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RE: Further submission on Proposed Private Plan Change 57: Calcutta Farms

1. Forest & Bird represents a relevant aspect of the public interest, and has an interest greater than the public generally.
2. Forest and Bird could **not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
3. Forest & Bird wishes to be heard in support of this submission, and would be prepared to consider presenting this submission in a joint case with others making a similar submission at any hearing.
4. Forest & Bird is New Zealand's largest non-governmental conservation organisation with many members and supporters. In support of that purpose, Forest & Bird regularly participates in resource management processes relating to biodiversity across Aotearoa New Zealand.
5. Forest & Bird's specific concerns are set out in the table below in respect of the original submissions we support or oppose on PC 57.

Barbara Hammonds

The specific submission(s) on Proposed Private Plan Change 57: Calcutta Farms that this further submission relates to is/are as follows:

Submission Point	Submitter # & Name	Support	Oppose	Reason for Support/Opposition	Decision Sought
Paragraphs 2, 5-22	16: Waikato Regional Council	Support		The NPS-HPL directs that re-zoning, subdivision or development of the highly productive land is to be avoided. Forest & Bird supports this very directive wording (see our Submission Paragraphs 30-34); and therefore supports this submission point, including assessing the plan change against the WRPS provisions relating to high class soils..	Assessment of the plan change against the NPS-HPL and WRPS provisions relating to high class soils
Paragraphs 3(a), 23	16: Waikato Regional Council	Support		Due to their critically endangered status, 'the Hamilton long-tailed bat population [is] important for national species management and conservation.' ¹ The applicant has not undertaken an ecological assessment for long-tailed bats. (See our Submission Paragraphs 2 – 28, and Point 1).	If the plan change goes ahead, surveys of the site and adjoining areas by a suitably qualified person are required, and if bats are detected, an Ecological Management Plan must be prepared, and a bat monitoring programme begun with the aim of mapping bat habitat, as requested in our Points 1, 2 & 3.
Full submission	25: Go Eco	Support		Go Eco's submission supports the points in F&B's submission with respect to bats and highly productive land	As for 'Decision sought' above
1	25: Go Eco	Support		Any pruning, maintenance or removal of trees needs to have controls such as those suggested by Go Eco in order to protect bat habitat	As requested by Go Eco
2	25: Go Eco	Support		Amenity plantings can have an important role in enhancing	As requested by Go Eco

¹ <https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/assets/WRC/WRC-2019/Project-Echo-Hamilton-city-survey-2020-report.pdf> HAMILTON CITY LONG-TAILED BAT SURVEY For Project Echo, 4Sight Consulting, pp9-10

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				indigenous biodiversity in general.	