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### Policy Objective

Regional Bodies must not take their roles as say 80% of administrator, regulator, of their data , of their science of the land, water, plant and air resources with the living interaction. Councils are not GOD, mostly just middlemen for whatever has to happen or change . this would put councils at about 30% of the big picture. In my 40 yrs farming we have seen the demands of change grow , the principals are the same but they are increasingly forcing their way to overregulate and overreact above the the will of people , politics nationally and district councils, industry and outside science. Hopefully changes to the rma will shake this up .

### My Submission

#### Consented water takes

Where resource consent is required to take water from an allocated source, restrictions should only be put in place when data or science shows there is a detrimental effect to that waterway, aquifer or ecosystem and/or the upstream or downstream cumulative effect. The present precautionary methodology is seriously flawed for many takes costing in lost production, wasted infrastructure, and increased cost to offset the loss of the benefits of water. The status quo should be returned to these affected takes until data or science proves otherwise. This methodology for many is unnecessary, draconian and symbolic of councils attitude and unnecessarily expensive for individuals to challenge. A blanket regulation should not be enforced where every waterbody, aquifer or take affect is variable.

I would like to speak to this submission

Thanks

John Coveney

