

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.

If others make similar submissions, I would consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

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Introduction

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

Walter Partnership is a third generation farming business that currently runs two farming enterprises; dairy and sheep and beef.

The 100ha dairy farm and 30 ha dairy support block lies within the Waipa catchment, while the 600ha Sheep and beef operation is situated in the Oparau valley.

Casey and I are currently situated on the sheep and beef enterprise and are intensively farming, looking to improve overall farm performance.

My mother and father are on the dairy enterprise and currently comply with Fonterra's rules and regulations.

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 Objectives, Policies, or other rules, or restructuring of the Plan, or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought.

| The specific provisions my submission relates to are: | My submission is that: | | The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is: |
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| | SUPPORT / OPPOSE | REASON | RELIEF SOUGHT |
| <i>Provision</i> Objective 1 | Support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I am for the long term restoration of water ways in a practical manner | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> |
| Restricting land use change Policy 16, rule 3.11.5.7 | Oppose | Disadvantages any land improvements and increases in productivity Will significantly decrease land values both short and long term Restricts the ability of current and future farming generation's ability to adapt to changing markets. | Abolish plan Use farm environmental plans to assess the type of land to determine whether land use change is suitable or non-suitable based on topography and current land use. |

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| <p>Nitrogen Management and NRP</p> <p><i>Objectives 1 and 4 Policies 2 and 7 Rules 3.11.5.2 to 3.11.5.7 Schedule B, and any other related provisions</i></p> | <p>Oppose</p> | <p>Nitrogen referencing point is not proven to be accurate with the use of overseer</p> <p>The two years the NRP was obtained were predominantly drier and low income years.</p> <p>Disadvantage to farmers who use low amounts of N compared to highly intensive properties that will be able to continue high applications of N</p> <p>Again, restricts the opportunity to improve productivity on farm for future generations and new buyers</p> | <p>Delete the use of overseer for obtaining NRP, instead use soil types and stock class to find the amount of nitrogen the soil can hold before leaching.</p> <p>Use of sub catchments to identify the amount of N loss and amount of N to be applied through scientific evidence not a grand parenting approach</p> <p>If not exceeding 75th percentile, farms should work on nitrogen application for accumulating 5 year average.</p> |
| <p>Stock Exclusion</p> <p>Policy 2 Rules 3.11.5.2 to</p> | <p>Support with amendments</p> | <p>Fencing all water bodies will be financially impossible</p> | <p>Fencing water body areas on main streams and rivers only.</p> |

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| <p>3.11.5.7 and Schedule C, and any other related provisions</p> | | <p>to fence some areas, soil will need to be disturbed, thus may resulting in soil runoff</p> <p>Natural water is a major source of stock drinking water.</p> <p>Stock need to be crossed across water bodies in order to get around the property</p> | <p>Fencing areas of normally high stock concentrations, i.e crossings, so stock cannot have access 24/7.</p> <p>Using dams to help slow sediment loss</p> <p>Subsidizing farmers with new fencing and/or new water systems that may need to be introduced as an alternative.</p> |
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Yours sincerely

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