

Primary Industry Advisory Services – Freshwater Seminar – Wairarapa

Date	Wednesday 14 October 2020	Time	9:30am to 3:30pm
Venue	Rangatahi Hub, Carterton Events Centre		

Purpose of the seminar and desired outcomes

To ensure advisers have the knowledge, skills and tools to provide effective advice to producers responding to new policies around freshwater quality; also to understand advisers' questions around implementation in order to improve the detailed guidance; and to ensure a catchment approach can be encouraged when designing interventions to be implemented on farm. This seminar is intended to be a pilot for similar events in other regions.

The seminar is intended to help advisers understand:

1. the *Action for healthy waterways* package and the wider freshwater policy work programme and direction;
2. regional requirements and activities that support freshwater; and
3. the sorts of farm systems change that may be needed to meet improved freshwater ecosystem health, using local examples of good farming practice and explaining a range of strategies and tools that can be useful.

Time	Session	Chair/Speaker
9.30am	Registration and Morning tea	
10.00am	Welcome – introductions, outline of the day, objectives	Aidan Bichan
10.15am	<p><i>Setting the Scene</i> Government directions for freshwater – now and in the future</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action for healthy waterways – intent, how the packages fits together, rules, timelines and implications for farm systems: pastoral, horticulture and arable • Te Mana o te Wai - what does it mean in practice for planning processes etc 	MfE and MPI
11.00am	<p><i>Freshwater in the Wairarapa context (TBC)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updates on regional implementation • Support available to farmers 	GWRC
11.30am	<i>A Mana Whenua perspective - Wairarapa</i>	tbc
12.00pm	<p><i>Freshwater ecology – science and farm systems</i> Eco-system Health, MCI – why is it important and what farmers can influence through management. Role of Farm Environment Plans and FEPs that work at catchment scale</p>	Aslan Wright-Stow
1.00pm	Lunch	

1.30pm	<p><i>Managing the impacts of freshwater policy- advice for your clients</i></p> <p>What strategies, management practices and decision support tools are available to meet freshwater regulations while ensuring a financially sustainable business, noting also the context of climate change?</p> <p>Risk assessment, prioritisation and good farming practices e.g. grazing regimes, effluent management, irrigation etc.</p> <p>Farm systems change modelling – what if winter grazing is challenging?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abby Scott DairyNZ • Sarah Crofoot Beef+LambNZ • Diana Mathers FAR
2.20pm	<p><i>Role of rural professionals in implementation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What does a 'certified' Farm Environment Plan Adviser look like – Competencies under the National Certification Scheme. (regional endorsements, alignment with Freshwater farm plans) 	Stephen Macaulay NZIPIM
2.30pm	<p><i>Next Steps for policy and related programmes</i></p> <p>e.g. Productive and Sustainable Landuse programme including Integrated Farm Planning</p> <p>NPS Indigenous Biodiversity</p>	Collier Isaacs MPI GWRC
2.45pm	<p><i>Coaching the coaches – managing stress when your clients are under pressure - services and training available</i></p>	RST
3.00pm	<p><i>Feedback and any further questions</i></p>	
3.30pm	<p>Finish</p>	