

PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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

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

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Rule 7

Oppose

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Being locked out of, some types of land use greatly lower the capital value of some areas of land especially for forestry and drystock. You could potentially end up owning far more than your land is worth particularly if you purchased land in the last two decades. The reason for this is that in the past you had to buy land at the price of its highest potential which has been dairy, now if you are limited to drystock the potential could be only one tenth of dairy or less. This is important as most farmers (and land owners) make their money through capital gain. In my own case on a 100ha drystock farm I haven't paid myself a salary in the last three years. Perversely, dairy farm land, the highest nutrient out-putter have gone up in value due to no more land being able to be created, in effect rewarding the polluters.

Also, it could put people off moving land into lower nutrient activities such as forestry as this would lower your capital value. There are also easy and fairer policies for stopping land use change such as a flat nutrient cap level for everyone in the set catchments.

There are also areas of land that are totally impractical in their present land use. In my case two small areas of forestry, one 2Ha block planted with enthusiasm but not much knowledge in the high prices of the 1990s, is almost but impossible to log. The other 0.8 Ha behind my house, planted as a block for wind protection is now causing shade and damp and threatening to fall on the implement sheds and cottage I live in. Something along the lines of the rules for commercial vegetable growing could be of use here where areas of forestry could be retired provided they were replanted somewhere else or not at all provided you stayed within your personal or catchment nutrient cap.

Decision Sought

Freedom to change land use under a plan of flat nutrient level for everyone in the set catchment areas

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Oppose

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Not being able to lift your Nitrogen level makes it very hard to improve your farm and in effect sets your capital value and your year to year income, and is unfair to those who are already at a low nitrogen level. I think there are better and fairer ways of achieving the same result that would give everyone a much more level playing field without rewarding those who have done the most polluting. This could be done with a flat cap for Nitrogen and other nutrients that applied to everyone but varied from catchment to catchment with reviews of levels conducted at set time intervals as needed, yearly or 3 yearly perhaps. This would be easier to administer and fairer.

Decision Sought

A Flat cap Nitrogen level that is the same for everyone in the set catchments regardless of past or future land use.

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Support with amendments

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I'm not sure if trout are included as pest fish but I think they should be. They prey on native fish and are the equivalent of a stoat underwater. Also non-native water fowl such as ducks which compete with our native species (like the blue duck) should be eradicated, also three ducks are equivalent to a dairy cow in nutrient output (can't find the source for this at the moment). This could be done easily by opening up license conditions. There would be a lot of opposition to such a move, but the whole community has to make sacrifices for the greater good of our rivers.

Decision Sought

Inclusion of Trout and non-native water fowl as pest species

Submission process

Just general comments

While I understand that the collaborative stakeholders group started work on this proposal in 2012, for those of us not directly involved 80 days from the 22nd October to the 8th March is an incredibly short time for submissions considering the amount of material to take in and the life changing issues and consequences at stake. (Even the submission forms seem hard to use.)

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.
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Signature: *S. Lyons-Montgomery* Date: *6/3/17*

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