proud history of representing the needs and interests of New Zealand Farmers.
- 1.3. Federated Farmers has been actively involved in redrafting the proposed stock driving bylaw. We would like to commend the Buller District Council for entering into discussions with Federated Farmers members and allowing members to assist in the drafting process.

## 2. GENERAL

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- 2.1. Federated Farmers considers that the proposed stock droving bylaw is an effective stock management tool. The provisions of this bylaw allow for farmers to move stock across or along a road in a fashion that avoids nuisance or safety issues.
- 2.2. Federated Farmers notes there will be instances where a farmer will be required to obtain written approval from Council for stock movement activities. This is likely to result from farmers choosing to undertake stock movements outside of the conditions sets out in section 11 of the proposed bylaw. Federated Farmers considers this to be appropriate to ensure that nuisance and safety issues do not arise in relation to stock movement. We understand that Council will apply a pragmatic approach when assessing any applications for written approval and will seek to do so in an efficient manner.
- 2.3. Federated Farmers notes that section 8(e) requires consideration of traffic volumes and stock numbers in accordance with a graph in the appendixes. We consider that the provisions of the bylaw contained in sections 8(a-d) and sections 11 and 12 ensure that safety and

nuisance issues that arise as a result of the movement of stock along or across a road are effectively managed. We consider that section 8(e) and associated graph is overly complex and is unnecessary. Federated Farmers considers that this will only serve to confuse those farmers who are required to consider the proposed bylaw and cause additional unnecessary work for the council through determining traffic counts and stock numbers. Federated Farmers considers that in order to maintain an effective bylaw that accurately serves its purpose Council will have to remove section 8(e) and the associated graph.

### **RELIEF SOUGHT**

- 2.4. Federated Farmers seeks that the Council adopt the proposed stock droving bylaw with the minor amendment to remove section 8(e) and the associated graph in Appendix B

# 3. CONCLUSION

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- 3.1. Federated Farmers considers the proposed stock droving bylaw is appropriate and will successfully mitigate safety and nuisance effects associated with livestock movements on roads within the Buller District with the removal of section 8(e) and associated graph.
- 3.2. Federated Farmers appreciates a good working relationship with the Buller District and we look forward to maintaining this relationship on issues that may arise in the future.

- 3.3. Federated Farmers would appreciate an opportunity to be heard in support of this submission and would like to thank both Council staff and Councillors for the honest and open discussions relating to this proposed bylaw.

Thank you.