

**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. *-(Unsure at this stage.)*

J. Hansen.
Signature

7/4/2017
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
<p>Provision</p> <p><i>Farm Environment Management Plans Policy 2 Rules 3.11.5.3 3.11.5.7 Schedule 1.</i></p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <small>Try to justify your response using data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences</small> <p><i>At least 6,500 Farms are affected by this. There are not nearly enough Certified Farm Environment Planners available to help us comply. The costs can expected to be between \$10,000 - \$20,000 per farm. The Overseer programme is not suitable. Many farmers do not have computer skills to even use it or</i></p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small> <p><i>to seek a greater time span to comply - with less costs Farmers should be able to do more themselves.</i></p>

do we have internet facilities and a service that allow us to use it properly.

Submission Points. - General Comments.

I would like to remind W.R.C that a good chunk of our export income comes from 6% of the population.

You should be saluting all the farmers, 75% of the export receipts are from agriculture, timber and the sea. 80% of this is out of our control - weather, meat, wool, dairy prices, market fluctuations and now you seem intent on putting in the final nail in the coffin!

We own a 250 Ha Bull finishing property, and in joint ownership a smaller 60 Ha. Calf Rearing and Bull Finishing farm both in Naikē Sub Catchment 16. We are 3 generation farmers on both sides.

On the main farm we buy in bulls 12-18 mths old (400-500kgs) and sell at 2½ yrs old (380-400kg on hooks) We usually do 320 per year. We have some native bush areas, (fenced in places) natural springs and drains that dry up over summer. One main drain heads off the farm towards Lake Whangape.

Being near the end of farming, I plan to retire within the next five years. - I have farmed in the Waikato all my life and have been here 25 years.

I am concerned about the following issues with PCI - the difficulty in understanding what is required and the costs on this business.

I support the submission that has been lodged by Federated Farmers. I am concerned about many aspects of Plan Change 1.

- The significant negative effect on rural communities
- The cost and practicality of the rules
- The effect that the Nitrogen Reference Point will have on my business and my economic well being
- The farm environment plan requirements leading to unnecessary and costly regulation of inputs, outputs, normal farming activity and business information.
- The costs and practicality of rules and requirements for stock exclusion, the Nitrogen Reference Point and the Farm environment Plan.

- The timeframes for complying with the Nitrogen Reference Point rules which are too short and unachievable
- The plan significantly exceeding the 10 year targets in many attributes and areas
- The lack of science and monitoring at the sub-catchments level.

I am concerned about the implications all of this will have for my property and for my current activity as described above.

I am concerned about the money that the Waikato Regional Council has already spent on this P.C.1 \$15,000,000 so far and its only the beginning.

We, as rate payers are going to have the costs passed on to us.

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<p>Nitrogen Reference Point Objectives 1 & 4</p> <p>Policy 2 & 7</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7</p> <p>Schedule 1.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>It does not support those who used small amounts of nitrogen in the past and rewards those who are big users.</p> <p>Nitrates are used as a proxy for all other contaminants.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What would be an appropriate alternative <p>N.R.P should be set aside.</p> <p>I would like to see an effects based solution, and ^{be} allowed to use better parts of the farm more intensively.</p> <p>I would like to deal with my problems relating to my farm.</p>

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<p>Permitted Activity Rule 3. 11.5. 2.</p> <p>c) No part of property or enterprise over 15° slope is cultivated or grazed</p> <p>d) No winter forage crops are grazed in situ.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>This would make it impossible to farm in our rural area. It would greatly effect rural land values, and our local economy. It would also have a significant negative effect on the rural community. Our whole farm is more than 15° slope.'</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>I wish the Waikato Regional Council would actually look at the land that is being farmed. Why were areas like Newstead, Tamahere, Matangi zoned residential and covered in houses? farming pushed further out and now having to face an uncertain future.</p>

Stock exclusion Schedule C.
Example of fenced off stream



all blackberry →

—long grass
and blackberry
starting
to grow on
this side.

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<p>Rules - Stock Exclusion</p> <p>Schedule C</p> <p>Rules 3.11.51 3.11.5.2.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: <i>the costs and practicality of the rules. We could not financially meet these requirements. Our main drain is fenced off - photos supplied as to what happens! It is now difficult for a digger to get down beside the drain - and the fence has to be rebuilt afterwards! The fencing off of small spring fed dams is a step backwards. They are our emergency supply of water for stock, if there is a pump/power failure. These dams supply a source of water for rural fire fighting. - Helicopters with monsoon buckets need access!</i></p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i></p> <p><i>that this is tied in with a farm environment plan that addresses issues on our own farm and allows us to find the best practicable option.</i></p> <p><i>We need a definitive answer as to size of water hole, dam pond, lake that actually requires fencing. - The rules are not clear!</i></p> <p><i>We need a definitive clear direction on creeks & streams that vary in width, depth and land alters in slope from level to 180° in 500 metres.</i></p>

ONE SIZE OR RULE DOES NOT FIT ALL.

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<p><u>Rules</u> Stock Exclusion</p> <p>3.11.5.1</p> <p>3.11.5.2</p> <p>Schedule C.</p> <p>Water quality/clarity.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: According to the Freshwater Management Unit for Sub Catchment 16 our nearest monitor site was Whangape Stream Rangiriri - Glen Murray road and the results for nitrate, ammonia and e. coli levels were already meeting the proposed 80 year targets. The clarity was not. The pest fish Koi Carp have caused severe damage and destruction to the streams, rivers and peat lakes in the past 25 years. Why was this fish not even considered as part of the problem? One fish can lay over 100,000 eggs each season and on average lives 35 years. We submit photos of the Marie Stream, Naite and a tributary on our property that feeds into it - where Koi Carp have been unable so far to reach.</p>	<p>Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below (delete as required)</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative</p> <p>How is fencing going to stop Koi Carp? Please explain!!</p> <p>We need effective management of this pest.</p>

Carp Damage - Marie Stream
"Fondell"



Marie Stream - Highway 22 - Spoilt by Koi Carp
stream banks undermined. This has been fenced off, stock
excluded.



On our farm Kasin Korrens Ltd Naitke - 4 woodleigh Rd. This is a tributary of the Marie Stream - No Koi carp as yet.

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<p>Provision</p> <p><i>Water quality/contaminants continued.</i></p>	<p>I support / oppose / and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p><i>We are concerned the Waikato District Council has several permanent deep soak holes - run off from the tar sealed road and underground wet areas draining into our farm.</i></p> <p><i>We, then become responsible for the contaminants of oil, diesel petrol, rubber etc in our waterways.</i></p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety / Retained as proposed / amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p>
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Yours sincerely

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Signature Date

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