

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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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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

YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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Full name: As above
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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 affects 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).

SCHEDULE B - Nitrogen Reference Point –

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).

1. I strongly oppose the above provisions because the requirement to establish a Nitrogen Reference Point based on one of two financial years (either 2014/15 or 2015/16) is an arbitrary means of calculating an acceptable level of application.
2. It is too simple a process to select two years that could genuinely be representative of
 - (a) historic levels of application
 - (b) future/steady-state/typical levels of application.
3. Furthermore, the two seasons able to be used to establish a Nitrogen Reference Point are not indicative of typical levels for our farming operation. This was due to both climatic and economic factors.

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:

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

Section number of the Plan Change: SCHEDULE C - Stock exclusion –

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

1. I am not opposed to the overall principal of exclusion of stock from waterways (on a pragmatic basis), however I am opposed to:
o The decision to include some animals and exclude others from this requirement.
o The inability to let animals temporarily cross a river. This is clearly something that would happen in an animals' natural habitat.

Revise to enable temporary crossing of waterways by animals.

Section number of the Plan Change: RULE 7 - Land use restrictions –

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

1. I am opposed to the proposed approach to restrict change in land use change; this is in relation to the fact that the date these changes would come into effect are prior to community members having the opportunity to submit on the matter.

Retain farming as a discretionary activity.

2. I am opposed to the new restrictions placed on agricultural activities under Rule 7.

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: General

Do you support or oppose the provision?

 Support Oppose**Submission****Decision Sought***State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.**State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.*

1. I strongly oppose this provision because of the imbalance of social, cultural, economic and environment factors this would cause – I believe the Proposed Plan Change is weighted in favour of environmental factors to the detriment of the social, cultural and economic aspects of our community. I believe that Proposed Plan Change 1 does not offer a genuinely balanced approach to social, cultural, economic and environment factors.
2. The imbalance of urban and rural implications – I believe that Proposed Plan Change 1 requires action from rural businesses and rural communities to implement change in waterways that has been, and continues to be, impacted by both urban and rural members of the community. This does not mean to suggest that we as members of the rural community should not commit to drive change in water quality, but rather both urban and rural members should equally commit to this change. I believe the Proposed Plan Change 1 fails to place equal balance on rural and urban members to implement change.

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 Support Oppose**Submission****Decision Sought***State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.**State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.*

- I am strongly opposed to the overall approach to set region-wide rules and a potentially expensive model that would be required to police such an approach. I believe that a more pragmatic approach (and one that would enable a better use of tax payers funds) would be to investigate the region on a sub-catchment by sub-catchment basis. That would mean that the areas that require the biggest amount of focus (and would drive the biggest amount of change) could be investigated and improved first. Funds could be appropriated to a series of resolutions, rather than going towards policing a cumbersome region-wide approach.