

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

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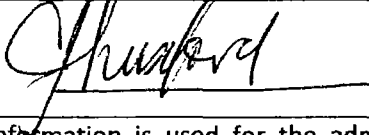
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SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments

Our family own a 200 ha dairy farm south of Tokoroa just upstream (Matarawa Stream) from the Kinleith pulp & paper mill. We milk 465 cows on a seasonal supply dairy operation. We run a pretty conservative stocking rate (2.3 cows per ha) and are pretty much self contained regarding feed, young stock rearing & wintering.

Our farm was part of the rehab settlements and was settled by my father in 1954. I purchased it in 1984 and have added two adjoining properties to it in bringing it to its present size. It is of varied contour (10% flat, 60% rolling, 30% hilly)

I was the inaugural chairman of the Matarawa streamcare group - one of the first streamcare groups set up in the Waikato Region (with persuasion from the late Gordon Stephenson and help from Alan Campbell from E.W.). As a result the Matarawa stream and all drains on the farm are fenced and much planted. One of my most memorable days was when Rainbow trout were seen mating in my stream whilst I was doing streamcare work. I never saw trout in the stream when I was a child and don't know whether Matarawa streamcare can claim all the credit for their return or to share it with Elders, Carter Holt Harvey who were also doing considerable work reducing their impact on the stream.

At present I am chairman of SWEI (South Waikato Environmental Initiatives) which distributes mitigation money from OJI to projects that improve water quality in the SOUTH Waikato District

In the future, I plan to slow down and hopefully encourage my son to take on the farming business (he presently contract milks for us). I hope that this process is sufficiently fair and practical that young people can have the confidence to invest in farming so that family owned farms are able to survive and prosper. I have very strong views that individuals who own farms are far more likely to have environmental consciences than people who just work the land.

I am concerned about the following issues with PC1 :

*The 10 year targets - for someone thinking about investing in farming the uncertainty about what is necessary to achieve those targets is quite a formidable obstacle. Research and practical solutions are required if we are to overcome these fears as well as achieve the desired outcomes.

*The banning of cultivation on land with a slope >15 degrees. I think a far better outcome could be achieved by restricting the contiguous area in any one catchment so we have bund-like pastures around cultivated land to filter any run off. The position of any land within a catchment will determine the effects of rainfall events as much as the slope.

*I am concerned about the lack of science and understanding at a sub catchment level about the causes and solutions to the problems - particularly with regard to nitrogen the effect of soils and the micro climate on the leaching.

*I am concerned about the impact on rural economies

*I am concerned about the impact on horticultural food supplies. If a significant proportion of horticultural land is developed into urban subdivisions and no other land is able to be developed for horticultural production what will happen to food prices?

I support the submission that has been lodged by Federated Farmers.

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.

Thank you
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(for CJ&JF LUXFORD)