



# Farmers For Positive Change Hearing Submission

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# Agenda



- Farm Environment Plan Overview
- Farm Environment Plans Critical components
  - Land Management Units ( LMU/LUC)
  - Strengths and weaknesses and management of them
  - Pathway of meeting Environmental objectives
  - Response plan to meet the environmental objectives.
- Process of farm Environment Plan creation-Farmer initiated
- Evolution of Farm Environment Planning
- The role of farm Environment Planning in Sub catchments

# Farm Environment Plan Overview



- Genesis in The Sustainable Farming Fund “ Green Tick” programme in mid 90’s
- B+LNZ created the Land Environment Plans level 1, 2 &3
- Workshops conducted early 2010.
- Across many regions there has been progress to a “Farm Environment Plan”
- In collaboration with the WRC the Waikato Farm Environment Plan developed in 2017.
- Consultants made this template workshop ready in 2017.



# Farm Environment Plan Critical Components



*Farmer created with Farmer knowledge of their own land*

Land Management Units

Strengths and weaknesses, present uses

Identification of pertinent Environmental Objectives and evidence on how they are being met

A targeted response plan that will meet the above environmental objectives.

3<sup>rd</sup> Party verification



# Farmer initiated Farm Environment Plans



Workshops, Field days and small discussion groups.

65 Workshops conducted since 2010 with over 620 attendees

As these evolve farmers are taking more ownership of their construction.

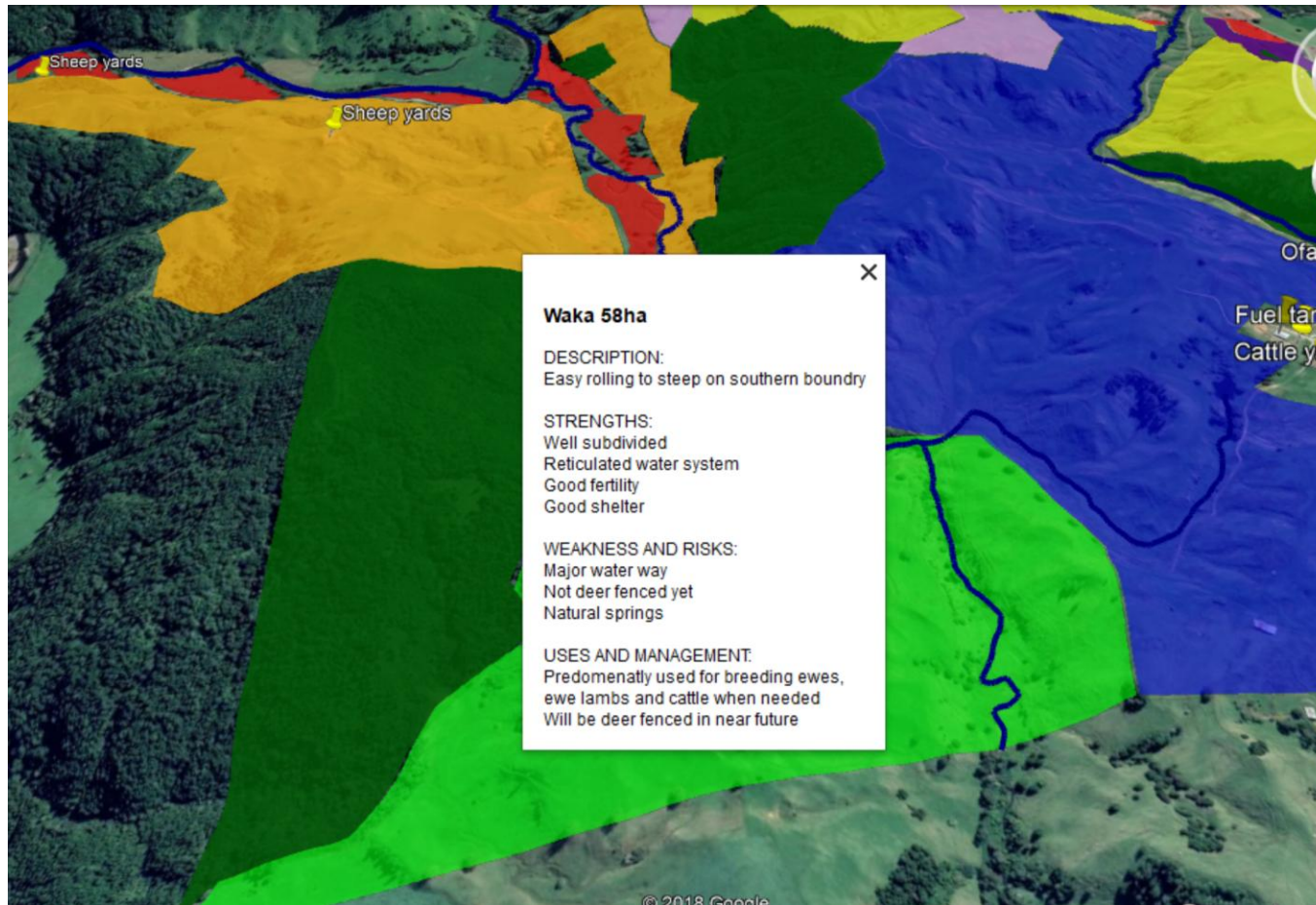


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# Evolution of Farm Environment Planning



Farmers are requiring more input into their Farm Environment Plans.

Clinics have been successfully trialed in the North Waikato

Partner with WRC and pre-empt with Risk and mitigation workshops

Industry good bodies ( DINZ) to create targeted discussion groups.





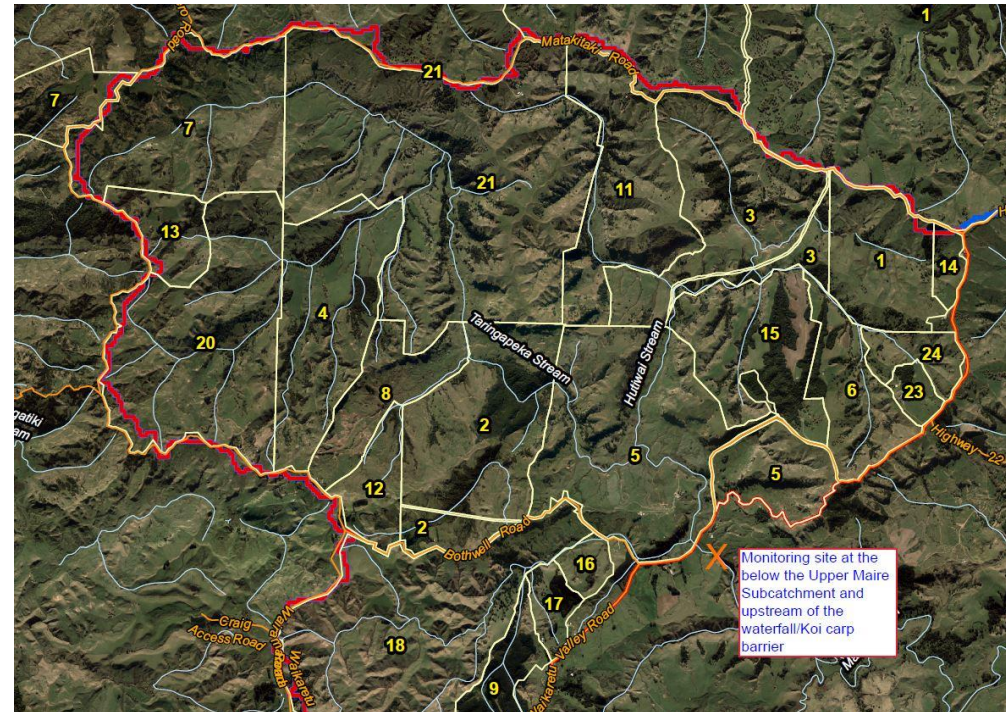
# Farm Environment Plans and sub catchment



Farm Environment Plans are critical in sub catchment planning

Naike- Matira sub catchment 90% engaged with FEP's

Supplements activity work in the catchment.



# Relief Sought



- Have Farm Environment plans that are created by Farmers as the regulatory imposition.
- Have the FEP's verified only by a 3rd party
- Ensure the process contains the 4 detailed steps.
- Create an atmosphere of farmer to farmer learning
- Build on the evolution of Farm Environment planning and sub catchment involvement.