

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

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SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers

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

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL
 DATE RECEIVED: 11/3/2017
 TIME: 3:03pm
 SIGNATURE: [Signature]

YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am / 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).

WE ARE NOT PART OF WAIKATO + WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENT.
WE FARM IN THE WESTERN CATCHMENT. - OUR SUBMISSION
CONCERNS ~~THE~~ SOME OF THE PROVISIONS PROPOSED IN THE
WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN.

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 Resource Management Act's - Cost Analysis, Section 32.

We oppose the proposed:
NITROGEN REFERENCE POINT
GRANDPARENTING
STOCK EXCLUSION
FENCING/LANDUSE.
FARM ENVIRONMENT PLAN.

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
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

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

Signature: *M Jackson Peterson* Date: *28/2/17* 

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: Schedule B Page 47

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission - Nitrogen Reference Point

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

- Use of Overseer Model because we feel the science behind it is in dispute.
- Cost to the land owner.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

- We suggest council revisits the use of the Overseer Model.
- We will only accept a formula which is acceptable to ALL parties.

Section number of the Plan Change: Schedule B, b. Page 47

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission - Grandparenting

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

- Oppose the present proposed system which is calculated on a 12 month cycle.
- Far too short a period to accurately access true mean levels.
- Short period does not take into account climatic variables, stocking rates, soil conditions, floods, rainfall and droughts.
- Grandparenting by its methodology is not a level playing field. Favours high end users, penalises low end users.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

- Suggest council looks at a longer time frame, to calculate a true representative mean, which recognises the variations of weather patterns, soil types, and stocking rates.
- Council looks at a more equitable/balances approach that will benefit both ends of the farming systems.

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: Schedule C2 Page 50

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission - Stock Exclusion

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

- We farm according to the contours of our land. Sheep on the hills where streams, swamps, ponds, are the source of water.
- Our flat land borders a river of varying width, volume and speed. We have troughs in every paddock.
- It has been our experience over 16 years that stock don't drink from the river, they use troughs.
- Our river is not fenced off because floods erode the banks, collect and carry debris onto the paddocks and into the fences.
- Over the years we have watched our neighbours lose their fences to floods, irrespective of how FAR they are from the banks.
- 3-4 years ago another neighbour, put up a two wire electric, quarter round fence. By fencing off the river vegetation has grown up on the banks. This vegetation traps sand/silt during flooding, causing banks to slump, exposing fence posts. In time the fence will be lost to the river.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes want Council to make on the provision.

- Rivers need to be categorised according to flow, volume, speed and the material which makes up the river bed.
- Trees planted on river banks end up in river, causing silt to build up and the formations of islands – slowing of the flow and accumulation of debris.
- Not ALL rivers should be fenced – they have their own courses, flows and volumes which change with the seasons.
- DON'T TREAT ALL RIVERS THE SAME

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission - Fencing/Landuse

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it

- Cost of fencing land above 25 degrees, will be expensive and could well affect viability/profitability of the land.
- Land use may have to change in order to meet F.E.P.
- Farms forced to comply with F.E.P plans may have to reduce staff as farms shrink.
- This will impact on communities, Schools and individuals. More rural School's will close due to falling rural populations.
- Land owners will skilled and experienced staff, etc loss of shearers, fencers, shepherds.
- Land owners should have the right to change their land use, (to meet ongoing market changes National/International) providing it is economical and doesn't harm the environment.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

In order to manage greater than 25 degrees, there needs to be consideration that there is reasonable cover (dry matter) to protect the land in order to reduce sediment run off.
 Land up to 25 degrees (in most cases) should not be fenced off – water troughs.

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: 3:11:4:3 Page 36 + Page 51 Schedule 1

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support Oppose

Submission - Farm Environment Plan

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes want Council to make on the provision.

- We are concerned F.E.P does not take into account, economical and climate changes.
- Does not include management of green house gases.
- Does not mention time frames and evaluations.
- No room for flexibility
- Appears to take a top down approach discouraging entrepreneurial opportunities/initiatives.

- Council needs to allow for more flexibility in their F.E.P.
- Recognise that flexibility will allow farmers to change national/international demands.
- Recognise that farming is a business the back bone of New Zealand's economy.
- Without flexibility we can't meet with global demands.

Section number of the Plan Change:

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support Oppose

Submission – Resource Management Act

Decision Sought – Cost Analysis

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes want Council to make on the provision.

- We have found no reference to a "cost analysis" which we understand is required under section 32 of the Resource Management Act.

- As per Section 32 of the Resource Management Act.

Brief Description of:

Our Farming Operation

We are a group of 3 families that farm in the western catchment. Although not part of the proposed Waikato Regional Plan, we have attended many Beef and Lamb and Combine Stakeholders Group meetings.

While the council is to be commended for taking steps to lay down a plan for improving water quality we are concerned with some of the science being put forward and the restrictions and cost being imposed on farmers. We believe the plan could stifle initiatives and doesn't recognise the need for flexibility. As Farmers we deal with market driven forces on a daily basis, along with the vagaries of climatic conditions.

We love the land and its environs (we too are Tangata Whenua). As we are caretakers/owners of the land, we look after it. We have fenced off bush, planted shade trees for stock, introduced bees, improved/expanded water systems and, where possible, secured our boundaries.

Healthy Rivers – All New Zealanders should contribute to the healthy rivers scheme. Farming over many years has made huge contributions to New Zealand's economy in which all New Zealanders share today.

We can't fight Mother Nature but we need flexibility to work with her no matter what she throws at us.

See the – Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO) paper: (NZ Herald Friday 24 February 2017 A-21).

The Future of food and Agriculture: Trends and Challenges

This paper outlines the growing concern of a rising global population. Predictions indicate a rise from 7.3 billion today to 10 billion in 2050. The FAO predicts Agricultural output will need to increase by 50% by 2050.