

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

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As Above

TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
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- (a) adversely effects the environment, and
 - (b) 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).

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).

My Submission is attached in my own writing/
format as I found this format too daunting.

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

Chief Executive,
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Hamilton 3240.

Submission on the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Our submission is outlined below and is presented as a result of concerns we have in relation to the effects this proposed plan may have on the future of my family, farming interests and local community. I request to speak to our submission.

1. We express an interest in Plan Change 1 because;
 - We believe that Plan Change 1 will be viewed as the “Benchmark” for the proposed Waihou – Piako Plan Change 2 which will start its preparation and consultation process following the finalising of the Hauraki Treaty settlement.
 - We have friends and associates who will be directly affected by the outcomes of Plan Change 1.
 - We believe that the Governments goal of doubling the value of the Primary Industry Exports by year 2025 is in direct conflict of the mandate it has passed on to the Waikato Regional Council to develop and implement policy based on achieving the improvements outlined in it’s National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2014.

2. Swimmable Water Quality Targets;
 - Plan Change 1 states that swimmable water quality targets (mainly referring to e coli), must be met for 365 days of the year. This simply is not realistic or achievable due to weather events causing levels to rise drastically at such times and for a period of time after the event.
 - We request that Waikato Regional Council amend the wording to make measured allowances for such periods of massive, partially unavoidable increases in e coli levels.

3. Nitrogen Reference Point;
 - We agree with the intent of the Nitrogen reference point and the 75th Percentile within the Plan Change 1.
 - The choice of either using 2014/15 or 2015/16 as the year for which you will gauge that reference point is unfair. Those two years were the years where the payout dropped considerably, as did farmers inputs and spending. Where an average use or figure is determined, is usually 3 to 5 years and because of the low payout years, a fairer determination would be to use a 5 year average.
 - We request that this be amended to encapsulate a 5 year average, not the choice of year 2014/15 or 2015/16. In the case where a farm has recently changed it’s type of farming activity, then that period of time to be the average.

4. Heavy Metals:

- We note there is no allowance for Heavy Metals testing in Plan Change 1.
- Heavy Metals do pollute/impact our waterways, especially the balance of the ecosystem and is easily tested. Auckland Council is presently testing for heavy metals, mainly zinc and copper.
- My point is that this plan has a long term focus and growth is happening faster than we ever anticipated. Plan change 1 is looking to cap any increase of nutrient on all land use. There is no such cap being talked about with regard to all other sectors and I do not believe there has been enough of a long term view been given to the future effects of population and Urban growth with regard to Heavy Metals. Hamilton City Council has plans for huge growth in the city over the next few years and with that comes more infrastructure, vehicles, industry and pollution in sediment, phosphorous, e coli and heavy metals. Auckland plans are in place for 120,000 more homes in the short to medium term. With that comes more infrastructure, vehicles, industry and pollution.
- We request that heavy Metals testing and policy be implemented into Plan Change 1 on the basis that there are massive growth plans for the Hamilton and South Auckland regions.

5. 10 year review;

- The lack of detail regarding implementation of the plan beyond year 10 is not acceptable given the uncertainty of direction. That Waikato Regional Council's reliance on advancement of technology to give them a clearer direction is simply not good enough given what is at stake for all stakeholders.
- We request that the framework to be put in place has a clear mandate so that all stakeholders, peer reviewed science and Waikato Regional Council are fully engaged and involved in the future pathway.

6. The Future of Farming;

- We are concerned that this new level of compliance is going to turn more young farmers away from farming. The pathways that have been the backbone of the industry to date are under more threat. I know of a few young Contract and Sharemilkers who are considering leaving the industry because it seems to be getting just too hard. I myself would not encourage my own children to take up farming today, unless they were 100 % passionate about it. There must be an acknowledgement that this plan change 1, and the plan changes following this are putting a huge amount of stress on Farmers and those communities that are reliant on farming. This plan change 1 is targeted at agriculture and we accept the science shows we are contributors. The National Policy statement for freshwater management and the vision and strategy for plan Change 1 is a responsibility for all New Zealanders and there must be more acknowledgement and acceptance of the contribution of all other contributing sectors.

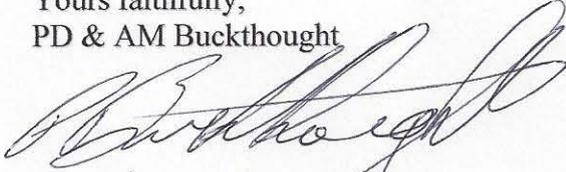
7. Summary;

- In summary, we support the overall intent and Vision of the plan change 1. We ask that the above requests for amendment and change be considered for the long term viability and function of all rural communities. There

must be a provision for where the long term improvement of water quality in our rivers and lakes balance with the economic and social impacts on our communities.

- Thank you for listening.

Yours faithfully,
PD & AM Buckthought



3/3/2017
