

**WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS**

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.



Signature

5/3/2017

date

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<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p> <p>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p>Provision <u>Schedule B</u> Nitrogen Reference Point</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are: <u>Amend</u></p> <p>We made a conscious effort over the past 10 years to minimise nitrogen use on our farm. Now we could be limited to that amount of use for the next 10 years.</p> <p>The dairy farm next door use 100 ka per hectare per year. Why should we be limited as we have been low emitters - This seems totally unjust.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Alternative time frame for setting Nitrogen reference point. Using 2014/15 and 2015/16 to calculate nutrient losses is unfair as those 2 years have been low production and low price years for sheep and beet farmers/farms. Go back to the high polluters i.e. Intensive dairying and urban discharge.</p>

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<p>Provision Policy 6 Change of Land Use</p>	<p>I support / oppose / and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are: (Deleted not amended)</p> <p>Our 160 Hectare Sheep and Beef farm is uneconomic in its present form. Converting or selling to our dairy farmer neighbours are our only two options to stay financially viable. This rate Policy would exclude both options for us and reduce the value of our farm.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety / Retained as proposed / amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p>
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<p>Schedule ②</p> <p>Stock Exclusion Areas</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>We support excluding cattle from waterways in high stocking rate situations.</p> <p>We do not support stock exclusion zones on all areas within lightly stocked Hill country dry stock farms.</p> <p>The costs of fencing all waterways on steep hill country will be prohibitive and the water quality improvement would be insignificant.</p> <p>Stock movement would become very difficult.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Exclude cattle from waterways in high stocking rate situations.</p>

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