

**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.**

Samuel Ross Peers-Adams  
  
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**Signature** **23/2/2017**  
**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"> <li>• whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1;</li> <li>• brief reasons for your views.</li> </ul>	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<p>Provision</p> <p>The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of "or words to that effect." The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including Objectives, Policies or other rules or restructuring of the Plan or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought.</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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Please consider forwarding a copy of your submission to B+LNZ so we can echo your comments in our submission

Our family farms 600 hectares in the Upper Mangakawau Catchment. We run a sheep and beef operation focussing on sustainable farming practises.

Our farm incorporates native bush, scrub and numerous waterways which we are actively fencing off or retiring to preserve there natural state and water quality. We like to think that we are playing our part in improving the environmental state of our region.

We feel that the proposed Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1 and its time-frames will have a severe financial and personal impact on our livelihoods in its current form by limiting our flexibility and freedom to farm in our current situation. We thank you for taking the time to consider our submissions.

## KEY ISSUES FOR SHEEP AND BEEF FARMERS

Waikato Regional Council is currently consulting on its proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. The Council is seeking submissions on the proposed plan until **5pm 8 March 2017**. This template has been created to help you get involved.

### Get involved

It is critical that you get involved in the process directly. The plan and its implementation will influence how you manage your land, so it is important that you understand what is being proposed and that you have your say.

- For more information on the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 visit:  
<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Plans-under-development/Healthy-Rivers---Plan-for-Change/>
- Review B+LNZs one page summary and full brief of the key issues by visiting the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Website:  
<http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2016/october/healthy-rivers/>
- Download a copy of the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 at:  
<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/PageFiles/46657/PlanChange1.pdf>
- Attend a B+LNZ Farmer Submission Workshop near you in November, visit the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Website for the schedule:  
<http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2016/october/healthy-rivers/>
- Provide feedback to the council online at:  
<http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Plans-under-development/Healthy-Rivers---Plan-for-Change/Plan-change-1-have-your-say/>
- Provide your feedback to the council via email: [healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz)

Share your thoughts or get help with your submission by contacting Environment Policy Manager Corina Jordan: [corina.jordan@beeflambnz.com](mailto:corina.jordan@beeflambnz.com) , mobile 027 202 7337.

#### Instructions for using this template:

- Make sure you complete the covering sheet on the first page of the submission form.
- Delete or add table rows as required – you can say as much or as little as you like, you're not limited to commenting on just the Plan sections included in the template.
- You must either support or oppose a part of the plan and ask for the council to make a decision on your submission point
- Wherever possible, try to back up your statements with examples from your own experiences, and/or cost implications on your farm business.
- **Your feedback must be lodged with Waikato Regional Council by 5pm on Wednesday 8 March 2017.**



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<p>Provision 3.11.4.3 Farm Environment Plans</p>	<p>I support/ <del>oppose</del> / and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>It is important to have a sustainable manageable farm environment plan to get a better understanding of how your farm performs environmentally to build evidence for future referencing. However the costs involved and the so called specialists needed (consultants) will involve huge financial cost and this will impact financially. It would</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>More personal input rather than consultants, and financial subsidies, should be considered.</p>
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<p><u>Policy 16</u> Flexibility for developing Maori land.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: This is an environmental issue that must encompass all otherwise the credibility of Healthy Rivers Planchange 1 is non-existent.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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<p><u>Policy 9</u> Subcatchment mitigation planning, co-ordination and funding</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: It provides a more equitable and fair approach and it is great that it will be based on <u>local</u> scientific data. This in turn will encourage <u>local</u> community involvement.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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<p>Schedule C</p> <p>Stock exclusion</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>We do not fully oppose the fencing off of major waterways that are within the national standards. However having to fence small creeks on hill country as the provision states is both a costly and time consuming exercise with little obvious benefit. It is also unclear if the "Healthy River Plan" requirements could yet again change affecting stock policies on hill country therefore capital fencing will have been a waste of money.</p> <p>We applied for funding in early 2016 to fence off waterways and was told we were not in a Priority 1 region and our application was rejected. It seems within a year Priorities have changed!</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Fencing off waterways to the National Standard.</p>



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<p>Provision          Policy 2          Schedule B - Nitrogen Reference Point</p>	<p>I <del>support</del>/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>This will cap production which in turn will have a negative impact on farm profitability and this will lead to a chain reaction to the detriment of local communities. Our farming practises are continually evolving as economic, environmental and market changes dictate so we need <del>the</del> flexibility to work successfully within these driving conditions. Therefore our NRP may alter accordingly.</p> <p>There is no clear scientific evidence within the Mangakawa Catchment that there is a nitrogen issue therefore having a blanket approach seems unfair and unnecessary</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: <del>Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/</del> amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Use a subcatchment approach that monitors over a period of time actual levels of nutrients before rules are made. Rules should not be made, guidelines that are based on scientific evidence over a period of time would be more useful.</p>
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<p>Provision Policy 6 Restricting Land Use Change</p>	<p>I <del>support</del>/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I oppose this policy on the basis that it removes the freedom to change land use in the face of changing economic, climatic and market conditions and affects the value of resale.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p>
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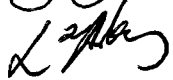
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Yours sincerely

Sam Adams



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Signature

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