

**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.


Signature

5/3/17
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>Provision</p> <p>"The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only; where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words to that effect.' The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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<p>objectives, policies, or other rules, or restructuring of the plan, or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought".</p> <p>I oppose this plan in its current form. The plan in its current form provides no certainty as to what will happen in future. This is unacceptable to farmers who will be required to invest substantial money and time to comply with the plan. I strongly feel that in its current form, that the plan should be declined.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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<p>Nitrogen Reference point and use of overseer. Rules 3 11.5.3 to 3 11.5 7 (inclusive) Schedule B and all other areas in PC1 which refer to the Nitrogen Reference Point.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The setting of a nitrogen based reference point based on the 2015 and 2016 financial years is in effect rewarding farms that are historically high emitters (farms that are intensive and well developed). <p>The property that I am managing has historically been a very low emitter. This provision will not allow us to "catch up" with more productive farms. This will severely limit future income potential, and ability for farm to afford to fence waterways, put in water reticulation etc.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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	<p>I also believe that there is evidence that Nitrogen loss is not an issue in our particular area.</p> <p>In regard to the use of overseer, I don't think that it is accurate enough to be taken as gospel.</p>	

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<p>Stock exclusion.</p> <p>Rule 3.11.5.1, 3.11.5.2, 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4 and Schedule C.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>- The proposed fencing off streams sounds quite simple, but in reality there are many issues that don't appear to be considered in plan. An example of this is the ongoing fence maintenance, weed control etc.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>- possibly Fish and Game could come on board. They could possibly be given task of planting, weed control etc. This would help provide habitat for ducks etc. Some research may need to be done into what effect increased duck population may have on water quality.</p>

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	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cost of fencing streams on steeper hill country is very expensive. Much of this fencing would also involve substantial earthworks to get a fence line. This would probably result in sediment loss into the waterway - The very thing we are trying to prevent. - much of the farm that I am managing, and many other hill country farms have historically been subdivided to provide natural water to stock. ie We have very minimal water reticulation, and are not in 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The task of fencing smaller streams on steeper hill country should be put on hold until more research is done to provide evidence of the advantages of doing so.

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	<p>a financial position to currently invest in such infrastructure. This problem will be exaggerated if the N.R.P is brought into effect.</p>	<p>- The implications of stock exclusion on steeper and more extensive hill country needs to be considered in more depth. A blanket approach may not be the best solution.</p> <p>- Land deemed to be high risk could be planted back into bush. Perhaps forest and Bird would be prepared to undertake this. Farmer would need to be compensated maybe 75% of gross farm income/ha for each hectare planted into native bush. Could this be funded through an environmental tax?</p>

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<p>Land Use Change</p> <p>Rule 3.11.5.7</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>If farmers are to survive, we need the ability to adapt to change in climate, market forces and the other endless things that we have no control over. This is part of farming.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - use of 'best practice' approach to land use, rather than simplistic 'one size fits all'.
<p>Farm Environment Plans.</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.1, 3.11.5.2, 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4, 3.11.5.5, 3.11.5.6, 3.11.5.7</p>	<p>Putting an plan on paper is not going to fix problem. This is another example of unproductive paper work being forced on farmers. There is potential for someone to make obscene amounts of money from this newly invented industry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We need to be shown how these plans will be constructed, and how gains will be quantified. - who will pay?

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<p>Removal of North Eastern Portion of the proposed plan - 3rd December 2010.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For this plan to work we can not have some people in and some out 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PCI process should be put on hold until everyone implicated in the plan is included.

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Yours sincerely Jon Leinevaber



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