<u>Waikato Regional Council Proposed Regional Plan Change 1 - Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.</u>

<u>Introduction</u>

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

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I am Ron Young, Farm Manager on Pukeroa Farm which is 1150 Acres in the Awakino Catchment and has been owned by R.F. & M.K. Tribe for 21 years. I have managed this farm for the last 5 years. The property carries - 1500 Ewes, 500 Hoggets and 200 R2yr Cattle - in the Winter.

<u>Rule 3.11.5.2 – Permitted Activity Rules - Other farming activities</u>

I do not agree - with grandparenting as it rewards high polluters , rather have a reference point according to your soil types.

I do not agree - that the stocking rate can not increase as this farm has been understocked for 21 years and needs to increase to be profitable.

However I do agree - with stock exclusion from permanent flowing waterways where practical.

<u>Rule 3.11.5.3 - Permitted Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan under a Certified Industry Scheme</u>

I do not agree - with the 1 (one) metre setback for new fences because it is far too close.

I do not agree - with stock exclusion from above 25degree slope as this can be done under low stocking rates.

<u>Rule 3.11.5.4 - Permitted Activity Rule - Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan NOT under a Certified Industry Scheme</u>
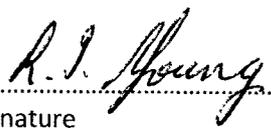
Discharge pathways from critical source areas will be hard to implement depending on site – our Woolshed is situated on a hill – most woolshed are – and therefore the run off would go straight into tomos.
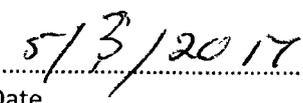
<u>Schedule C – Stock Exclusion (3)</u>

· I do not agree - the cost to provide livestock structure will be huge and the use of the crossings would be minimal - maybe twice a month.

<u>The Decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</u>

PLEASE think long and hard about what you are trying to achieve however I do think it needs *several amendments.*

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Signature

......5/3/2017........
Date