

To help to understand my position on Plan 1 intentions I introduce myself. Born in 1941 I have lived and worked on this farm until I leased the farm to my Step Son last July. My parents developed the farm from scrub, bush and heather from 1929; and I have continued until finishing stream and bush protection last year at the cost of over \$100000.00 which was subsidised by W R C. Sheep and Beef farming was profitable until mid 1980's but has been on a down hill stretch almost ever since. We have diversified into forestry, tourism, Dairy cow grazing in autumn, and for a while heifer grazing. My point being that many S & C farms are stretched financially. Additional costs will have to be reasonable and show long term economic balance. The alternative is an even quicker loss of the sheep industry and further loss of viable communities. In fact I predict that the Government will have to help farmers to run more sheep on hilly farms to mitigate the effect of cattle on steep sidlings. Also why shouldn't all plantings on farms have carbon credits; not just the bigger blocks?

Farm Environment Plans will be excepted if they are brought in gradually with key additions on a progressive plan. Eg 1st year : Fertilizer usage.

The thought of Grand Parenting nitrogen useage is unfair and discrimitory and would alter land values; also the stocking rate set at October 2016.

Totally against both of these.!

I wish that that farms with streams would have monitoring done frequently to gage improvements or otherwise. There is a need for a simple and effective kit for farmers to do this themselves especially because the carrot is better than the stick!

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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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		Submission Number	
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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE	
Mailed to	Chief Executive, 401 Grey Street, Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240
Delivered to	Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton
Faxed to	(07) 859 0998 <i>Please Note: if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses</i>
Emailed to	healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz <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>
Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers
We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.	

YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS		
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ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF SUBMITTER		
Full name	Same	
Address for service of person making submission		
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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS <i>(select appropriate)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I could / <input type="checkbox"/> could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
<input type="checkbox"/> I am / <input type="checkbox"/> am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
(a) adversely effects the environment, and
(b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
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.)*

3.11.5.1

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

*(List the reasons why you support or oppose, or wish to have, the specific provisions and why
(Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)*

If farms have met requirements of stream and bush protection a far higher Activity status could be implemented . Encourage farmers to be proactive.

Many S & B farms are in the low risk and financially stretched. Their usage of Nitrogen is limited and probably all types of Fert is low. They shouldn't be penalised because of low usage in the past as owners and type of farming can change

Fertilizer spreading by plane can place fertilizer accurately and away from waterways.

Stock exclusion is warranted but an odd crossing (fiord) should be allowed if used only occasionally for economic reasons.

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:

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.

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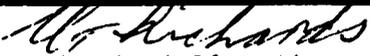
IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

Yes, I have attached extra sheets.

No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

For person authorized to sign on behalf of submitter
A signature is not required if you make your submission electronically.

Signature 
vic.richards@farmside.co.nz

Date 6/3/17

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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.
<u>3.11.5.2</u>	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Stocking rate can not change (10/17)</u> <u>A Owners change</u> <u>B Type of farming changes</u> <u>C Low numbers at Oct re Eczema /change of ownership</u>	<u>Farmers must be able to improve their farms and have higher stock numbers when appropriate.</u> <u>New owners , different class of stock better farmers can all have a bearing.</u> <u>Not in any way appropriate if they are farming properly</u>
	<u>oppose</u>	<u>Nitrogen grand parenting or set at low figure</u> <u>Favor the polluters and penalise the conservative at your peril!</u>	
	<u>oppose</u>	<u>No cultivation or grazing over 15 degrees</u> <u>This is not step I have hay paddocks with some parts this step. Its not the slop but how it is managed</u>	<u>20 degree`s or more</u> <u>Cattle could be controlled over 20 degree`s</u>

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WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 - WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS

Provision	I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend	I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below
<p>3.11.5.2</p> <p>Nitrogen grandparenting</p> <p>Stock exclusion 3m. setback</p> <p>No cultivation > 15° slope</p> <p>Cultivation 5m</p> <p>No grazing on > 15°</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Stocking rate cannot increase Oct 16 is below point of many in the Waikato for stock no's. Eryema was site in the summer before hand. Favor the polluters; penalize the conservative at your peril</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>Agree</p> <p>This is not steep and can be managed easily.</p> <p>→ agree</p> <p>one of my hay paddocks is 15°. This is plainly ridiculous</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>We must be able to increase our stock numbers. Our better farmers don't pollute at very high stocking rate</p> <p>> 20° would be an alternative</p> <p>Cattle could be controlled at > 20°</p>

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<p>3.11.5.3</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Mostly relevant. Nitrogen reference point is an issue.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>a blanket reference point (safe) should be issued. Don't favour the historical over zealous (N) users. otherwise it will effect land values and increases of farm output unnecessary and artificially block improvements to land use.</p>
<p>3.11.5.7 Non Complying</p>	<p>Each application should be treated individually. If Maori farms are treated favourably and others not it will cause problems of acceptance.</p>	

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<p>Summing up. Cost / Benefit application should be done for the total changes before they become the rule. who is going to pay for the negative outcomes and extra costs put onto S & B farms many of which are in a loss making situation at the moment. Keep communication and education going. In the long run this is so positive compared</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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Date: *4/3/17*

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