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Thank you for the opportunity to present this submission.

I'd also like to thank the Council for making available the "Road show" evenings to explain the issues facing the District in the long term and its plans to handle them.

The issue that I would like to submit on is the role of Council in the control and irradiation of the weed Field Horsetail (F/H).

This situation has been brought to the Council's attention in the past. However the weed has since spread over a wide area now and if we are to exert any control over it I feel consideration must be given to a long term view of the situation. I would ask that any Council work on this weed be considered consistently over the life of this plan not just on an ad hoc basis

- Current Council measures seem to be confined to try to control this weed within the normal road side spraying programme. However this is proving to have limited effect in its control or eradication. The reasons for this revolve around the timing – not often enough and the chemicals used. These chemicals are designed for general eradication of foliage and don't specifically target the weed, that needs to be apicloram/triclopyr type of product.
- As a result of our own on farm spraying programme for this weed we have found through monitoring its growth pattern we have to spray at least 3 times a year. Once in late spring then around January and also usually in March/ April. Also it is important to use a chemical such as Tordon Brushkiller @ 1.5 times its knapsack label rate as glyphosphates have limited or no effect particularly at the rates used for roadside spraying.
- At the moment this weed in most cases seems to be confined to water tables and grass verges. However if it is allowed to spread to into neighboring farmland it will become incredibly hard to control. Primarily because it doesn't fit into any normal farm spray programme because of its growth habit, chemical requirement and growth pattern.
- It is becoming increasingly apparent that Council is highlighting the many productive attributes of this area in order to attract outside investments'. Obviously to fit in with the current Governments' overall desire to increase national agricultural production in the future. The spread of this weed and its growth form has the potential to seriously impede this process by suppressing pasture growth and to a lesser extent arable crop establishment. Once established this suppression would be long lived.


The response to this weed (F/H) needs to be comprehensive and coordinated. I believe Council is in the best position to do this and could use the Long Term plan as a vehicle. Now more than ever we need a coordinated, comprehensive and well supported effort from several directions e.g. Horizons, Spraying contractors, Roading companies (for state highways) as well as publicity and encouragement of Farmers to work together in a cohesive and timely manner.

A booklet has been published by Horizons with excellent guidelines around the means of dealing with this weed and is an excellent start to the process.

The loss of ground to this weed will mean an incredibly long and expensive fight to get it back.

Thank you,

Mike Webster
Turakina Valley

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mike Webster', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the name.

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Hello

I have been unwell for two weeks and missed the deadline for submissions for the LTP... since this is short, in the event you may consider including it, here is my submission:

In light of the well documented and robust research available on the subject (1) I would like to see sustainable alternative weed control performed within the Rangitikei's urban areas. The current product of choice, glyphosate (the active ingredient in Roundup), has now been classed by the World Health Organization as a probable carcinogen (Class

2A) ... and has been linked with many other diseases including birth defects. With cancer stats now at one in three, to protect the health of our children (and adults) I would like to see a non-toxic alternative used, particularly on walkways, parks, play areas, footpaths, roadsides and berms.

(1) <https://envirowatchrangitikei.wordpress.com/glyphosate/>

Kind regards
Pam Vernon