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Subject: upper Waitaki hearing - auditing on-farm mitigation

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Hi Paul,

At the time that the ECan officers prepared their s42A reports the applicants had not provided any mitigation to address water quality effects, hence no audit or comment was provided in our reports. Given that the applicants have now proposed mitigation in the form of conditions and Farm Environmental Management Plans (FEMPs), we would like to audit this mitigation and provide advice to the Commissioners as part of our evidence towards the end of the hearing. This would include not only commenting on the appropriateness, monitorability and enforceability of conditions, but also providing expert advice on the use and implementation of the FEMPs. Our intention is to engage an experienced farm consultant as an expert, who has the Advanced Sustainable Nutrient Management certificate from Massey University. His role would be to audit and comment on the use of Overseer and the associated nutrient management component of the FEMPs. This would include some site visits to check that the field based Overseer inputs for each property are appropriate.

Before we proceed any further down this path, as a matter of procedure, given that this expert has not prepared a s42A report prior to the commencement of the hearing could you please advise me if the Commissioners would be happy to receive this advice as part of the ECan evidence towards the hearing.

Kind regards,
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