

# 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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## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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Faxed to	(07) 859 0998 <b>Please Note:</b> if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses
Emailed to	healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz <b>Please Note:</b> Submissions received by email must contain full contact details.
Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers

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

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## ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF SUBMITTER

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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:
- adversely effects the environment, and
  - 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).

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**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).

I believe these two rivers should be treated as two separate entities.

The Waikato is a slow flowing river that according to the river flows printed each day is slowly running out of water.

The Waikato has had seven large swimming pools built by man to slow the flow for electricity generation and these pools were not set up with filters. We all know what happens to a swimming pool with no filter.

**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:

*W. Mackay*

Date:

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**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**

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**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

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From: Macky Farming Co <[REDACTED]>  
Subject: rivers  
Date: 7 March 2017 9:34 am  
To: wakato

I believe the plan is very complex and therefore will be very expensive to initiate and monitor. Figures recently released show this to be the case and we have not achieved anything yet.

Silt is the biggest threat to our rivers and lakes. It carries all the nutrients and will eventually fill the lakes. All cropping should be restricted to flat land and direct drilling. I have seen farmers grazing sidlings in very wet weather sending topsoil straight down the creek. No cattle older than yearlings to be allowed to graze sidlings.

Research done in the USA when they were attempting to clean the Pool of Remembrance shows Canada Geese do 2 kilos of poo per day. This means the 400 geese living on Karapiro lake are dropping 800 kilos per day into the lake. This equates to a truck and trailer load of fertiliser each month. Canada Geese Black Swan and Paradise Duck were imported to New Zealand for sporting purposes. These birds no more have a place in our ecosystem than Velvet leaf in pasture or Old Mans Beard in our bush.

I believe the simpler the approach to the plan the more effective it will be. Dairy farmers have made a huge effort in the last few years to reduce nutrient and effluent contamination of our waterways and yet we are still being told that the water is getting worse. I farmed for 30 years on the Pokaiwhenua Stream. 20 years ago we all fenced off and planted both sides with natives and other species. You can now stand on the banks and watch the fish swimming by. My eyes tell me there has been a huge improvement in the water clarity but the scientists say different. The question would therefore have to be asked, Is the plan going to work?

I spend a lot of time on the lake putting down and lifting the rowing lanes. In August and September we have no trouble seeing the wires one and a half metres down. When the water warms in Summer it is very different. I believe the only way we will improve this situation would be to stop all irrigation and increase flows as much as possible. Increasing temperatures will make this whole plan much more difficult.

Having been born and brought up in Mangakino where my father was the project engineer during the time of construction of the dams. I would like nothing better than to see the water nice and clean but I am realistic enough to know that sparkling water behind a dam does not happen.