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RURAL WOMEN NEW ZEALAND (INC) SUBMISSION

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Introduction

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to the Environment Select Committee on the community-led retreat and adaptation funding: Issues and options paper.

Comments

Our submission focuses on the matters that will be particularly impactful for rural communities, women and services for women and children.

1. It is essential that communities are involved in decisions that affect them. RWNZ supports the establishment of core requirements for community engagement to ensure a nationally consistent approach is used for local adaptation planning.
2. We acknowledge the need to find the right balance between setting national standards and allowing communities to develop an approach that suits their needs.
3. In designing a system for retreat, our preference is for a system that contains a mix of voluntary and mandatory parts, as long as it is guided by the principle that those affected should have as much choice as possible.
4. Rural infrastructure (roads, electricity, telecommunications, drinking water) is crucial for the viability and wellbeing of rural communities. Any discussion on climate

adaptation needs to ensure that infrastructure resilience is a high priority. Investment in this work requires commitment from central and local government to fund and finance the necessary maintenance and improvement projects to reduce vulnerability.

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Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback.

About Rural Women New Zealand

Rural Women New Zealand (RWNZ) is a not-for-profit, member-based organisation that reaches into all rural communities to provide a credible and respected voice on rural environment, health, education, technology, business and social issues.

RWNZ strives to ensure that all rural residents, workers and families have equitable access to services, inequalities are addressed by Government, and the wellbeing of rural communities is considered from the beginning of all policy and legislative development.

RWNZ is affiliated to the Associated Country Women of the World and as such upholds all United Nations, International Labor Organisation (ILO), Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and World Health Organisation (WHO) conventions and outcome statements as they relate to women and rural women in particular.

Nāku iti noa, nā



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