

# Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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

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

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE	
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<b>Faxed to</b>	(07) 859 0998 <i>Please Note: if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses</i>
<b><del>Emailed to</del></b>	<a href="mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz">healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz</a> <i>Please Note: Submissions received my email must contain full contact details. We also request you send us a signed original by post or courier.</i>
<b>Online at</b>	<a href="http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers">www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers</a>
<b>We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.</b>	

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS <i>(select appropriate)</i>	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I could / <input type="checkbox"/> could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.	
<input type="checkbox"/> I am / <input type="checkbox"/> am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that: —	
(a) adversely affects 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.)

———Nitrogen Reference Point.Schedule B

**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.)

———I oppose having a nitrogen reference point as this is just straight out “grandparenting” and is effectively setting unfair land values. Under this reference point allocation, no allowance is made for soil type /contour or management system, highly productive soils could be under utilised while unsuitable soil types or over intensively farmed properties could continue at much higher levels than a neighbouring property who has been farming at a sustainable level. This rewards current high leaching properties and takes away future profitability of farmers who have all ready spent time/money on infastructure or systems caring for the environment.

**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 below
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined below

Amend as follows: If a nitroqen reference point is to be set for a property then I think a scientific approach would be for the properties soil type/weather events/contour and management to determine a reference point.This would make fair land values and provide stability in communities as well as the best environmental out come of production versus environmental effect.It makes no sense to have suitable high quality land underutilised while poor land is allowed to continue at a much greater nitrogen leaching just because they had a high fertiliser use in 2014/2015 or 2015/2016.Using the overseer program has proven to be an inaccurate in cropping rotations and the program is constantly being re configured so data <sup>are</sup> reference points constantly changing.

**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.

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No, I have not attached extra sheets.

**SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER**

*(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)*

*A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.*

Signature



Date

05/03/2017

Personal information is used for the administration of the submission process and will be made public. All information collected will be held by Waikato Regional Council, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

## Additional sheet to assist in making a submission

Section number of the Plan Change	Support /Oppose	Submission	Decision sought
Please refer to title and page numbers used in the plan change document	Indicate whether you support or oppose the provision.	State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.	State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.
<u>Schedule 1:2.(f)(ii)(d) Cultivation 5m set back.</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>I believe that 5m set back should not be a blanket rule ,as contour and soil type have a huge influence on width of set back required.Under this 5m rule a huge amount of productive land could be lost with little environmental gain and huge expense to maintain weeds and associated problems from the set back.</u>	<u>If set backs for cultivation are to be required then soil type/contour should be the determining factor for set back widths. Ie wider set backs for hill clay soils, smaller (ie: 1m) set backs on flat peat type soils.There is plenty of scientific research supporting a varying set back width.</u>
<u>Land Change.No more vegetable area. Policy 6</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>This policy has a huge effect on high quality land that is rotated through a cropping rotation program with high costs associated in getting a resource consent.</u>	<u>Land owners should be free to change land usage to follow the markets as long as nutrient leach levels remain as assessed to that property. ie; vegetable production/cropping/stock through flexible farm plans not requiring an expensive resource consent process.</u>
<u>Nitrogen and E.coil Targets 11-1:</u>	<u>amend</u>	<u>This rule should be amended as the 95 percentile <del>is</del> is just not achievable.this means that even under flood conditions this must be met which is not achievable.</u>	<u>Would support a target of around the 80 percentile as this would be a realistic target.</u>

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<u>Schedule B (g)(i)(iii)(iv)</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Annual accounts and stock/crop invoices are confidential documents that are commercially sensitive and should not be information held by the council .This data is completely unrelated to environmental concerns.</u>	<u>Remove requirements for supply of financial accounts and invoices from schedule.</u>
<u>Schedule A &amp; Schedule B Rule 3.11.5.1</u>	<u>Amend</u>	<u>All properties in the catchment should be required to meet the same standard. A large number of properties exist under 4ha(including under 2ha)</u>	<u>All properties in the catchment need to meet the same requirements as they all contribute to the water issues.ie councils requirements of plans/resource consents should be the same from every property regardless of property size.</u>