

# 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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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 timorlandoreep	Date 8 March 2017
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## **SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments**

I own a 187.45 ha farm in the upper North West Waikato, running 300 beef fattening cattle.

I fatten beef on a rotational grazing system, and have been doing so for the last 15 years. Previous to this we were dairying on the farm, and have fenced off all relevant and permanent waterways. Traditionally we have stocked around 2 cattle to the hectare. We have planted the farm extensively in poplar and pinus radiata, as well as stands of eucalyptus, blackwoods, alders, and other varying species of tree to provide shade for the stock, and mitigate any potential erosion issues. We have also over the last 10 years used an organic fertiliser produced by Agrissentials with a seaweed and volcanic rock base, thus avoiding the traditional phosphates.

In the future, I plan to increase my stock numbers by around 100 head of cattle, as we have just harvested 15 ha of pinus radiata in the 2015-2016 summer, and had to subsequently reduce our numbers for this period and have extensively more area to graze because of this. The plan is also to run smaller mobs of cattle and increase subdivision of paddocks, to minimise high intensity grazing and any potential nitrogen and Phosphorous leaching. We also want to keep the option open to lease to the next door neighbours dairy farm as

I am concerned about the following issues with PC1 as this restricts the opportunity to increase my herd numbers with the NRP, therefore the ability to create a financially economic venture, as we are a small operation, our economy of scale is non-existent.

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.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including the consultancy costs to become regulated.</p> <p>I am also concerned that this is not practical because the additional cost to the ratepayer and related paperwork. The fact that our waterways further downstream need to be addressed first (koi Carp) and then assess any leaching (if any) from our property.</p>

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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.	See above (41)
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.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including leasing to the dairy farm next door, thereby creating a venture that can create some economic return.</p> <p>I am also concerned that this is not practical because it reduces the ability to be a flexible business venture, not being able to move with supply and demand of the market means that exposes the risk to ourselves to have any kind of income, which in turn reduces the opportunities that my children will be able to capitalise on.</p> <p>Koi Carp has to be first addressed. Water quality is not going to change until the koi carp have been significantly eradicated.</p>

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46	<b>Schedule A:</b> Registration with Waikato Regional Council			
47	<b>Schedule B:</b> Nitrogen Reference point	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including Nitrogen loss(if any on our farm) will restrict the asset to provide any income for the owner.</p> <p>Having a nitrogen reference point severely restricts the flexibility of our beef fattening unit, and the property's future value.</p> <p>We are slowly building up our numbers through selling and buying on buoyant markets. The impact of nitrogen loss restrictions on development of our land and farming systems will be significant, due to the small size.</p> <p>Massive impact with nitrogen loss restrictions have on the resilience of our farming business and our ability to be market lead, with bigger issues needing to be addressed first (koi carp)</p> <p>massive impact nitrogen loss restrictions have on our ability to change our farming system so that I can put other mitigations in place that reduce losses of sediment, phosphorus, or pathogens, and our ability to fund such environmental mitigation .</p>

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50	<b>Schedule C:</b> Stock Exclusion	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule C as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	Property already has fenced waterways
51	<b>Schedule 1:</b> Requirements for Farm Environment Plans	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule 1 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including the cost to have a farm environmental plan. The koi carp issue has to be first addressed before any water quality issues can be measured or gained by the processes above and this Plan.

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