

To whom it concerns

Please accept this as our submission on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. Waikato + Waipa River Catchments

We oppose the ~~B~~ plan because the plan should provide certainty for us in the future, and we therefore seek that the plan in its current form is declined.

We are concerned about how the council expects to achieve the desired outcome in the 80yrs.

The specific provisions of the proposal that this Submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following pages. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words to that effect'

The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including Objectives, Policies or other rules, or restructuring of the plan, or part thereof, to give effect to the relief sought

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS

Submission Form

Submission on a publically notified proposed Regional Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

On: The Waikato Regional Councils proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

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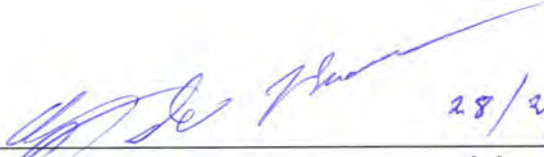
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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.



Signature **date**
28/2/2017



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<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p> <p>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p>Provision</p> <p>Rule 3.11.5.2</p> <p>No grazing on land > 15° slope.</p>	<p>I support/ <u>oppose</u> and for each whether or not you wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are: <i>See photo</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Try to justify your response using data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences.</i> <p>This is totally impractical, soil types and geology of the land areas concerned should dictate the suitable land use.</p> <p>Measures such as tree planting can be taken to stabilize the slopes, stock management practices, seasonal considerations and stock type (eg sheep/young animals)</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i> <p>We believe that using the degree of slope is not the best way to measure this risk and suggest using an independent land use capability assessment, based on the geology of the land, stock types + seasonal extremes.</p>

need to be taken into consideration.

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<p>The vision + strategy</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: We agree with the restoration of water quality within the Waikato River so that it is safe for people to swim in + take food from.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i> <p>Amended as set out in our submission.</p>

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<p>Provision <u>3.11.5.3</u> <u>Nitrogen Grandparenting</u> <u>Scheme</u></p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to <u>amend</u> <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>If we are expected to decrease stock on st slopes over 15° we need to decrease increase stock on flatter land, therefore need to adjust our fertilizer applications appropriately. Therefore nitrogen application will have to increase from which is presently a very low level overall.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small> <u> </u></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>More sub-catchments to get more specific + detailed monot monitoring, with independent analysis to help Environment Waikato monitor leaching + sediment create created in those areas.</p>
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3.11.5.42	The reasons for this are: We are concerned about how the council will measure sediment, nitrogen + pathogens. Currently there are not enough reference points + we need provisions for pathogens from wildlife in wetlands. See photo.	As an alternative I propose <i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i> More subcatchment reference points to take into consideration the geology + land use.

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<p>Provision 3.11.5.7 Land use changes + restrictions</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>We are very concerned, how will we increase the wealth of NZ and comply with this proposal? How can we as farmers diversify, intensify + convert to increase the industry bottom line? How do we avoid putting ourselves out of business and be sustainable? Farms that are in the bottom 25% of the nitrogen reference point system shouldn't be in force/forced the same as the top 75%. A fair system based on what contributes to the desired outcome in 80yrs.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i></p> <p>Land Use Capability Assessment Plan. Showing limitations of nitrogen use. The likes of overseer to guide fertilizer use</p>
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Example of planting to stabilise hillside with lighter stock



Example of uncontrollable pathogens (above and below)

