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Good morning, my name is Andrew Pears, my family farm in the Upper Aparima Catchment Area and have done so for over 100 years.

I would like to draw attention to the economic impact of the proposed plan to our area.

As stated by Marcel earlier the UAC is home to approx. 230 families, farming in excess of 30,000 dairy cows and 240,000 stock units of sheep, beef and deer, covering an area of approx. 50,000 hectares.

We foresee the major economic impact of the plan is LIMITING LAND USE by both physiographic zoning and limiting winter grazing.

In respect to winter grazing, currently approx. ^{10,000} ~~100,000~~ cows are transported into our area for specialised winter grazing ~~and with some farms grazing in excess of 1000 hectares.~~

The income generated is essential for us to maintain present levels of production and economic viability.

The flow on effect will have profound consequences in our local community, resulting in.....

lowering levels of employment, a reduction in spending on local services affecting local contractors, trades people, not to mention lowering of school rolls and involvement in local clubs and service groups which are at the heart of our community.

The proposed stock exclusion from waterways will also have a crippling financial impact especially for farmers with significant hill country. The monetary expenditure of fencing in these areas will have a detrimental effect on budgets and financial viability. Whilst a "reasonable time frame" has been proposed to spread the financial outlay the final result is not economic.

As an example the cost of permanent fencing with no power at \$4.50 per meter or a 2 wire electric fence at \$2 a meter, add in a water scheme at \$2-300 a hectare, results in a 6 figure sum to fence a 500 hectare area!

The financial impact of the new/expanding dairy rule is of huge concern. The difficulty involved in obtaining consents, along with associated costs of consultants and engineers will make a desire to convert to dairying out of reach.

This has the potential to have a ^{severe} morbid impact on our land values.

We do see however the Farm management Plans as a step forward to the future and a positive investment in time and energy which will enable farmers and ES to work together as we are passionate about our land and waterways.

Lastly we would like to see a full economic impact report done before the plan is completed with full discussion and acceptance by the community

Sincerely

Andrew Pears