

IN THE MATTER of the Resource Management
Act 1991

AND

IN THE MATTER Block 2 Submission lodged by
Mercury on Plan Change 1 –
(Waikato and Waipa
Catchments) to the Waikato
Regional Plan.

**RESPONSE TO QUESTION FROM THE PANEL REGARDING DRAFTING OF POLICY 5
GILLIAN MARY CROWCROFT
ON BEHALF OF MERCURY NZ LIMITED (SUBMITTER NUMBER 73182)**

HEARING BLOCK 2 – PART C

16 JULY 2019

- 1.1 During my appearance at the Block 2 hearing on 27 May 2019 I accepted the Panel's view that my proposed drafting of Policy 5 clause (a) needed reconsideration. In my Block 2 evidence I proposed the following:

Policy 5: Staged approach/Te Kaupapa Here 5: He huarahi wawahi.

"To recognise that:

- a. *All farmers, businesses and communities whose activities involve discharges of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and microbial pathogens will need to contribute to achieving the water quality attribute states in Table 3.11-1"*

- 1.2 My intention was to make it clear that in order to achieve Table 3.11-1 targets action would be required by those activities that are adding contaminant loads of the four attributes to the rivers. On reflection, and as discussed with the Panel at the hearing, I now agree that my proposed wording could have an unintended interpretation. I appreciate the opportunity to reconsider Policy 5 and respond today.

- 1.3 I have reconsidered several alternative wordings for Policy 5. My conclusion is that the wording of Policy 5 proposed by the Officers in their Block 2 s42A report is acceptable and no further revision is necessary. For the avoidance of doubt, the wording for this policy, as set out in the s42A report, is as follows:

Policy 5: Staged approach/Te Kaupapa Here 5: He huarahi wawahi.

"To recognise that:

- a. *All farmers, businesses and communities will need to contribute to achieving the water quality attribute states in Table 3.11-1; and"*

Gillian Mary Crowcroft