

**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. ✓

B. Harvey *A. Harvey*
Signature date
20.2.17



We Oppose this Waikato Regional Council Plan for the following reasons.

1.Land Use Change

This plan will seriously devalue our property and take away our options to reinstate our dairy shed or move back in to the family business of cropping or selling the land for these purposes.

2.Nitrogen Reference Point

This will fix our stocking numbers and fertiliser inputs at 2015/16 which were below normal levels due to draught and stock re building after selling our dairy herd.

3.Fencing of Waterways.

This is impractical in many parts of my farm due to contour. The cost of this and other mitigation is estimated to cost around \$500,000.00 with no guarantees of long term compliance.

4.Farm Plan

A Farm plan will not be achievable if the farm has no ability to make money due to the NRP been well below desirable levels.

5.Consent to Farm

We shouldn't need consent to farm. Our family has farmed this land for almost 90 years without permission from the council.

Questions

1.This Plan seems to have two sets of rules one for the lwi and one for the rest of us. How will this achieve the desired result?

2.Myself and many Hill Country Farmers would like to know from the start of the plan change if we have a future in the long term with our businesses?
There is no point wasting time and money on compliance if we have no hope of achieving this for the long term.

3.If this plan is passed where is the compensation for loss of income due to Land Use Change the NRP and the land loss through fencing and other mitigation?