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OWL response to LWRP

How we can help you manage
within the new rules

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Work streams

1. Information provision
2. Scoping irrigation scheme consent
3. Audited Self Management (ASM) and Farm Environment Plan (FEP) rollout
4. Gathering base information

Information provision

1. Newsletters [March Newsletter](#)
2. Website updates [OWL website](#)
3. Information sessions / workshops
4. Coordination with other industry representatives

Let us know what information you need – general or specific

Scoping irrigation scheme consent

- The LWRP includes provisions that enable irrigation schemes to manage nutrient losses within their command area by holding a discharge consent .
- Would remove the need for shareholders to apply for a consent (FEP still required).
- OWL would be expected to manage and administer the N loss within scheme.
- Need to assess pros and cons of OWL holding a discharge consent.

ASM and Farm Environment Plan (FEP) rollout

- FEPs: fundamental tool in the LWRP
- Requirement for resource consents and FEP
 - In **red** zone, farms leaching > 20kgN/ha/yr, by 1 January 2017
 - In **orange** zone, farms leaching > 20kgN/ha/yr, by 1 January 2016, if their property is > 50ha or if they increase nitrogen loss above baseline
 - In **orange** zone, farms leaching > 20kgN/ha/yr, if they increase their nutrient loss >5kgN/ha/yr above the baseline (from now)

ASM and Farm Environment Plan (FEP) rollout

But FEP's are far more than just a regulatory requirement

- OWL need to demonstrate responsible use and maintain high environmental standards – FEP's are a good way of proving this.
- Prepare for the OOP sub-regional process
- Requirement for each OWL water user to prepare and implement a FEP for their property.
- Pilot FEP programme with 9 shareholders in 2013
- Roll-out to all shareholders over next few years.

ASM and Farm Environment Plan (FEP) rollout

Three key OWL documents:



ASM and Farm Environment Plan (FEP) rollout

- The OWL FEP roll-out will assist farmers prepare for the changes ahead
- 250 shareholders = prioritisation exercise required
- Opportunity to let us know today whether you think you will be needing one (or want one), sooner rather than later
- FEP process = introductory meeting; FEP development workshop; on-farm visit; independent auditing
- Considering how we manage the cost aspect – fairness to all shareholders essential

Gathering base information

Need to gather base information is evident

- To understand our water users farming operations and where we as a scheme currently sit in terms of the nutrient management rules
- Inform FEP rollout + allow OWL to scope irrigation scheme consent
- Postal survey (with return pre-paid envelop)

