

4-3-17.

35 Rangitoto Rd.

R.D. 2 TeKuiti.

The Manager.  
Waikato Regional Council

Dear Sir,

This is in response to the  
Healthy Rivers Plan.

I would like to know how much the Council Planners have considered the effect of the thousands of hectares of decaying forest which is covered by the Pumice Cap that covers huge areas of the South Waikato and Waikato King Country areas.

The water that seeps out from the edges of this cap is smelly + usually all that grows near it is Stagnant Moss. A good example of this is in the Waimiha + even Mairangi districts.

If you dig through the Pumice Cap you will find all sorts of decaying trees + foliage, even though it has been there ~~for~~ since the Taupo eruption. The water is stagnant + putrid.

Another source of nitrate + methane gas emission is the old TeKuiti Land Fill on Walker Rd. The nitrates are seeping out of the bottom of the old Tomo and coming out in spring water situated by the Rangitoto Rd on the property 21 Rangitoto Rd.

When I owned this property we pumped water to 3 houses. When the dump was overloaded with half digested stomach contents from the Beef works it burst into underground channels and ended up in our tanks. Since then the spring has been used only for stock water.

There must be methane leaking out of the land everywhere. Some farmers in Makariri put down bores for water in the 1940's.

The boxes were mostly unsuccessful.  
However 2 of them produced methane  
gas, enough to strike aflame.

I also believe that the proposed  
stocking rates for farms will result  
in the Waikato Waipa and Taupo districts  
will become a major fire hazard  
because there will not be sufficient stock  
to control spring growth, resulting in  
long dry grass through the dry months of  
February + March.

yours faithfully,

R. Aldridge.