

Sheep and Beef Sector

Collated Feedback from Sector
Engagement Meetings

Sector Meetings

- Ohinewai, Putaruru, and Otorohonga
- 120 Farmers in Total
- Key feedback questions
 - Good management Practice
 - Stock Exclusion from Waterways
 - General Feedback

GMP – Farm Plans

- General agreement that farm plans are the best way forward
- Those who didn't agreed called for more cost benefit analysis
- Mix of mandatory and voluntary
- Requirements should be based on risk
- Different options with LEP levels 1- 3
- Audit and Monitoring also based on risk

Cattle Exclusion

- General agreement that Intensive parts of the farm should be the focus for cattle exclusion
- General agreement that stock exclusion should be subject to a farm plan
- Needs to be based on risk
- Need to define what a waterway is
- Hill country is complicated

General

- Need to acknowledge a lot of farmers are getting on board
- Concern about the interpretation of the science and trends
- Concern over being pushed out by other sectors
- Need for cost benefit analysis
- A strong desire from farmers to know more about the water in their local catchment.....

Lets consider the approach

- Farmers want risk based solutions
- Getting farmer buy in and ownership is key
- Farmers are indicating strong interest in the water coming off their farm
- An objective and pragmatic approach is needed
- WRA Report Card Project could be a strong communication tool