

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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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.

F. Pull.

6th March 2017.

Signature

Date

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

My name is Richard Hull and we farm as Clover Farms Ltd in the Lower Waikato River catchment. The property has been farmed by our family since the 1800's and by the current generation since the 1970's. At present we run beef and grow kiwifruit on the property as well as having planted forestry on the more marginal land. Over the past 40 years the property has been used for dairying, market gardening, and intensive poultry production.

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<p>Provision 3.11.5.5 Specifically sections e, f, and g.</p>	<p>I oppose this provision.</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>It is unreasonable to rule out future food production on good quality market gardening land by imposing an arbitrary date when it has been used for vegetable production in the past and should be available in the future.</p>	<p>I seek that sections e, f, and g of the provision are:</p> <p>Deleted in their entirety.</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>3.11.5.7</p>	<p>I oppose this provision.</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>It is unreasonable to rule out future food production on good quality market gardening land by imposing an arbitrary date when it has been used for vegetable production in the past and should be available in the future.</p> <p>It is in fact inequitable and unreasonable to rule out any future land use based on what it may or may not have been used for on a given date. This is particularly inequitable when other properties within the region, with no smaller footprint, are permitted to operate.</p> <p>It affects the value of our land and impedes any future ability to develop and grow our kiwifruit business.</p> <p>It also affects our ability to market our land in the future as suitable for dairying, market gardening, or orchard production. This effectively removes huge amounts of equity, due to drop in land value.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is:</p> <p>Deleted in its entirety.</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>3.11.3 Specifically policy 2, e</p> <p>As described in Schedule C Part 5, ii.</p>	<p>I oppose this provision.</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>It cannot be the intention of the plan to make it impractical to farm an area by fencing insignificant trickles that may or may not run water all year every year.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Schedule C Part 5,(ii) read:</p> <p>Any drain that runs at greater than 5 litres per second year round.</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>Policy 16</p>	<p>I oppose this provision.</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>We oppose this policy. The ownership of the land should have no bearing on whether the rules apply or not. The issues addressed in this plan are contaminant discharges and the rules should be the same for all regardless of ownership.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is:</p> <p>Deleted in its entirety.</p>
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Yours sincerely

Richard Hull

Clover Farms Ltd



6th March 2014.