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Greater Wellington  
PO Box 41  
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Attn: Mr David Cameron

Dear Dave

RE: MAF SLM: Hill Country Erosion Fund

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D. Cameron	

Thank you for your application to the Hill Country Erosion Fund for assistance with the Wellington Regional Erosion Control Initiative. MAF has assessed and considered the applications received.

The Greater Wellington application was generally considered to meet the Stage 1 Evaluation Criteria and you are invited to submit a Stage 2 application by May 8<sup>th</sup> 2008, subject to the comments below.

The application showed evidence of a reasonable share of Regional Council and landowner contribution to the project and this is supported.

The proposal for Sustainability Plans as outlined in the application is supported. However a number of specific issues about the Plans need to be addressed as part of the Stage 2 application. These issues are:

- The cost per plan
- The nature of the Sustainability Plan compared to a Farm Plan
- The level of consistency between various Regional Councils Farm Plans
- How implementation of plans would be undertaken to ensure that the erosion protection outcomes are achieved
- How the locations have been prioritised and linked to the modelling work
- How the proposal will fit into the long term regional target for land protection.

The Stage 2 application **should not** include capital works as these do not fit within the programme or contribute to the rate of change required under the programme, because the investment would not be at the front end where change is sought. On this basis the proposed work for the Akura Nursery and the joint venture with Masterton District Council are considered beyond the scope of the programme to fund.

MAF would like to arrange to meet with you and your team to discuss the Stage 2 applications, criteria and the specific issues identified above. It is anticipated that this will be in mid April, possibly 18 April 2008 in Wellington.

Could you please contact Lynette Wharfe Ph 027 620 6379 or [lynette@agribusinessgroup.com](mailto:lynette@agribusinessgroup.com) to arrange a suitable meeting time.

After applications close on 8<sup>th</sup> May they will be assessed against the Stage 2 criteria, with a decision made in June.



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Once again thank you for your application to the Hill Country Erosion Fund and we look forward to working with you through the next stage of this project.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Greer', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

John Greer  
Regional Team Leader  
Christchurch

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