Farm management areas



Each management area has related good management practices (GMP). Each GMP has a list of practices to consider. It needs to be backed by evidence

GMPs

FARM PLANNING AND RECORDING

• GMP 1

Identify the physical and biophysical characteristics of the farm system, assess the risk factors to water quality associated with the farm system, and manage appropriately.

• GMP 2

Maintain accurate and auditable records of annual farm inputs, outputs and management practices.

CULTIVATION AND SOIL STRUCTURE

• GMP 3

Manage farming operations to minimize direct and indirect losses of sediment and nutrients to water, and maintain or enhance soil structure, where agronomically appropriate.

GROUND COVER

• GMP 4

Manage periods of exposed soil between crops/pasture to reduce risk of erosion, overland flow and leaching.

• GMP 5

Retire all land use capability (LUC) class 8 and either retire, or actively manage, all class 7e to ensure intensive soil conservation measures and practices are in place.

SEDIMENT, PHOSPHORUS AND FAECAL BACTERIA

• GMP 6

Identify risk of overland flow of sediment and faecal bacteria on the property and implement measures to minimize transport of these to water bodies.

• GMP 7

Locate and manage farm tracks, gateways, water troughs, self-feeding areas, stock camps, wallows and other sources of runoff to minimize risks to water quality.

• GMP 8

To the extent that is compatible with land form, stock class and intensity, exclude stock from waterways.

• GMP 9

Monitor soil phosphorus levels and maintain them at or below

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT

• GMP 10

Manage the amount and timing of fertilizer inputs, taking account of all sources of nutrients, to match plant requirements and minimize risk of losses.

• GMP 11

Store and load fertilizer to minimize risk of spillage, leaching and loss into water bodies.

• GMP 12

Ensure equipment for spreading fertilizers is well maintained and calibrated.

IRRIGATION AND WATER USE

• GMP 13

Manage the amount and timing of irrigation inputs to meet plant demands and minimize risk of leaching and runoff.

• GMP 14

Design, calibrate and operate irrigation systems to minimize the amount of water needed to meet production objectives.

FEED

• GMP 15

Store, transport and distribute feed to minimize wastage, leachate and soil damage.

FARM EFFLUENT AND WASTE WATER MANAGEMENT

• GMP 16

Ensure the effluent system meets industry-specific Code of Practice or equivalent standard.

• GMP 17

Have sufficient, suitable storage available to enable farm effluent and waste water to be stored when soil conditions are unsuitable for application.

• GMP 18

Ensure equipment for spreading effluent and other organic manures is well-maintained and calibrated.

• GMP 19

Apply effluent to pasture and crops at depths, rates and times to match plant

INTENSIVE GRAZING

• GMP 20

Select appropriate paddocks for intensive grazing, recognising and mitigating possible nutrient and sediment loss from critical source areas.

• GMP 21

Manage grazing to minimise losses from critical source areas.





Farm Environment Plan OPUHA WATER LTD



FARM ENVIRONMENT PLAN







FARM PLAN NO: YYY Version no: xx DairyNZ Sustainable Milk Plan Paul and Mandy Burrows ilvarock Farming Company Ltd 830 North Rakaia Road Owner Operator rr@clear.net.nz 1 DP 73371 LOT 2 DP 78940 LOT 2 DP 347786 RS 40 SEC 1 & 3 BLK XIII SELWYN SD 204.85 District/Zone le Legal Description (ha): Catchment (ha): 0.00 nal Ti (ha): 0.00 Climate Site otal Effective Area (h Peak Herd Size Total Farm Area (ha)

Stock Rate: These env ntal risks shall be managed through practices and actions identified in this plai Draining Soils with moderate to low water holding capac River erosion risk on land boarding Rakaia River Date of last NB: 18/02/2014



Plans

Arron Huttor

17-Mar-15

Selwyn/Waihora Zone

elwyn Waihora









Map Key



Location & Risk Identification



Likelihood of Contaminant Reaching Surface Water

Explanation

This graph displays the scale of the potential loss of contaminant against the likelihood of the contaminant reaching surface water for each risk area identified. These risk areas and potential impacts on water quality were identified during the farm assessment.

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1 INTERMITTENT WATERWAY



Description:

Spring fed waterway, does not run all year, steep topography on one side / flat on the other.

Risk Type: Sediment and Phosphorus

Actions:

Use temporary fencing on the steep side to give a 3m buffer when the waterway is running Move the uphill fence to allow a 1m buffer to the waterway to provide better filtering of sediment

Contaminant Loss Risk



Risk of Reaching Surface Water



Unlikely May Reach Will Reach Direct

EFFLUENT SYSTEM



Description:

A well designed farm dairy effluent system with a new 500m3 Tasman Tank for storage.

Risk Type: Nitrogen, Pathogens and Phosphorus.

Actions:

Pump down volumes in the Summer / Autumn in order to have capacity for high risk months Install a Flashing Light warning system to indicate pumping Install a level indicator on the storage tank Install a high level warning alarm on the sump Establish an effluent system maintenance plan.

Contaminant Loss Risk



Risk of Reaching Surface Water



Unlikely May Reach Will Reach Direct

RACE CROSSING POINT 1



Description:

A narrow stock crossing point on steep race which is close to the farm dairy. The crossing point is a natural collection and pooling point for sediment runoff from the uphill race and surrounding area.

Risk Type:

Nitrogen, Phosphorus, Pathogens

Actions:

Race improvements done in conjunction with improved cutouts from Zone 8 by October 2017 Raise the crossing point with rhyolite to divert runoff away from the waterway by October 2019 Increase the buffer strip to the stream by October 2021

Install a new culvert increasing the width of the crossing point by October 2026

Contaminant Loss Risk



- Low - Med/Low - Med/High - High

Risk of Reaching Surface Water



Unlikely May Reach Will Reach Direct

6 RACE CUTOUTS



Description: Steep race with sediment runoff.

Risk Type: Sediment, Phosphorus

Actions:

Construct an effective cutout on the downhill side of the race uphill of the stock crossing point to divert any runoff and sediment to land prior to waterway crossing (Zone 5).

Install a drum and culvert pipe on the steep side of the race uphill of the stock crossing point to divert any runoff and sediment to land prior to waterway crossing (Zone 5).

Contaminant Loss Risk



Risk of Reaching Surface Water





Unlikely May Reach Will Reach Direct



- Low - Med/Low - Med/High - High

Risk Area	On Farm Action	Completion Date	Completed
Phosphorus Fertiliser Use	Continue annual soil testing Phosphorus fertiliser use considered against soil and plant needs with soil test results.	Ongoing Management	
Nitrogen Fertiliser Use	Ensure that Nitrogen fertiliser application timings are matched to times of high plant growth, with a minimum of 1000 kg DM/ha cover, the soil temperature exceeds 8°C and the soil is not saturated.	Ongoing Management	
	Ensure that Nitrogen Fertiliser is used strategically to align feed on hand with animal feed requirement		
Cultivation	Select paddocks suitable for cultivation; whilst avoiding areas with slopes over 15°	Ongoing	
	Ensure that there is a minimum cultivation setback of 5 metres from any waterway; irrespective of the location of the fencing.	wanagement	
B Race	Don't let cows stand there as a management tactic	Ongoing	
2 (High Risk)	Construct race cutouts approx. 15m uphill of the crossing diverting runoff to minimise build up of water at crossing point	October 2017	
	Build up the level of the crossing so the low point of the race is not above the crossing.	October 2020	
Pugging Damage on Paddock 5	When the soil is saturated stock will be excluded from the low point in paddock 5 between the race and the waterway using with a temporary fence	Ongoing	
🕲 Quarry	Maintain current bundiing to contain stormwater and Sediment	Ongoing	
	If stormwater buildup is required to be released, the water is to diverted away from surface water	As required	
Effluent System	Lower effluent volume in the storage tank during Summer & Autumn	Annually	
	Install a flashing light to indicate that the effluent pump is active	October 2018	
	Install a level indicator on the effluent tank	October 2018	
	Install a high level alarm on the effluent sump	October 2018	
 Intermittent Waterway 	Use temporary fencing on the steep side to give a 3m buffer when the waterway is running	As Required	
	Move the uphill fence to allow a 1m buffer to the waterway to provide better filtering of sediment	October 2026	
Race Crossing Point 1	Build up the crossing point with rhyolite to divert runoff	October 2019 October 2021	
	Increase the buffer strip to the stream		
	Install a new culvert increasing the width of the crossing point	October 2026	
21 Steep Area on Pdk 6/7	Use temporary fencing to remove from the grazing rotation during high risk months	Ongoing Management	
28 Puniu River	Relocate the fencing from the Puniu river back a minimum of 1m in paddock 8	October 2020	

Implementation:

Ecan:

Created industry with trained and certified consultants

Southland:

Farms must have an FEP in accordance with the conditions of the Regional Plan. They can be part of an independently audited self management scheme.

Waikato:

Farms must have an FEP in accordance with conditions specific to their fresh water management units/catchments They can be part on an industry audited self management scheme Or otherwise must use a consultant and apply for a resource consent