

# PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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Waipā River Catchments.

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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 effects the environment, and
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## 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).

I support some provisions and oppose some provisions  
These are the provisions (3) I oppose:

Page 15 . Bullet point (1)

Page 27 3.11.2 . Objective (3)

Page 30 3.11.3 . Policy 2. Paragraph (e).

The provisions (6) which I support follow.

## 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).

My specific reasons for opposing these provisions as identified above are on the attached additional sheets.

Broadly speaking, I am opposed to any compulsion for stock exclusion on any property with a demonstrably low level of contaminant discharge. Whilst running my farm of 200 hectares I was for many years a part time fertiliser representative. I became aware that there are fertiliser products available that provide cost-effective supply of nutrients and yet do not cause contaminant discharge. It is now possible to farm sustainably and not pollute our precious waterways. All farmers must take responsibility for their level of discharge and follow farming practises which reduce their pollution.

## 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

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: **page 15' . Bullet point (1)**

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p><b>Bullet point (1).</b> I submit that listing stock exclusion from water bodies as a priority mitigation action is not the right course of action. On properties which currently have a low contaminant discharge I submit that exclusion will not be cost effective nor is there potential to make much improvement in water quality.</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>I seek for Council to put on the priority on the cleanliness of the water rather than stock exclusion where there is little potential for improvement. Farmers, such as myself, who farm sustainably and responsibly should not be put to unnecessary expense. The February water test on the Poporo stream where it flows out of our farm shows total nitrates to be under 0.002 g/m<sup>3</sup></p>

Section number of the Plan Change: **3.11.2 . OBJECTIVE 3 .**

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>I oppose this provision if it applies to every farm as farms with low contaminant discharge would find it very hard to improve by 10%. However over the whole catchment I think Council should be able to achieve an even higher improvement</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>The change I seek is for Council to monitor each farm and seek acceptable levels of contaminant. On the worst polluters there will be huge potential to lower the contaminant discharge. As Professor Russell Death from Massey University has stated "the science is very clear. The biggest pollutant is the use of Nitrogen and resultant nitrates getting in the water. I seek for Council to set acceptable nitrate level for our rivers."</p>

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.3 Page 30 Policy 2. para(e)

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>Reducing diffuse discharges.                      I submit that requiring stock exclusion from properties with very low levels of contaminant will be costly and may not effect any improvement in water quality.</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want ... Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>I seek that Council has the flexibility to exclude properties with low contaminant discharge from the need to fence off waterways. Where a property has been farmed with a high amount of environmental responsibility there may be little or no improvement by fencing. Because nitrates are so soluble fencing will not help much so Council will need to ensure nitrogen applications are reduced.</p>

Section number of the Plan Change:

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THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

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I support some provisions, and oppose some provisions  
These are the provisions I support:

Page 15	Bullet point 3
Page 22	3.11.1.1
Page 23	3.11.1.2 natural form and character
Page 24	3.11.1.2 Ko nga wahi mahinga Kai
Page 30	3.11.3 (a) and (b) policies
Page 37	3.11.4.5 (a)

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).

I support the above provisions because I strongly think it is desirable to have clean freshwater rivers and streams. This will enhance our community for quality agricultural produce and for tourism and recreation.

I have lived and worked on farms with clean freshwater for all of my working life. My early life was in the Gisborne region until 1978 when we purchased our 200 hectare farm at Wairamarama in the Oputia catchment of the Waikato river. I am a keen fisherman and have always been able to drink from and swim in the stream on the farm. I have a Diploma of Sheep-farming (with honours) and have a keen interest in soil science. Accordingly I understand the value of clean water and have followed farming practises to keep the water on this farm very clean. The water tests I have done verify this.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

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ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11 Page 15 Bullet Point (3)

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>"higher dischargers being required to reduce their nutrient losses".</p> <p>I submit that targeting those farms producing the most contaminants will bring the quickest and most cost-effective improvements.</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>I seek Council to set measurable guidelines and require high dischargers to reduce their nutrient losses significantly</p>

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.1.1 Page 22

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>Intrinsic Values - Ecosystem health</p> <p>I submit that the ecosystem health is indeed very important to our local communities and the wider environment.</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>I seek Council to put a high priority on monitoring the health of those ecosystems and the fresh water populations of plants and animals.</p>

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.1.2

page 23

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support  Oppose

**Submission**

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

I submit that the natural form and character of our rivers and streams contributes to the well being of the community.

**Decision Sought**

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

I seek for Council to put an high importance on the health of the environment.

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.1.2

page 24

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support  Oppose

**Submission**

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

Regarding mahinga Kai I submit that our rivers should be safe to take food from.

**Decision Sought**

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

I seek that Council takes measures to ensure the safety of eating food from our waterways.

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.3 Page 30 Policy 1

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>Policy 1.                      (a) I submit that it is common sense to enable activities with a low level of contaminant discharge. These activities contribute to our community and are not causing pollution.                      (b) I submit that requiring the activities with high levels of contaminant discharge to reduce will bring good and cost effective results.</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>I seek for Council to put a strong emphasis on this policy. It is logical that the most potential to improve our waterways is to seek and enforce reductions from the high dischargers. Similarly farms with very little discharge of contaminants would be uneconomic to seek further reductions.</p>

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.4.5 page 37

Do you support or oppose the provision?  Support  Oppose

Submission	Decision Sought
<p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>Sub-catchment scale planning.                      I submit that paragraph (a) is very important. To identify the causes of the current water quality decline, and then to identify cost-effective measures to bring about contaminant reductions is the key to getting our waterways back to the healthy state they once were in.</p>	<p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>I seek that Council continues their investigations to identify the prime causes of water quality decline in our region. Professor Russell Deane, a specialist in fresh-water ecology has stated that by far the biggest issue in New Zealand waterways is the high level of nitrates. I seek for Council to begin limiting and reducing the levels of Nitrogen being applied by our worst polluters.</p>



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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**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

**Section number of the Plan Change:**

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

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

**Section number of the Plan Change:**

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

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