From: section 9 (2) (a) < section 9 (2) (a)

Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 12:14 PM

To: Clare Sahayam

Subject: Re: Federated Farmers meeting with Minister Hoggard

Categories: Waiting for Response

Hi Clare,

I haven't been in contact with Matt Hayward - do I need to?

The attendees for the meeting will be the three listed: Wayne Langford, Colin Hurst and Paul Melville.

Thanks so much for the prompt response as well!

Cheers,



From: Clare Sahayam < section 9 (2) (a)

Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 12:10 pm

To: section 9 (2) (a) < section 9 (2) (a) >

Subject: RE: Federated Farmers meeting with Minister Hoggard

Hello section 9 (2),

Yes I am the point of contact for Minister Hoggard. Have you been in touch with Matt Hayward? If yes, we have set up a meeting on Monday at 11.30am – 12pm at Parliament, if that suits you.

Please provide a list of attendees for the meeting, unless the people attending are only the names you listed below.

Cheers,

Clare Sahayam | Senior Private Secretary | Office of Hon Andrew Hoggard

Minister for Biosecurity

Minister for Food Safety

Associate Minister of Agriculture (Animal Welfare, Skills)

Associate Minister for the Environment

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From: section 9 (2) (a) < section 9 (2) (a) Sent: Friday, 1 December 2023 11:49 AM

To: Clare Sahayam < section 9 (2) (a) >

Subject: Federated Farmers meeting with Minister Hoggard

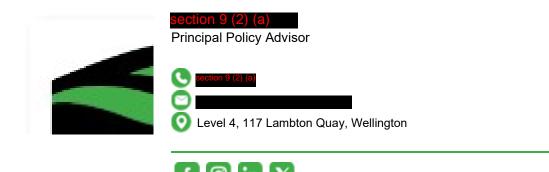
Hi Clare,

My name is and I am an advisor at Federated Farmers. Our general Manager, Paul Melville, was talking to Minister Hoggard about organising a meeting between Federated Farmers (with our national President, Wayne Langford, National Vice President, Colin Hurst and General Manager for Policy, Paul Melville) and the Minister and I've been told there was a suggestion for a Monday meeting by the Minister.

I've then been given your contact - so I hope I am getting in touch with the right person. But would this be possible?

Cheers,





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From: Colin Hurst < section 9 (2) (a) > Sent: Sunday, 3 December 2023 11:29 PM

To: Andrew Hoggard

Subject: Cost benefit assessment of "Action for Healthy Waterways"

Attachments: A review of the cost benefit of Action for Healthy waterways Tailrisk October 2020

(1).pdf

Categories: TO DO, Biosecurity

Hi Andrew,

see the attached report,

Regards

Colin



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From: Colin Hurst < Section 9 (2) (a) > Sent: Sunday, 3 December 2023 4:36 PM

To: Andrew Hoggard

Subject: Fw: Water quality data released by LAWA **Attachments:** FF Our Freshwater - version 2-v3.pdf

Categories: TO DO, Biosecurity

Hi Andrew, see attached and some comments below in response to a LAWA report from last year,

Regards

Apologies in advance this will be a brief response (I'm on the GW RPS – I've clipped a graph below to illustrate why it's important).

This is the same story we hear year on year:

• I've only skimmed that web page but it looks similar to previous offerings

I'm attaching my analysis of FW2020 which will still be relevant to this latest data – our key message was:

- It is our strong submission that the reporting agencies have not "nailed" state and trend reporting, to the very significant cost of public and political understanding:
 - Currently, state is reported separate to trends; magnitude is not reported at all; and environmental significance is not mentioned
 - We strongly endorse the PCE recommendation that the reporting agencies assemble the skills needed to prioritise and interpret the data and research they commission
 - This recommendation is especially urgent in the context of the current economic situation which puts a
 premium on smart, well-targetted investments which deliver for the environment at least cost to the
 economy
 - FFNZ recommend urgent attention to integrated state/trend/magnitude analysis with a specific focus on environmental significance, to yield insights relevant to prioritized policy
- FFNZ agree with the PCE that a key question is the extent to which environmental reporting helps us understand and manage our environment in ways that support environmental, social and economic health. It is our strong submission that FW2020 does not meet this test. Instead our assessment is:
 - NZ is broadly maintaining current state
 - Changes are at the margins relative to previous centuries
 - The imperative is to identify and prioritise the outliers (poor state/degrading trends) for action at the appropriate (catchment) scale.
- FFNZ welcome the new emphasis in FW2020 on catchments and catchment communities. We agree that most catchments are a mosaic of landuses, that challenges and opportunities are best addressed and progressed in the catchment-specific context, and that "exemplar" and "at risk' catchments should be prioritised for coordinated partnerships and action

Re lakes:

- Looks like they have a bigger sample which is good
- See my discussion in attached report pg 25 on

Re rivers

- Important to be clear that this data is medians
- For clarity/e coli and to a lesser extent DRP, it is the 95th % spikes which are principally at issue, principally driven by flood flows
- Then as Colin says, we have tools to dis-aggregate sources, be it sediment sources or e coli sources
- The point is to get a grip on the patterns/sources so we can target the best bang for buck interventions

Re MCI

- I agree this is a key integrative indicator
- See pg 7 on in my report I'd have to have a proper look at the new data to see if its saying something different (but I doubt it, numbers don't bounce around that much)

Re trends

- Ton Snelder did work looking at what was driving trends
- He couldn't find a direct connect with landuse, eg, heaps of degrading trends in native landcover
- Instead he found a better connect with bigger climate cycles
- I'll separately forward an email re that

This is a hard discussion to have via sound bites....it needs NZ Inc to want to have a genuine understanding.

https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/475457/more-than-80-percent-of-new-zealand-s-low-lying-lakes-and-rivers-surveyed-poor-or-very-poor



From: Sent: To: Subject:	Colin Hurst < Section 9 (2) (a) > Monday, 18 December 2023 10:51 PM Andrew Hoggard COR075 RMA changes
Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:	Follow up Flagged
Categories:	For Minister
Hi Andrew,	
If possible three suggestions are detailed below for changes and for additions to the RMA when the NBEA is to be repealed,	
happy to discuss if that would be helpful,	
Regards	
Colin Hurst	

Further to what has supplied below, we would also want to see the following highlighted clause from the NBEA included in the RMA (should the NBEA be repealed). As far as I am aware, this is the only clause / section in any of the legislation / regulations that gives a pathway for FWFP to not be compulsory for all "farms" over 20ha.

387Application of this subpart

- (1) This subpart applies only—
- (a) to a region, district, or part of New Zealand specified in an Order in Council under this section; and (b) on and from the date specified in the Order in Council.
- (2) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister, determine—(a) that this subpart applies to a specified district, region, or part of New Zealand; and

- (b) the date on which this subpart applies to that district, region, or part of New Zealand.
- (3) The Governor-General may, by Order in Council on the recommendation of the Minister, in relation to a region, district, or part of New Zealand to which this subpart applies,—
- (a) disapply a statutory land use area threshold; or
- (b) disapply a statutory land use area threshold and prescribe a higher land use area threshold in its place.
- (4) Before making a recommendation under subsection (2) or (3), the Minister must—
- (a) be satisfied that the order is necessary to achieve the purpose of this subpart in the specified district, region, or part of New Zealand; and
- (b) consult the Minister of Agriculture.
- (5) An order under this section is secondary legislation (*see* Part 3 of the Legislation Act 2019 for publication requirements).

In respect of changes to the RMA we discussed, I've set out below the two things I think we could get changed right now. If it would be helpful, I could put the wording below into a word document ...

1. Changing dates

The government has indicated that it will change the date in section 80A of the RMA for notification of planning instruments to give effect to the NPSFM to 31 December 2027.

A concern we have is that councils will continue to progress their plan changes, particularly because clause 4.1 of the NPSFM says that they must give effect to the NPSFM "as soon as reasonably practicable."

There does not appear to be an easy solution for changing how this is interpreted through an amendment to section 80A. The only solution I can think of is that at the same time the date in section 80A is amended, some additional wording is included along the lines of "and as soon as reasonably practicable is to be interpreted in light this date."

Below is the relevant subsection and how it could possibly be changed (amendments in red):

(4)

A regional council must—

(a)

publicly notify the freshwater planning instrument; and

(b)

if the purpose of the freshwater planning instrument is to give effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020, publicly notify the freshwater planning instrument by 31 December 20242027, with "as soon as reasonably practicable" to be interpreted in light of this timeframe; and

(c)

no later than 6 months after it has publicly notified the freshwater planning instrument, submit the documents required by clause 37(1) of Schedule 1 (the

required documents

) to the Chief Freshwater Commissioner; and

(d)

at least 20 working days before submitting the required documents, provide to the Chief Freshwater Commissioner in writing—

(i)

its notice of intention to submit those documents; and

(ii)

the regional council and local tangata whenua nominations for appointment to the freshwater hearings panel required by clause 59(1)(b) and (c) of Schedule 1.

2. Freshwater farm plans

A significant issue with the freshwater farm plans is that many councils are interpreting the law as saying that they cannot have discretionary farm plans as a permitted activity (due to issues with the need for certainty and unlawful delegation of council discretion).

If freshwater farm plans were able to be incorporated into regional plan rules as a permitted activity tool for managing effects, that would make a big difference for farmers (who are concerned about the cost and time involved in a resource consent, which is unlikely to add any additional rigour over what the certified farm planner has required in the freshwater farm plan).

This could be addressed by an amendment to section 217L of the RMA as follows:

217LRelationship between certified freshwater farm plan and specified instruments

(1)

A certified freshwater farm plan may contain a requirement that—

(a)

relates to an activity carried out on the farm (an

activity

) even if there is no similar requirement relating to that activity in a provision of a specified instrument:

(h)

restricts an activity more than a provision of a specified instrument.

(2)

However, if a provision of a specified instrument restricts an activity more than a requirement of a freshwater farm plan, the provision of the specified instrument prevails.

(3)

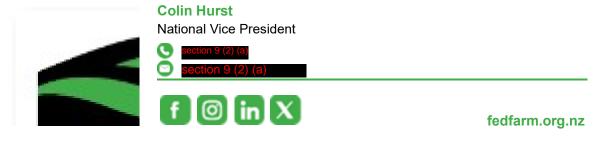
To avoid doubt, compliance with a requirement of a certified freshwater farm plan—

(a)

does not of itself authorise a person to undertake an activity:

(b)

may be specified or included as a requirement or condition in any specified instrument relating to an activity <u>including as part of a permitted activity rule</u>.



From: Paul Melville < section 9 (2) (a)

Aaron Letcher

Sent: Tuesday, 16 January 2024 4:15 PM

To: section 9 (2) (a)

Subject: Meeting with Federated while in Wellington 30th / 31st of January

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Cc:

Hope you are both well.

Wayne Langford, Federated Farmers President, and Colin Hurst, Federated Farmers Vice President and Freshwater Spokesperson are both in Wellington on the 30th and 31st of January to attend some of the parliamentary maiden speeches.

This could be a good opportunity to meet with Todd and Andrew, alongside Minister Symonds, if possible, to further build the relationship between Government and Feds and discuss some of the broader agricultural issues on the horizon. Three key topics could be:

- Freshwater Farm Plans. Both coalition agreements discuss potential changes to Freshwater Farm Plans. However, councils are continuing to roll out Freshwater Farm Plans. Farmers are also facing uncertainty on if they should spend money on a Freshwater Farm Plan under the current regulations or wait for rules to be reviewed. It would be good to discuss the Government's plans for Freshwater Farm Plans and what our messaging to farmers should be. Note Federated Farmers supports the Government position of amending (rather than repealing) Freshwater Farm Plans. We can discuss with you the details of our position.
- Changes to National Environmental Standard for Freshwater: Changes are needed to farming regulations relating to winter grazing, wetlands, stock exclusion, etc. These changes were signalled prior to the election by the political parties which formed government. We are interested to understand what is planned in this area and share our thoughts with you.
- Unlocking water storage: The NZ First Coalition agreement discusses cutting red tape and regulatory blocks on irrigation, water storage, managed aquifer recharge and flood protection schemes. As with above, we are eager to understand timelines for this work and how we can input.

Would Ministers McClay, Hoggard and Symonds be available for a meeting to discuss these topics?

Warm regards, Paul



From: Federated Farmers Events <events@fedfarm.org.nz>

Sent: Friday, 26 January 2024 3:07 PM

To: Andrew Hoggard

Subject: INV132 You are invited to join Federated Farmers in Wellington on 21 February

6pm - 8pm

Afternoon Andrew



Networking Function

We invite you to join Federated Farmers New Zealand Meat & Wool and Dairy Council members for an evening of networking with farmers from across New Zealand and industry professionals. This event will be an exciting opportunity to engage, strengthen relationships and build upon our solution focused council meetings.

When: Wednesday, 21 February 2024

Time: 6pm - 8pm (nibbles and drinks will be provided)

Where: The Backbencher Gastropub,

34 Molesworth Street,

Wellington

Please RSVP by: Monday, 5 February 2024

To: Events@fedfarm.org.nz

Please advise of any dietary requirements.

Richard McIntyre Toby Williams
Chairperson Chairperson

Federated Farmers Dairy Federated Farmers Meat & Wool



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From: Preet Nijjar < section 9 (2) (a) > Sent: Tuesday, 30 January 2024 2:57 PM

To: Andrew Hoggard Cc: David Birkett

Subject: INV138 Letter to Hon Andrew Hoggard re Biosecurity and Food Safety

Attachments: 20240130 Letter to Hon Andrew Hoggard re Biosecurity and Food Safety.pdf

Good afternoon Minister Hoggard,

Please see attached a letter on behalf of Federated Farmers Board member, David Birkett.

Kind regards, Preet



Gurpreet Nijjar

Executive Assistant to CEO and National Board



O Level 4, 117 Lambton Quay, Wellington







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30 January 2024

Hon Andrew Hoggard Minister for Biosecurity and Food Safety Associate Minister for Agriculture Parliament Buildings Wellington

By email: section 9 (2) (a)

FEDERATED FARMERS

WELLINGTON

Lambton Centre Level 4, 117 Lambton Quay PO Box 715, Wellington 6140 ⊤ 0800 327 646

Dear Minister,

On behalf of Federated Farmers of New Zealand, I would like to extend our congratulations on your appointment as Minister for Biosecurity and Associate Minister for Agriculture.

We acknowledge the incoming Government's recognition of the need for urgent action to support the primary sector, and we are encouraged by its commitment to reducing barriers and costs across the sector and reflecting the world leading status of our agricultural producers.

Key issues for farming in your portfolio

Biosecurity is critically important to our primary industries. An unwanted pest or disease such as Foot and Mouth Disease, would have a huge impact on agriculture, our regional economies, the national economy, and natural and urban environments. It's important to have the right measures in place to prepare, respond to and, if needed, manage on an on-going basis pest or disease incursions.

Similarly, the food safety system provides confidence to consumers on the quality of our produce. It is vital that our regulatory framework continues to uphold our reputation internationally as a trusted supplier of food, while ensuring that compliance costs are kept reasonable to protect international competitiveness.

The key issues we would seek to engage with you on include:

- A robust, sustainably funded world-class biosecurity system that protects New Zealand's
 agricultural industries from pests and diseases and embeds the lessons from previous
 incursions (e.g., Mycoplasma Bovis and Blackgrass)
- In relation to food safety, we advocate for a robust, and cohesive, risk-based system that is
 recognised by potential and existing trading partners while imposing the least possible
 compliance burden on all parts of the supply chain.

We would also be interested to engage directly with you on your delegations of Animal Welfare and Skills in your role as Associate Minister of Agriculture.

Thank you for your time, and we look forward to the opportunity to meet with you and discuss our shared objectives and priorities. To arrange a meeting please ask your office to contact Preet Nijjar section 9 (2) (a)

Yours sincerely,

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David Birkett

Federated Farmers National Board Member

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From: Glenda Robb | Sounds Reflection < Section 9 (2) (a)

Sent: Friday, 2 February 2024 4:14 PM

To: Andrew Hoggard (MIN)
Cc: Stuart Smith; Section 9 (2) (a)

Subject: INV152 Invitation to Marlborough FFNZ AGM

Good afternoon Andrew

Congratulations on your election to Parliament.

At our Federated Farmers meeting yesterday members decided they would like to invite you to our AGM as guest speaker, to talk about your role in Government and the farming scene.

Our meeting is on Thursday 2nd May, venue and time to be decided.

If this suits we can arrange transport from the Airport if required.

Many thanks

Regards



Glenda Robb Secretary Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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From: Glenda Robb | Sounds Reflection < section 9 (2) (a)

Sent: Monday, 5 February 2024 11:56 AM

To: Mark Patterson; Andrew Hoggard; Jamie Arbuckle

Subject: COR140 Marlborough FFNZ Letter

Attachments: FFNZ Marlborough Drought Letter 5 Feb 24.pdf

Good morning

Please find attached a letter from Marlborough FFNZ re the drought.

Many thanks

regards



Glenda Robb Secretary Federated Farmers of New Zealand

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5 February 2024

Attention The Minister of Agriculture Hon Todd McClay

Associates: Hon Andrew Hoggard

Hon Nicola Grigg Hon Mark Patterson

Cc Hon Stuart Smith: MP for Marlborough

Hon Jamie Arbuckle: MP for Marlborough

Cc Ministry of Primary Industries

section 9 (2) (a)

Cc Marlborough District Council

Mayor: Nadine Taylor and all Councillors

CEO: Mark Wheeler



Re: Marlborough's Lack of Soil Moisture

At the general meeting of Marlborough Federated Farmers of NZ on 1st February 2024, members expressed their concern over soil moisture deficits. The deficit started much earlier this season. Marlborough has dipped below zero on water balance in early September - almost a month earlier than the 2014 and 2015 droughts, and well before our long-term average of moisture deficit in late October.

If the lack of rain continues during February, (which would be the norm) and with strong wind and high temperatures farmers will be pushed into a drought situation across Marlborough. There are already localised areas with extreme dry, where farmers are feeding out reserves normally kept for the winter months. Those farmers who have sold all trading livestock may be looking at selling capital livestock shortly as well.

Marlborough Federated Farmers wish to advise that the situation is being reviewed on the 14th February, and a more formal call for a medium scale event may be called for.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours faithfully

Marlborough Federated Farmers of NZ

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Glenda Robb Secretary



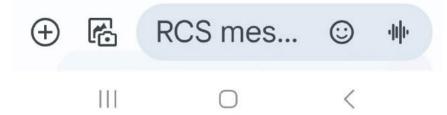
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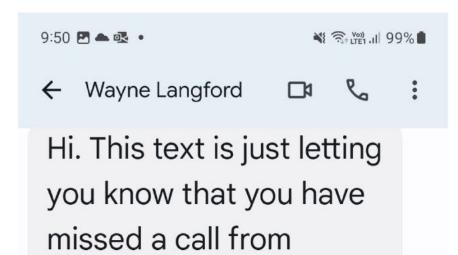
Congrats for yesterday Andrew, what a massive honour!! Will see you Wednesday night

Thursday, 7 Dec • 5:40 pm

Texting with Wayne (SMS/MMS)

Hi. This text is just letting you know that you have missed a call from section 9 (2) (a) at 17:40 on 07/12.





section 9 (2) (a), at <u>17:40</u> on 07/12.

RCS chat with Wayne

Sitting in parliament out at <u>6pm</u>

Monday • 11:49 am

Hey, could you give me a call later this afternoon

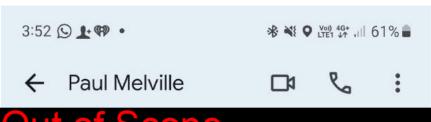
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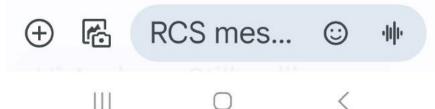
Tuesday, 28 Nov • 10:01 am

Texting with Paul (SMS/MMS)

Hi. This text is just letting you know that you have missed a call from section 9 (2) (a), at 10:01 on 28/11.

Wednesday, 29 Nov • 4:23 pm

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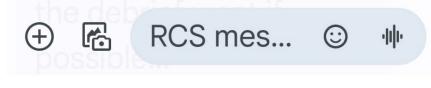
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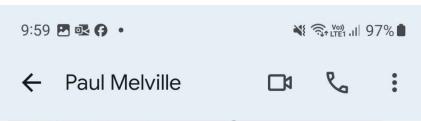
What is timing for decisions re freshwater farm plans stock exclusion rules and NES? Assume the new year? Have some ideas that I think are fairly middle ground that we could discuss but I assume no urgency

Tuesday, 12 Dec • 1:21 pm

Interested to hear how

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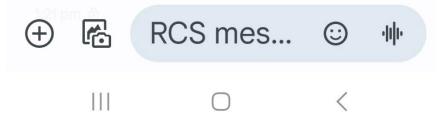




What is timing for decisions re freshwater farm plans stock exclusion rules and NES? Assume the new year? Have some ideas that I think are fairly middle ground that we could discuss but I assume no urgency

Tuesday, 12 Dec • 1:21 pm

Interested to hear how the debrief went if possible...





Hey Minister, could you please give me a call

Wednesday, 6 Dec • 5:45 pm

Hey Minister, when is your maiden speech? I (and I can imagine quite a few Feds people) would be keen to attend if there is room

Wednesday, 6 Dec • 8:45 pm

the new year

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