

Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

*Please state the provision, map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1
(continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)*

The whole Plan

I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S

(select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT

*Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specific provisions amended.
(Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)*

As per attached sheets.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

(select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary.)

- Accept the above provision
- Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined below
- Decline the above provision (Plan)
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined below

Amend as follows:

As per attached sheets.

PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

JOINT SUBMISSIONS

If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing, but would like to be heard with Jan Alexander of Alexander Farming Genetics Ltd

IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

Yes, I have attached extra sheets.

No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

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Signature

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Date

7 MARCH 2017

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Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments Submission.

I am writing this submission with a great deal of concern at the flow on effects if this plan comes into regulation. Both from a financial and a practical point of view.

From a financial angle the cost of fencing off waterways, putting in major water system development, planting out areas fenced off and loss of productivity of retired land will be, crippling to many farming businesses. We are already seeing land values drop and land sales stagnate as more people become aware of the plan and realise its implications.

It is important as an industry and as individuals that we have the ability to adapt and be innovative to remain viable and be progressive. Under the nitrogen reference point (grandparenting) policy the flexibility to adapt our farming policies are taken away and therefore our viability, again leading to substantial erosion of our profitability and equity (land value).

The end result of this plan will be that rural communities will suffer immensely, especially in our hill country hinterland. As forestry increases and land becomes less profitable a lot of small farm owners (family) will be forced to vacate these communities replaced by staff (who will be very transient) working for bigger corporate entities. The effect of that is that some of these communities will lose population, become very transient, lose their identity resulting in them battling to provide basic amenities of health and education. They won't be able to attract doctors and teachers eventually turning into ghost towns.

From a practical point of view:

- What constitutes a wet land?
- What constitutes an expert opinion?
- What constitutes complaint, and will that compliance change and grow as we go forward, stretching our resources further?
- Is overseer the best measure of nitrogen reference point given it would appear to have big gaps in it under some systems (e.g. calf rearing)?

- How do you rule or legislate on fencing waterway boundaries when sometimes it is impractical or impossible to fence?

All these situations would appear to be very open to interpretation raising issues around compliance, what is best practice, where is the science. This creates disillusionment and consternation amongst our community.

Summary

Whilst I agree with the overall vision of this plan. I object to the strategy. As I have outlined in my submission my concerns, I would like to see a different approach taken. The whole plan needs to be revisited starting from a sub catchment approach and any restrictions based on Land class not Land use. We need to build on the good work already been done. There should also be some work done into the effects of urban sprawl, population growth as the burden of the present strategy seems to fall on the shoulders of the rural ratepayer. I would certainly like the opportunity to speak to this submission at the appropriate time.

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