

# FURTHER SUBMISSION

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**To:** Stratford District Council

**From:** Taranaki Federated Farmers of New Zealand

**Further Submission on:** **STRATFORD DISTRICT PLAN ROLLING REVIEW PART 1  
INDIGENOUS FOREST & BIODIVERSITY**

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**Federated Farmers wishes to be heard in support of this submission.**

**If others make a similar submission I would be prepared to consider presenting a joint case with them at any hearing.**

Where Federated Farmers submitted on the same variation point as any other submitter it stands by its original submission.

This Further Submission provides Federated Farmers views on points raised by other submitters that are not already covered in our original submission.

Number	Submitter Name	Section of Plan	Support/ Oppose	Reasons for submission
10/03-15	Ngati Ruanui Group Management Ltd	A2	Support	For the purposes of clarity, Federated Farmers supports replacing “forest” with “vegetation”.
10/03-16	Ngati Ruanui Group Management Ltd	A2	Support	For the purposes of clarity, Federated Farmers supports replacing “forest” with “vegetation”.
10/03-19	Ngati Ruanui Group Management Ltd	A1.4.10	Support in part	Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of all water bodies, only when it relates to the protection of <u>significant</u> indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna.
10/03-21	Ngati Ruanui Group Management Ltd	Appendix 9	Support	Federated Farmers supports reviewing and assessing new significant sites for inclusion within Appendix 9, provided that the review is undertaken through a robust process and in consultation with interested parties.
10/05-30	Department of Conservation	Part E	Support	For the purposes of clarity, Federated Farmers supports replacing “forest” with “vegetation”.
10/05-31	Department of Conservation	Part E	Support	For the purpose of clarity, Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of a “disturbance of vegetation” definition.
10/05-32	Department of Conservation	Part E	Support	For the purpose of clarity, Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of an “approved ecologist” definition.
10/05-36	Department of Conservation	A2.4.3	Support	Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of significant indigenous vegetation in Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only <u>significant</u> indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/05-37	Department of Conservation	A2.4	Support	Federated Farmers supports reviewing Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only <u>significant</u> indigenous vegetation should be protected.

10/05-47	Department of Conservation	B6.3	Support	For the purpose of clarity, Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of an “approved ecologist” definition.
10/05-48	Department of Conservation	Appendix 9	Support	Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of significant indigenous vegetation in Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only significant indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/05-49	Department of Conservation	Appendix 9	Support	Federated Farmers supports reviewing Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only significant indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/07-55	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ	A2.3	Support	Federated Farmers supports reviewing Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only significant indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/07-60	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ	Appendix 9	Support	Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of significant indigenous vegetation in Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only significant indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/07-61	Royal Forest & Bird Protection Society of NZ	Appendix 9	Support	Federated Farmers supports reviewing Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only significant indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/08-62	Fish and Game NZ (Taranaki)	B2.7(b)	Support	Federated Farmers supports allowing development to disturb, modify, alter any wetland or any area within 20m of any wetland when the disturbance is for the enhancement of the wetland or fencing.
10/08-68	Fish and Game NZ (Taranaki)	Appendix 9	Support	Federated Farmers supports reviewing Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our “relief sought” that only significant indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/11-121	Transpower NZ Ltd	B1.2.1.1	Support	For the purposes of clarity, Federated Farmers supports adding an advice note that the Rural Zone is not a “natural area” in terms of the National Environmental

				Standard.
10/13-124	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	Part E	Support	Federated Farmers supports allowing limited harvesting without the need for ecological assessment, especially when the harvesting would occur for vegetation that has not been assessed as significant.
10/13-125	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B1.2.1.3	Support	Federated Farmers supports MAF and Council working together to refine standards and accomplish efficiencies in exercising MAF and Council's processes for the benefit of landowners. Federated Farmers believes that SFMPs provide an adequate threshold for permitted activity status.
10/13-126	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	A2.3	Support	Federated Farmers supports amending policies to allow for harvesting indigenous timber outside areas of <u>significant</u> indigenous vegetation or fauna. As this is administered by MAF, requiring resource consent from Council is a duplication of bureaucracy and creates unnecessary administration and costs for both landowners and Council.
10/13-127	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	A2.4.2	Support	For the purpose of clarity, Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of an "approved ecologist" definition.
10/13-128	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	A2.4.3	Support	Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of significant indigenous vegetation in Appendix 9 as this would aid in managing our "relief sought" that only <u>significant</u> indigenous vegetation should be protected.
10/13-129	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B1.2.1.1	Support	Federated Farmers supports unlimited harvesting of indigenous vegetation from planted indigenous forest.
10/13-130	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B1.2.1.3	Support	Federated Farmers supports amending rules to allow for harvesting indigenous timber outside areas of <u>significant</u> indigenous vegetation or fauna. As this is administered by MAF, requiring resource consent from Council is a duplication of bureaucracy and creates unnecessary

				<p>administration and costs for both landowners and Council.</p> <p>Federated Farmers also agrees that if ecological assessments are required this should be before requiring preparation and approval of a SFM plan. This is in recognition of that the creation of a SFM Plan involves significant time and financial commitment.</p>
10/13-131	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B1.2.1.3.1	Support	Federated Farmers agrees that if ecological assessments are required this should be before requiring preparation and approval of a SFM plan. This is in recognition of that the creation of a SFM Plan involves significant time and financial commitment.
10/13-132	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B5.5	Support	For the purpose of clarity, Federated Farmers supports the inclusion of an “approved ecologist” definition.
10/13-133	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B6.1.2	Support	Federated Farmers supports Council considering the area of comparable vegetation or habitat already protected in the District and whether the activity will assist in avoiding or mitigating natural hazards.
10/13-133	Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry	B6.3	Support	For the purpose of clarity, Federated Farmers supports defining “selective harvesting” or replacing the term with “sustainable forest management”.
10/15-136	NZ Forest Managers Ltd	Part E	Support	Federated Farmers supports including a provision which means that minor and temporary disturbance of vegetation resulting from forest harvesting operations is not classed as “indigenous vegetation disturbance”.
10/15-139	NZ Forest Managers Ltd	B6.1.2	Support	Federated Farmers supports the provision of clear expectations of ecological assessments

Federated Farmers thanks Stratford District Council for this opportunity to provide a further submission on the proposed variation to the Stratford District Plan.