

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

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS	
<input type="radio"/>	I could / <input type="radio"/> could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. <i>Unsure. We are dairy farmers</i>
<input type="radio"/>	I am / <input type="radio"/> am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (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).

Policy 2c
Policy 2d

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).

We support and applaud the Vision and Strategy objectives in general, but have some concerns about the unfair burden some farmers such as ourselves will carry due to the poorly structured Grandparenting arrangement as it is proposed.

Note: Because our comments flowed out side of this submission box, we have attached it to a separate page at the end of this document.

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

RJ & JJ Ridings

We support and applaud the Vision and Strategy objectives in general, but have some concerns about the unfair burden some farmers such as ourselves will carry due to the poorly structured Grandparenting arrangement as it is proposed.

Management practises which are already meeting the Vision & Strategy objectives by minimising environmental risk, should not be penalised by the establishment of a Nitrogen Reference Point to the benchmarking of that farm on a % of reduction, where it is already way below those who are using management practises with a high nitrogen leaching risk.

This will result in a loss of equity in our operation and give no incentive for others to produce what our customers are asking for in organic products. This would also mean that if the land was sold in the future, there would be a limited market of sale, therefore penalising us for taking the initiative many years previous by changing our farming practises to provide a healthier environment.

Since starting Organic Certification in 2000 we have invested heavily in people education, infrastructure and plantings to minimise environmental risk. The objective of these investments was and is to meet environmental, consumer and community expectations. Considerable effort and education in personnel has been required to develop an ecosystem with the diversity to sustain an economically viable operation for us personally. This has meant we now have a system which reduces the need for large quantities of bought in nutrients and feed. You would be asking us to pay again with lost equity and options when we already tick most of the boxes, if no consideration is given to our submission.

We have not always been organic. Through the 1990's we were among the early users of Urea and bought in feed supplements, but through our research and experiences we soon realised this was not a sustainable way to farm. For us, the proposed Grandparenting scheme penalises us heavily for being proactive with our concerns for the environment.

We question whether Overseer is the appropriate tool for monitoring the proposed environmental outcomes.

We are asking that you give serious consideration to us and the likes of, by at least enabling Certified Organic farms to revert to the average leachate levels for the district should circumstance change. We acknowledge and hope the average levels decreasing over time will end up close to where we already are, but the proposal will make us pay twice for being ahead of the game.

By building in some form of allowance for upward movement to district average mitigates much of our burden.

PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.
 I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

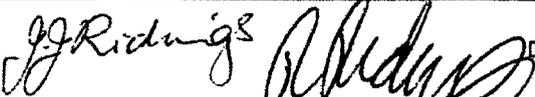
JOINT SUBMISSIONS

- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

- Yes, I have attached extra sheets. No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

Signature:  Date: 8/3/17.

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ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

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