

**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.

K. A. Foreman. 2-3-17
Signature **date**



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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
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<p>Grandparenting</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: that the year 2014/15 was our 2nd drought in a row and so 2015/16 was a recovery year meaning stock numbers weren't up to what they could have been. Also I work off farm so tend to have a lower stocking rate to keep management simple however because of this and the drought years I feel totally threatened as far as stocking rate goes based solely on those 2 yrs under the grandparenting approach.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose a "case by case" or farm by farm plan. I believe maybe more involvement within the farm environment plans to include good management practises seems far more realistic.</p>

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<p>Nitrogen reference Point.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: My Heifer grazing farm has easy to medium contour with still plenty of potential for more development but now under your proposed reference Point it's going to restrict adding more stock numbers as new development allows. This restricts income so now I'm worried that all my hard work may go backwards. Also restricting numbers on a developing farm plays havoc with my farm Valuation. Importantly how am I to pay for all the proposed fencing I'm faced with if my income is restricted?</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose A "farm by farm" case. Each farm is unique/different so needs a personal proposal not a uniform one. I've already retired some gully's/bush etc however I'm to understand that this has already put me at a disadvantage when it comes to fixing my Nitrogen reference point. I'm being penalised for "doing the right thing." Perhaps working on a districts Avg 5.4/hect? Lowers the over stocked farm but allows developing farms to still make some progress + therefore maintain valuation etc.</p>

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>In Conclusion</u></p> <p>I don't totally disagree with what's proposed. We all want healthy rivers. I'm a trout fisherman. I'm a grandfather, so we all want what's best. However I am very strongly opposed to "one size fits all." It has to be a case by case scenario. I realise this is a huge ask individually however it could be built into the farm environment plans? Because I'm on a development farm, I am hugely disadvantaged compared to the guy with high stocking rate & maybe doing all the harm? I have an excellent water system with troughs in all the pds so waterways are relatively free of stock anyway although I do agree to fence off most water ways.</p>	

Also this is a New Zealand issue not just a farmer's issue.
 More education is required nation wide!!
 Thankyou for your time.

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Yours sincerely

Kerry Foreman.

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