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Dear Pat,

Federated Farmers welcomed the opportunity to speak with Councillors at the Representation Review Hearing in August.

We are disappointed in Council's decision on the final proposal, noted in Council communications to us on 2<sup>nd</sup> September as follows: *That the request for the convening of a Rural advisory body was outside the scope of the Representation Review and should more properly be considered by Council separately at a later stage.*

We would like to draw your attention to a number of instances in which Rural Advisory Boards have been considered. The Local Government Commission recommended a Rural Advisory Board for Auckland Council. The Rural Advisory Panel was established to identify and communicate the interest and preferences of the rural-based industries and community of Auckland to the council. Their terms of reference outlines their purpose;

- To identify and communicate to the Council the interest and preferences of the rural based industries and rural communities of Auckland in relation to:
  - the content of the strategies, policies, plans, and bylaws of the Council, and
  - any matter that the Panel considers to be of particular interest or concern to the rural based industries and rural communities of Auckland.
- To advise the Mayor and the Council's Governing Body and local boards, of the Council processes and mechanisms for engagement with the rural based industries and communities in Auckland.
- To deliver recommendations for accelerating the social, economic, environmental and cultural performance of the rural part of the Auckland Council region.

A Rural Advisory Board was also considered for the failed Tasman/ Nelson merger, and more recently in the Dunedin Review of representation arrangements. We feel that representation on the Kapiti Coast District Council would be strengthened by the appointment of a Rural Advisory Board.

Given the above points of reference, we are unsure how the matters raised in our submission were outside of the scope of a Representation Review?

We sincerely hope that the response to our submission was not an attempt to push aside our hopes for better representation for the rural community in the Kapiti District. We look forward to further dialogue around the processes that Council may consider putting in place to ensure effective representation for rural ratepayers.

Yours Sincerely,

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Wellington/Wairarapa Federated Farmers Provincial President

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