

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

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PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION
Yes I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

SIGNATURE <i>(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)</i> <i>Signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.</i>	OF	SUBMITTER
Signature Rosemarie Costar		Date 08.03.17
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SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments

My husband and I share milk on a 115 effective hectare dairy farm milking 300 cows in Onewhero and will be purchasing the farm on June 1st 2017.

In the future and if the opportunity arises, we would like to purchase the 35 hectares right next door (within 35 metres) of our cowshed to expand our milking platform and ensure the viability of our business going forward. We are a family farm, and our family have farmed on this property for the past 60 years.

I am concerned that PC1 will be detrimental to our business by being too restrictive and not allowing the opportunity to expand, on to land suitable for dairying. The ability to expand needs to be economically viable and certain. I do support the concept of improving water quality but would like to see this done on a sub catchment basis. Particular attention needs to be paid to areas which have high contaminant losses and these areas need to be the priority areas.

I am also very concerned that PC1 does not allow for changes in farming practises to adapt for season variations and climatic conditions ie drought, payout etc.

We have a young family – children aged 8 and 10. I am very concerned about the impact PC1 will have on vegetable growers, and that it may lead to increasing amounts of imported vegetables coming to New Zealand, and our own growers being unable to produce the amount of food our growing population requires. We are a family of 4 – children aged 8 and 10, and we do not wish to purchase imported vegetables, where food safety standards may not be as high as ours, because our own growers are restricted in producing food. I do not believe that PC1 has allowed for population growth, or considered the very small amount of land in commercial vegetable production in the area, compared to other rural activities.

I support any measures taken to improve water quality and our family has and will continue to spend many hours planting trees and ensuring that our actions on farm follow best practise. All waterways on our property are fully fenced and we have voluntarily fenced off a number of areas which we deem to be unsuitable for dairying, and planted them in natives.

I also do not support Overseer being used as a regulatory tool as this was not as it was designed for and I am concerned that with version updates data will be managed to maintain the integrity of the data.

Farmers want to look after their land. We hope to see our children one day farming our property so it is in our own best interest to look after it.

I support the submission that has been lodged by Federated Farmers. I am particularly concerned about the following aspects of Plan Change 1:

- The significant negative effect on rural communities
- The cost and practicality of the rules.
- The effect that the Nitrogen Reference Point will have on my business and my economic wellbeing.
- The Farm Environment plan requirements leading to unnecessary and costly regulation of inputs, outputs, normal farming activity and business information
- The costs and practicality of the rules and requirements for stock exclusion, the Nitrogen Reference Point and the Farm Environment Plan.

- The timeframes for complying with the Nitrogen Reference Point rules which are too short and unachievable
- The plan significantly exceeding the 10 year targets in many attributes and areas
- The lack of science and monitoring at the sub catchments level

I wish to be heard at the Hearing.

I am concerned about the implications all of this will have for my property and for my current activity as described above.