

# 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 also</i>
<b>Emailed to</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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PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION
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**

**OF**

**SUBMITTER**

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

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

Signature S.J.C. Ward

Date 08 March 2017

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## **SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments**

I own 350ha, milking 1050 dairy cows in and around Taupiri, increasing to 549ha, milking 1700 dairy cows on 1 June 2017.

I have a focus on improving nutrient efficiency and in the past 24 months alone have spent in excess of \$200,000 on projects including extending effluent fields, constructing lined effluent ponds, fencing waterways and retiring areas of wet land. This represents a significant financial commitment at a time when dairy farm incomes have been depressed.

In the future, I plan to continue to invest in environmental projects and have commissioned the development of a Healthy Farm Plan. Further retirement and protection of wet land, a native tree planting programme and using technological solutions to facilitate proof of placement of fertiliser are planned priorities.

I am concerned that PC1 is all stick and no carrot. I urge the Council to amend PC1 and adopt a partnership approach to working with farmers who are committed to improving the quality of our waterways while maintaining an economically viable business.

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. I set out my concerns more specifically in the table below.

**SUBMISSION POINTS: Specific comments**

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40	Rule 3.11.5.2 Permitted Activity Rule – Other farming activities			
41	Rule 3.11.5.3 Permitted Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan under a Certified Industry Scheme	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend 3.11.5.3 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities.

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42	<b>Rule 3.11.5.4</b> Controlled Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan not under a Certified Industry Scheme	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend 3.11.5.4 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities.
44	<b>Rule 3.11.5.5</b> Controlled Activity Rule – Existing commercial vegetable production			
45	<b>Rule 3.11.5.7</b> Non-Complying Activity Rule – Land Use Change	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend 3.11.5.7 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities and could deter me from investing in a farm conversion or even improving a farm which will have ongoing implications for rural employment
46	<b>Schedule A:</b> Registration with Waikato Regional Council			

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47	<b>Schedule B:</b> Nitrogen Reference point	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	I am concerned that this is not practical as the 2 reference years were times of lower payout and consequently less fertiliser was applied thus giving a distorted and unfair starting point.
50	<b>Schedule C:</b> Stock Exclusion	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule C as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities
51	<b>Schedule 1:</b> Requirements for Farm	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule 1 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities

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	Environment Plans			<p>I am also concerned that this is not practical as the industry standard programme, OVERSEER has questionable methodology shown by 3 different rural professionals getting 3 very different N leaching values from the same data.</p>