

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL

Plan Change 1, Waikato & Waipa River Catchments

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PRESENTATION

Submissions will be considered by Council

Do you wish to present your comments to the Council in person. YES

SUBMISSION:

Schedule A – Registration [p.46]:

Why was 2ha the final size for registration?

Lifestyle block implementation/compliance lacks careful thought.

How is the cost of administration to be funded?

Admin costs and duplication

Schedule A Registration

Clauses 5a-f & 6a information regarding a property that is already held by Regional Council as part of the rate reference number, legal descriptions and lot identifications.

Therefore geographical data is easily accessible on computer generated mapping.

For details of cattle numbers the requirement should simply be the Nait Number which gives all details and ties into other government requirements.

Clauses 5d – asks for land activity as of Oct 2016 this is an inappropriate date for small blocks/lifestyle properties. A better guide would be to ask for maximum stock numbers per year. See comments for 3.11.5.2

Support with amendments.

Rule 3.11.5.1

Clause 5 states that **a property greater than 4.1 hectares** stocking rate be 6SU per hectare which is too low and the statement is also contradictory to 3.11.5.2 introduction.

Oppose the above provision

Rule 3.11.5.2

Clause 3bi uses stocking rate on 22 October 2016 which is often when small blocks cut numbers in order to do hay or silage. In addition the sale of previous years animals and then waiting for new weaners to be of the correct weight means stock rates are low and sometimes even zero.

A maximum stock number per year would be more in order.

Oppose the above provision

Clause 5 requests information on stock numbers, annual fertiliser, annual brought in feed. The land area should be changed to 20 hectares not greater than 4.1 as most small block holders do not fertilise every year and do not buy in feed. Also stock numbers have already been supplied in Schedule A Registration. SU's need only be provided if they change significantly above permitted SU levels; this would be established at registration or from Nait database.

Support with amendments.

Partial Withdrawal Plan Change 1

The process should be halted until this matter is resolved. National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014 means government is constantly involving all stake holders across the country. However to have omitted these iwi the Collaborative Stakeholder Group [CSG] are at fault and this is unlikely to encourage support for their work and will increase costs for all rate payers.

Direct water contamination or Run-off

The process has two parts; direct contamination by stock in water and run-off by chemical overload. I suggest some areas [such as springs that are a source of potable water] be fenced and no human access is allowed.