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To Whom it may concern

I am a beneficiary and operations manager of our family trust which comprises of approx. 700ha of dairy and dairy support ten minutes' drive north of Taupo. We also have a 305-ha farm in the Taupo catchment and have already gone through a similar process for that catchment and I hope this is done better than that catchment.

We are very conscious of our farming practices and what effects they have on the environment (we have learnt a lot from the Taupo catchment). Over the years, we have already reduced our environmental foot print based on what we have learnt in the Taupo catchment. I know that even with our lower stocking rates compared to other areas within our region it is very hard to get much of reduction in nitrogen loss when running a low cost / input system. There is not the money around in the current market to invest in herd homes etc.

I have massive concerns in how we will remain viable in our area and believe the current plan change unfairly disadvantages us and others around us as we will be benchmarked in a FMU that has a huge variance in soil type etc. Also, the 2-year window for benchmarking is not wide enough based on what I have seen in practice in the other catchment. For example, if you get sick, have a bad manager, financial trouble in those years your farm may be given a low benchmark figure and you are basically stuffed. It would be like the council not been able to increase rates but must find efficiencies within the business to stay afloat. And we all know that will never happen!!!

But in short I do support the submission lodged by Federation farmers and personally I am very worried about

1. What will happen to rural areas (based on what happened in Taupo catchment)
2. How you are going to calculate the NDA for our farm
3. Ability to grow our business
4. The cost and compliance time involved
5. Practicality of the proposed rules
6. Timeframes to put new systems in place to comply I believe these are too short
7. Do we really need to use certified farm nutrient advisors? When some farmers know more than them. It just adds more cost (3.11.5.7 schedule B page 47)
8. With the Taupo catchment there wasn't the science behind it and I feel the same here. It has improved but still has a long way to go.

9. Lastly, farmers are not the only people that use the land the comment on page 16 is wrong this should be change from "on farm actions" to "**land based actions**" as stated above we are not the only ones using the land.

I believe this could work and support it in general but all industries, towns etc. not just farming have a massive role to play. We must be profitable to make it work. Don't knock back peoples NDA if they have already done it voluntarily or if they have had other things outside of their control and reward the people that don't care, they will just have to come back to the 75<sup>th</sup> % (they have room to move, many farms wont) or we may as well just shut the gate now.

I do not need to speak at the hearing

Attached is the WRC submission forms which I have filled out with the major items that I am concerned with. There are many more in it but I feel Dairy NZ and Federated farmers have covered these.

# PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed  
Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and  
Waipā River Catchments.

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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

Mailed to	Chief Executive, 401 Grey Street, Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240
Delivered to	Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton
Faxed to	(07) 859 0998 <b>Please Note:</b> if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses
Emailed to	healthyivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz <b>Please Note:</b> Submissions received by email must contain full contact details.
Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyivers

We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.

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## TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could /  could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am /  am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- adversely effects the environment, and
  - does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

**THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO**

Please state the provision, map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

Schedule B- (311.5.7) - Certified Farm Nutrient advisor  
Page 47

**I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S**

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

**MY SUBMISSION IS THAT**

Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specific provisions amended. (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

Certified Farm nutrient advisor - this should be  
"a competed Farm ~~nutrient~~ person"  
if certified ~~means~~ means you have to employ a  
consultant. some farmers are more than  
able to do this themselves.  
more cost to the land based user.

**I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL**

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Accept the above provision
- Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.5.7 Schedule B. - F page 47

Do you support or oppose the provision? Support with amendments below  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p><del>two yrs</del> Reference Point is two Financial yrs. 2014/15 and 2015/16</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>This needs to be <del>two</del> changed to over 5yrs NOT 2yrs.</p>

Section number of the Plan Change:

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p>

**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

Section number of the Plan Change: Rule 3.11.5.7

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>Amend 3.11.5.7 as requested By Federated Farmers in their submission</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>This will make it just about impossible for us to grow our farm. The costs in changing land use will be too great. This will have a effect on number people that I could employ.</p>

Section number of the Plan Change: Py 51 Schedule 7

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>We need to be able to run our farms without inter from outside organizations. we need to be able to crop on slopes <del>But</del> greater than 15°</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>Amend Schedule 7 as requested by Federated Farmer</p>