

**Submission on  
publicly notified  
Resource Consent  
Application 104721  
Open Country Dairy**

**To:** Manawatu Wanganui Regional Council  
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This is a submission on the Resource Consent Application from Open Country Dairy Limited to Discharge COW water into the Whanganui River as publicly notified on 20 November 2009.

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We wish to be heard in support of our submission

If others make a similar submission, we would consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Person authorised to sign on behalf of the Council*  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**The Wanganui District Council's submission is:**

The Wanganui District Council conditionally supports the application as submitted by Open Country Dairy to discharge up to 900 cubic metres of condensate (known as cow water) from a milk processing plant, via an existing stormwater outfall, onto or into land in circumstances which will result in the contaminant entering water within the Coastal Marine Area.

The Wanganui District Council supports all economic development initiatives that benefit the people of Wanganui, however, given that Wanganui has spent more than \$120M to reduce contaminant discharges to the Whanganui River, Council does not wish to see any increase in contaminant discharge.

**The particular parts of the application Council opposes, and the reasons for the opposition are:**

The Wanganui District Council opposes the default discharge being to the Whanganui River. It is submitted that the default position should be to the waste water system, with the diversion being discharge to the Whanganui River. This configuration will ensure that any failure of the system will not result in unintended discharges to the Whanganui River.

The Whanganui District Council opposes the proposition that consent can be approved on the basis that Horizons, as the consent authority, will set the "predetermined" threshold. WDC submits that while the threshold should have been identified in the application, it is appropriate to set this threshold in consultation with WDC and the other interested parties.

**The Council seeks the following decision from the Regional Council**

That the application be approved subject to the imposition of the following conditions.

1. The default discharge for the "COW water" stream shall be to the WDC Waste water system.
2. The continuously streaming monitoring device shall only allow COW water of the specified quality to divert to the Whanganui River. The predetermined threshold shall be set with reference to the parameters set in the One Plan.
3. Horizon shall set the threshold for discharge to the Whanganui River in consultation with WDC and other interested parties.
4. An independent monitoring regime shall be established to check the quality of the COW water discharge.