

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS

Submission Form

Submission on a publically notified proposed Regional Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

On: The Waikato Regional Councils proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.

C. Fuchs _____ *Me. Pm*
Signature **date**

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<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p> <p>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p><i>Provision</i></p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>try to justify your response with data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences.</i> 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i>

We farm on a 240 ha Drystock Farm with even proportions of flat, rolling and steep land. We have farmed this land 17 years. Our property is located in the Waipā River Freshwater Management Unit and within the Mangapiko sub-catchment. On the farm we have sheep and cattle, generally at a 20:80 ratio but this fluctuates years to year with market changes. We have a stream along the length of the farm and numerous freshwater springs and wetlands areas. Also we have 5 ha block of Bush with Q12 covenant. We also actively manage a network of Doc 200 traps around the farm for pest management. Additionally, we are looking into creating a wetland area on our farm with the objective of capturing any nutrients and sediment from neighboring properties and our own to achieve a better outcome for the stream.

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Stock exclusion from streams	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>On steeper land fencing is not possible or not cost effective or environmentally not effective because of erosion.</p> <p>Animals tendency is to walk along fences creating erosion.</p> <p>Stock exclusion would have to be considered case to case, from farm to farm.</p> <p>There are farms that just don't have the money and time to do these big changes.</p> <p>Do we have the since Behind stream the decision to fence dry stock land stream's without compromising the livelihood of affected dry stock farmer's?</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative?</small></p>

D. Fuchs

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<p>Restricting land use change</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>as Drystock farmers we oppose this because we need the Flex-ability to react to the market. In the long term restricting land use change would lower the value of the land. It would be even harder to find people to work on dry stock farm.</p> <p>Hill country farmers expect water policy, that is both enviromentally and financially sustainable.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i></p>

C. Fisher

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<p>Nitrogen management adopts a grandparenting approach. Nitrogen referenz point</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I can't see that a plan that restrict Nitrogen losses from the farm as modelled through OVERSEER is workable.</p> <p>It looks in losses in the year 2014 2015. We were effected by a drought that year.</p> <p>As drystock farmers we have less fertiliser input and lower stocking rates than our dairy counter parts.</p> <p>This was not considered when the plan was made. I have the feeling the drystock farmers were not asked or represented in a fair and just way.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • what would be an appropriate alternative

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