

28th May 2020

Contact: Jane Penton (Secretary)
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To: The Chief Executive, Waikato Regional Council
Re: Proposed Plan Change 2 – Taupo Overseer Version

Introduction

Lakes and Waterways Action Group Trust (LWAG) is a leading advocate for the protection of Lake Taupo, its waterways and other local catchment environments.

LWAG participated in the Waikato Regional Council Variation 5 (now RP Chapter 3.10) and relevant Taupo District Council processes aimed at reducing the nutrient loadings to Lake Taupo. We are fully supportive of the Lake Taupo Protection Strategy.

We continue to actively seek the enhancement of water quality within the Taupo area and firmly advocate for “Sustainable Development Thinking” with regards to any development within the Lake Taupo area.

LWAG has been advocating on environmental issues in the Taupo area, but particularly water quality issues, since about 2000. We have over 100 members.

LWAG submission on: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 2: Taupō Overseer Version Strikethrough version showing recommended changes, April 2020 Doc # 15006369

Lakes and Waterways supports the Lake Taupo Protection project and supports Regional Plan Change 2.

We agree that Plan Change 2 is required to implement the updated Overseer version (Page 5).

We agree with Plan Change 2’s objectives, i.e.:

Objective 1: Maintenance of the current water quality of Lake Taupo

Objective 2: Effect on Lake Taupo water quality from land use activities

Objective 3: Avoidance of near-shore effects from wastewater

Objective 4: Economic costs minimised and social and cultural effects mitigated

We also agree with Plan Change 2’s policies, i.e.:

Policy 1: Tangata whenua values and interests

Policy 2: Identification of Lake Taupo as an Outstanding Waterbody in the Waikato Region

In addition, we also note that Lake Taupo is an outstanding waterbody for New Zealand and request that this policy be re-named as:

Policy 2: Identification of Lake Taupo as an Outstanding Waterbody in New Zealand and the Waikato Region

Policy 3: Cap nitrogen outputs from land in the catchment

Policy 3A Review of consents and change to use the most recent OVERSEERTM version

In our opinion, Waikato Regional Council should use up-to-date science to assess land use and we support the use of the new Overseer version.

We support the proposed process of review; we request that the cost for this review falls on WRC for properties with a current consent.

Policy 4: Reduce nitrogen outputs from land use activities and wastewater

Policy 5: Review of Nitrogen Reduction Target and its Method of Achievement

In our opinion, the date for the next review should be stated in the policy.

Policy 6: Phosphorus and water quality

Policy 7: Landowner involvement in catchment management

Policy 8: Determining Applications under Rule 3.10.5.9

Policy 9: Cap nitrogen outputs from wastewater sources

Policy 10: Domestic wastewater management in Near-shore Zone

Policy 11: Papakainga and Marae Wastewater Discharges

Policy 12: Public Fund to share costs of reducing nitrogen from rural land in the Lake Taupo catchment

Policy 13: Effectiveness of the Public Fund

Policy 14: Nitrogen Trading (Offsetting)

We also support the Rules, and agree with Advisory Notes in Plan Change 2 (i.e., page 24ff). Should there be a hearing, we wish to be heard.

Your sincerely

Paul White

Chairman, Lakes and Waterways Action Group Trust, 28/5/2020

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Keita Kirchin

From: Jane Penton <janehadiadup@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, 8 June 2020 10:53 am
To: Healthy Environments
Subject: Re: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 2: Taupō Overseer Version submission LWAG

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Subject: RE: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 2: Taupō Overseer Version submission LWAG

Hi Jane

Could you please answer the following on behalf of the LWAG submission and return by email?

TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (*select appropriate*)

We could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. [*Refer to guide below for further information*]

We are not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:

- (a) adversely affects the environment, and
- (b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

1. Trade competition

If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

6 Making of submissions

- (4) *A person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that –*
 - a) *adversely affects the environment; and*
 - b) *does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.*

Kind regards

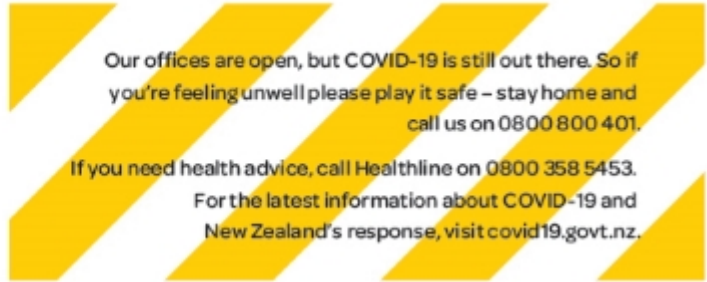
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Attached please find our submission to WRC PC 2: Taupo Overseer Version. We wish to be heard.

Thank you,

Jane Penton, Secretary - Lakes and Waterways, Taupo

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