

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

Comment [j2]: Keep this section really brief. It is not imperative to your submission, but does help set the scene in relation to telling the council a little bit about your business and community.

Types of information include:

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

My name is Patricia Loft. My husband and I currently farm a 302 hectare sheep and beef farm in the West Coast catchment. We have been farming here for fifteen years. We have a sheep to cattle ratio of around 80:20, but have farmed bulls in the past.

We are currently working with the Regional Council to plant the riparian areas on the farm and to plant manuka along these areas. We have put a small area of bush into the QEII trust.

Patricia Loft

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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 -
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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.

Patricia Loft 4 March 2017
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>Provision <i>Schedule 1</i></p> <p><i>3.11.4.3</i></p> <p><i>Farm Environment Plans</i></p>	<p><i>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend (delete as required)</i></p> <p><i>with amendments</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>try to justify your response using data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences.</i> <p><i>I am in favour of each farm having their own FEP. It however needs to have robust systems. There may be a problem with having enough trained consultants to do this work</i></p>	<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> <p><i>robust training for consultants - farmers will need to be reassured that they "know their stuff" and come from an appreciation of the needs of farmers.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Robust monitoring and reviewing</i> • <i>Priorities set in Plan for most needed changes.</i>

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<p>Provision Partial withdrawal of Proposed Plan Change 1 Dated 3 Dec 2016 Objective 5: Having to do with Maori and 3.11.1</p>	<p>I support/ <u>oppose</u> / and for each whether or not you wish to amend (delete as required)</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>"Our vision is for a future where a healthy Waikato river sustains abundant life and prosperous communities, who, in turn, are <u>all</u> responsible for restoring and protecting the well being of the Waikato River and all it embraces, for generations to come"</p> <p>"Manage their own lands and resources (from Obj. 5)</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below (delete as required)</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would be an appropriate alternative <p>I think that to make this plan workable then all landowners need to take part in its implementation. Withdrawing a large portion of land from consideration makes a mockery of the who process.</p> <p>→ we would all like the right to manage our own lands.</p>
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<p>Provision <i>Schedule B</i> <i>2.11.3</i> <i>Policy 2C</i> <i>Nitrogen Reference Point</i></p> <p><i>Obj 2</i> <i>"So that economic and cultural well being is maintained in the long term."</i></p>	<p>I support/ <u>oppose</u>/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I think that the NRP is an arbitrary measurement that unfairly targets sheep and beef farmers who are not cause the main source of nitrogen leaching. By using a grandparent approach and making judgements on unknown science - these measurements are arbitrary and will limit the capacity of sheep and beef farmers to change the stocking policies. This will impact on the farms ability to remain profitable and sustainable. Most hill country farmers have low stocking rates due to the nature of the farm.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: <u>Deleted in its entirety</u>/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative:</i> Providing more information regarding the science behind the measurements underpinning the NRP. Where do these measurements originate from? Is overseer the best measurement tool available - this is information that farmers need to know before they make decisions regarding how healthy rivers will work for them.</p>
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Becky Hannon

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<p>Schedule C - Stock Exclusion</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <i>with an amendment</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I am supportive of fencing rivers and streams that are on flat land and others of a certain size that are not on flat land.</p> <p>However I think the requirements for fencing should not be extended to every waterway on the farm, particularly those in steep areas or in those which makes fencing practically impossible.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>Identify on a scale from 1-5 the priority waterways on each farm. I think that the planning should be done on a farm by farm basis - identify those waterways that are most important to be fenced - Do those - then turn to the next most important priority. That way each farm has clear idea what is required and is able to plan and work towards a fair and equitable timetable</p>

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<p>3.11.4.5 Sub-catchment scale planning</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I think that planning needs to be down as specific to each farm as possible. I believe at the very least two should be on a sub-catchment basis and preferably on a farm by farm basis.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>• farm by farm planning</p>

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Yours sincerely

Print Name:
Patricia Loft

Patricia Loft 5 March 2017
Signature Date