

35 HARPERS AVENUE
OTOROHANGA
2ND MARCH 2017.

HEALTHY RIVERS PLAN CHANGE 1
C/O WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL
PRIVATE BAG 3038
WAIKATO MAIL CENTRE
HAMILTON 3240

SUBMISSION HEALTHY RIVERS PLAN

I WISH TO MAKE A SUBMISSION
ON YOUR PROPOSALS OF THE ABOVE
PLAN

FIRSTLY I AGREE THAT THERE IS
A NEED TO CLEAN UP SOME RIVERS
IN THE REGION BUT I FEEL THAT
SOME OF THE PROPOSAL ARE BEING
DIRECTED AT THE WRONG AREAS
AND PEOPLE I.E. PEOPLE FARMING
STEEP HILL COUNTRY HOLDINGS DO
NOT PRACTICE INTENSIVE TROPIC
STOCKING FOR VARIOUS REASONS
SUCH AS RIVERSTOCK ARE PLACED IN
LARGE PADDocks FOR LONG PERIODS
AND IF OVERSTOCKED IT WOULD
NECESSITATE MORE REGULAR SHIFTING

NOTHING HAS BEEN PROVED THAT ANY
WATER RUN OFF FROM THESE AREAS
IS CONTAMINATED OR CONTRIBUTING
TO ANY DAMAGE TO ANY OF THE
RIVERS DOWNSTREAM PAST POPULATED
TOWNSHIPS

FENCING ANY LITTLE CREEKS OR
DRAINS PROHIBITIVE BECAUSE OF

LIMITED
STEEPNESS AND ACCESSIBILITY

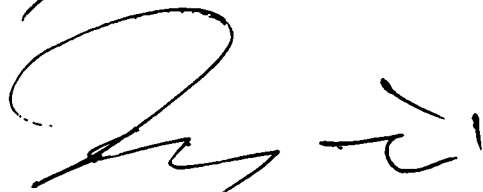
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE PLAN DOES NOT RECOGNISE THE MAJOR CAUSE OF CONTAMINATION OF THE RIVERS WHICH IS THE POPULATION OF ALL THE INDUSTRIAL AND RESIDENTIAL AREAS THAT ARE CONTRIBUTING TO THE PROBLEM.

HISTORY TELLS US THAT THE MAJORITY OF SETTLEMENTS EARLY AND LATER WERE ESTABLISHED NEAR OUR RIVERS AND WATERWAYS AND I WOULD SUGGEST THAT BEFORE YOUR ORGANISATION STARTS PENALISING THE HILL COUNTRY FARMERS YOU INVESTIGATE EVERY RIVER BANK OF ALL RIVERS IE WAIPARA AND WAIKATO AND ALL THEIR CONTRIBUTARIES AND SEARCH FOR ANY POLLUTION THAT IS SEEPING THROUGH INTO OUR WATERS.

I APPRECIATE THAT THIS ACTION CANNOT BE ACHIEVED IN THE SHORT TERM HOWEVER WITH A CONCENTRATED AND THOROUGH I REPEAT THOROUGH EFFORT I AM SURE YOU WILL REDUCE POLLUTION IN OUR WATERWAYS IN A BIG WAY

YOURS FAITHFULLY

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