

Water Quality Policy

Rotorua Lakes Council Incentives



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District Plan – Subdivision Incentives

Provides potential for additional lifestyle lots where environmental benefits.

Principle: Financial incentive to encourage good outcomes.



Incentive 1: Protection of Significant Natural Areas

Additional subdivision potential if:

Legal protection of identified Significant Natural Area;

Extra lot if > 10ha or 10x size of lifestyle lot.



Incentive 2: Protection of Gullies or River Margins

Additional subdivision potential if legal protection of:

- a gully +10ha planting of; or
- a river margin +4ha of planting

Planting must:

- Be beneficial to indigenous biodiversity;
- Improve water quality;
- Ecologists report



Incentive 3: Water Quality

Additional subdivision potential if:

- 10ha of dairy to drystock = 1 lifestyle lot
- 10ha drystock to forestry = 1 lifestyle lot
- 10ha dairy to forestry = 2 lifestyle lots.



Recap on support

Advice and Support - \$2.2 million

Incentives funding to permanently reduce Nitrogen \$40 million

Low Nitrogen Land Use Fund to support research and trials into promising \$3.3million
EOI close September



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