

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 -
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS

Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 1.

My name is Tim Stokes and I am a sheep and beef farmer in the Waipomo district. My family and I have been farming this property for over 100 years.

I am opposed to the proposed plan in its current form.

One size does not fit all in the same way that the same size of trousers doesn't fit all people.

In relation to the effluent nitrogen referencing point, every property would be different under different management so it is unfair to put a reference point on a property based on a point in the past. It would be much fairer to have individual plans and to have them approved based on the merits of each individual proposal for each property.

As a sheep and beef farmer the restrictions proposed in rule 3.1.5.1.7 would be crippling to many.

The restrictions related to what can be done on slopes would cause many to not be able to undertake normal farming activities.

Many of the proposed restrictions could be allowed with good conditions and good practice. For example, no grazing forage crops in the winter is mitigated by grazing methods and the style of management of the crop used. It has been observed by many that stock that have access to clean recirculated water will pass by natural water to drink. By having recirculated water would largely eliminate the need for fence water troughs which becomes increasingly difficult on the slope mentioned.

Yours sincerely

Print Name: Tim Stokes


Signature

3/5/2017
Date

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Submission Form

Submission on a publicly notified proposed Regional Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

On: The Waikato Regional Council's proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 -
Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

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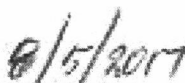
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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.


Signature


Date