

Submission Form: Example

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***To:** Middleton Regional Council

***Name of Submitter:** (Full Name) Red Band Farms Ltd

This a submission on the Proposed Middleton Regional Plan

My submissions are on the attached pages.

*I do /~~do not~~ wish to be heard in support of my submission. (Delete one)

*If others make a similar submission, I ~~would~~/ would not consider presenting with others making a similar submission at a hearing. (Delete one)

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***Date:** 24./04./08

Submission

	<i>Matter of concern</i>
<i>Plan Provision</i>	Discharges to Land or Water The provision seeks to limit nitrogen discharges from agricultural land to water by capping nitrogen loss to 20kgN/ha/year across the region.
<i>Clause or Number</i>	13.2.1
<i>Page</i>	99
<i>Support/Oppose</i>	I oppose this provision
<i>Reasons</i>	<p>The provision takes insufficient account of economic and social factors that must be balanced with environmental aspirations that this provision seeks to achieve. It creates significant uncertainty for dairy farmers in the region who are unlikely to continue to invest when there is no security for the ongoing viability of their farms.</p> <p>It imposes excessive regulatory burden/compliance costs on land owners with a high level of uncertainty that the environmental benefits will be achieved.</p> <p>The provision does not account for different land use, farm management systems and farm environments</p> <p>I do not believe that the scientific analysis used to support/justify provisions is relevant to the farming systems in Middleton Regional Council. I refer to the report by Dr I R Green of Middleton University that shows that there are not the proven tools or mitigations available for farmers currently to achieve the targets of the proposal.</p>
<i>Decision Sought</i>	That provision 13.2.1 is deleted from the Plan; or in the alternative amend the rule to better reflect farm management systems, farm environment and the mitigation tools that are available.