

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 <i>(select appropriate)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I could / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
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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.)*

Policy 14 – Lake Freshwater Management Units.

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)*

We support the restoration of lakes, but restoration is to begin immediately not in 2096, through the implementation of a tailored lake-by-lake approach, guided by Lake Catchment Plans prepared over the next “10 years”.

Many Meat & Fibre members farm in the Northern Catchment who are affected by the Koi Carp issue. And request that remedial work we carried out, and our work will have no effect whatsoever, as these pest fish create havoc.

The water outcomes proposed that we must meet, just cannot happen as long as the Koi Carp remain in the catchment. There must be an immediate coherent approach to the problem, no in “10 years”.

Does not the Vision and Strategy require no further degradation to the Waikato River?

This should be the first point of restoration – not put on the back burner.

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.

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 Chris Irons

Date 8 March 2017

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
Clause 5 Schedule 1	Oppose the provision.	<p>That the Nitrate Reference Point does not relate to an adverse effect in most of the region. At present we are at our 80 year level now as defined in the tables in the PC1 document for Freshwater Management Unite Pages 48-54.</p> <p>We are of the view that the Nitrate Reference Points is only being used as a surrogate for livestock constraint.</p> <p>The above provision is a breach of Section 5 of the RMA. No adverse effect has been shown.</p>	Decline the provision.
Table 1 Schedule B Missing Data Provisions	Support the provision with amendments.	<p>The Missing Data provisions should be amended to allow for a reasonable assessment criteria, so all known information can be collated, possible affidavits given, and stating Council will do its best to interpret what is the true historic reference point, or this becomes a disadvantage to those people affected by a third party scenario. Clearly if the relevant information is held by a third party, i.e., lessee, previous owner or sharemilker and they refuse to co-operate in the process, there is a potential for landowners to be disadvantaged or blackmailed.</p> <p>The present 75% allocation is a confiscation of 25% of the value of the property.</p>	If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined.

<p>Freshwater Management Table. Pages 48-54</p>	<p>Oppose the provisions.</p>	<p>95th percentile E.coli 100 ml This is set at 540 which is unrealistic. The 95% is the top 5% readings and not the medium average. It is impossible to be reached on many of the defined sites, and out of the control of landowners as it is driven by natural events more than anything else.</p> <p>1000mls in terms of the Annual Medium is the National Standard at present which meets the Vision and Strategy and the National Policy Statement (NPS), but if the NPS introduces a separate process, then this will have to be introduced as an amendment.</p>	<p>Decline the provision.</p>
<p>Policies 16 & 17</p>	<p>Oppose the provisions.</p>	<p>The RMA process is not there to give redress to Treaty Settlements and the Vision and Strategy should only look at water quality issues. It is to improve the quality of the Waikato River and nothing else. Both these policies go outside the scope of the vision and Strategy.</p>	<p>Decline the provision.</p>
<p>Policy 13</p>	<p>Support the provision with amendments.</p>	<p>Point source discharges have been given certainty of investment.</p> <p>This must be granted to Non-point source discharges as well, because farmers need to same surety when making investments; the same as every other sector of the community.</p>	<p>Accept the provision with amendments as outlined.</p>

<p>PC1 failure to comply with the Regional Policy Statement (RPS)</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.1.2A</p> <p>8.3.3.3</p> <p>8.3.6</p> <p>8.3.8</p> <p>8.4.2</p> <p>8.4.4</p> <p>4.4</p>	<p>Support the provision with amendments</p>	<p>PC1 has failed to give effect to the RPS, thus it has breach Section 67 of the RMA.</p> <p>A Regional Plan must give effect to any Regional Policy Statement.</p> <p>There are many good provisions in the RPS that give rise to 'Sub-Catchment'. This is where the process should move to, away from the one size fits all approach.</p> <p>This will also then comply with Section 5 of the RMA and adopt a cause and effect regime.</p> <p>The RPS Policies affects are listed above.</p>	<p>Accept the provision with amendments as outlined.</p>
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