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## Submission to the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipā River Catchments

This submission focuses on the need to give better effect to Section 6 RMA matters, the maintenance of indigenous biodiversity, the National Policy Statement on Freshwater Management and the Waikato Regional Policy Statement including the Vision and Strategy for the Waikato River/ Te Ture Whaimana o Te Awa o Waikato (Vision and Strategy).

I recognise the requirement for the Waikato Regional Council (Council) to give effect to the Vision and Strategy under the Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010, Ngati Tuwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010, and Nga Wai o Maniapoto (Waipa River) Act 2012.

### Water quality targets and limits

I am concerned that not only would the water quality limit of 'C' fail to achieve the objective for a swimmable river, it is not based on analysis of ecosystem health and does not provide for the protection or maintenance of indigenous biodiversity.