

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

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Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers
We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.	

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)
<input type="checkbox"/> I could / <input type="checkbox"/> could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
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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.)*

— Schedules A,B & C, Rules 2,3,4,6 & 7

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.)*

While appreciating and understanding the need for some farming operations to make managerial and land use changes protect our catchments and water ways to improve water quality, the proposed plan does not adequately or fairly enable this.

Urban centres have significant impact on water quality. The plan needs to place demand for change equitably between rural and urban in proportion to the degree of contamination from rural and urban sources.

Many farmers have already taken action, made investment to do so (protecting water ways, reducing nutrient inputs, effluent systems, grazing, cropping and forage harvesting methods, efforts to reduce contaminant losses). Their past effort need to be recognised and provided for so as to not disadvantage future land use potential and profit in addition to expense and profit their past "eco-friendly" farm choices have incurred/foregone.

We are dairy goat as well as dairy cow farmers. Our farming methods and impact on water ways is significantly different to other pastoral enterprises and need to be consider and accommodated for differently.

Overseer is limited and unable to accurately model traditional dairy farms. It is not set up to model goat farms, in particular the effects of cut and carry, the use of wood chip bedding in barns, the subsequent benefit of its high carbon content to soil biology, organic matter and reduction of N loss among other things. I am concerned Overseers limitations will adversely impact on my farming options, farm profit and ultimately constrain wealth creation.

As a large part of our property is assigned to providing forage to housed goats, fencing requirements potentially limit our effective farming area and therefore scale. The plan needs to be modified to clearly ensure stock exclusion requirements only relate to cows, horses, pig & deer.

Soil types differ widely across the region. Restrictions on land use due to gradient, in-situ grazing of winter forage crops and cultivation that are necessary for one soil type may be completely inappropriate for another. Restrictions need to be soil type specific. ———

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:

The plan demands urban centres clean up their act to the same degree demanded of farmers.

Adequate assessment of previous efforts of farmers to improve water quality must be allowed for where future restrictions are to be imposed.

The unique management systems of goat farming and their low impact on water quality need to be acknowledged and considered separately.

Until it can completely, comprehensively and accurately model all farm systems, Overseer will not be used to restrict farm practices.

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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

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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

Signature

Date 7/3/17

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.