

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

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

My name/ We are ... and I am/ we are sheep and beef farmer(s) in the ... catchment, my family and I have been farming this property for X years etc. .

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Types of information include:

- Where you are farming (catchment)
- What type of farm
- Stock class and ratio and whether or not this char
- How long has the property been in your family an have you been farming the property
- Property under development – future aspirations
- Environmental Ethos? ie actively planting riparian allowing native regeneration, QEII covenants, Plan' Manuka, Wetlands or lakes etc

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Our names are May and John Albrechtsen and we are beef farmers in the West Coast catchment, Our family farm at 862 State Highway 3, south of Te Kuiti.

We are third generation farmers and we farm beef on 311 hectares. In the past we have planted 4 hectares of pine trees and have fenced off areas of native bush.

The proposed plan change 1 for the Waikato + Waipa River catchment does not effect our property at present, however we are concerned that this plan will become a precursor to plans for other catchments in the future

We foresee that there would be major costs to us with substantial fencing + water reticulation being required.

The proposed plan would have a detrimental economic effect on our small rural town of Te Kuiti

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Schedule B Nitrogen Reference Point		If there is a cap on the Nitrogen Reference Point, it would disadvantage us as landowners if we wanted to change the use of land or intensify production.	Propose better use of environmental plans to determine limits.

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Schedule C Stock Exclusion		Our property is 311 hectares. The water supply is through water on 1/2 of the property & the other 1/2 has natural water sources	Concentrate on critical source areas first.
		There would be substantial costs involved to adhere to the proposed plan	

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Yours sincerely, *May Albrechtson, John Albrechtson.*

**Commented [j3]:** If a group. The final signature can be 'signed on behalf of the ... group'.

*J Albrechtson - 28/2/17.*

Signature

Date