

PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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

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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS *(select appropriate)*

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
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- (a) adversely effects the environment, and
 - (b) ~~does not~~ relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

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).

Objectives

- Objective 1 Long term restoration and protection of water quality - supported
- Objective 3 Short term improvements in water quality relying on measurement and monitoring of actions taken on the land to reduce pressures on water quality - not supported
- Objective 4 Staged approach to ensure costs can be contained - not supported as cannot see how the current planned approach can contain costs

Policies

- Policy 1 Requiring farming activities with moderate/high discharge reduce their discharge - not supported
- Policy 2 Requiring actions specified in a Farm Environment Plan - not supported
- Policy 4 Enabling activities to continue while signalling activities may need to change in future - not supported
- Policy 6 land use change consents not being granted - not supported
- Policy 9 Sub-catchment mitigation planning - supported
- Policy 10 Provide for point source discharges of regional significance continued operation - not supported

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).

Objective 1 is supported The concept of good water quality is in everyones best interests.

Objective 3 is not supported because the short term water quality improvement is to be measured by actions taken on the land rather than measurement of the actual water quality. The problem needs to be specifically identified rather than enforce implementation of a whole raft of actions which may or may not affect water quality eg the condition of Hamilton Lake is, I understand, more a result of waterfowl on the lake rather than catchment "discharge"

Objective 4 is not supported. The blanket approach requiring all farms to have a Farm Environment Plan and then have it monitored is both very expensive for ratepayers and individuals and unnecessary. Water quality should be measured/monitored from sea to source ie every catchment, every tributary, every outfall, drain etc to identify where any problem as determined by a water quality measurement originates. The specific problem then should be dealt with rather than impose a potentially huge and ongoing cost on all land owners in the Region. This would also identify problems from non land owning dischargers.

Policy 1 is not supported as it stands referring as it does to farming activities reducing their discharge implying as it does, that the activity has a harmful discharge when it may not (refer to Limestone Downs dairy conversion). Water quality needs to be measured again.

Policy 2 is not supported. A Farm Environment Plan (FEP) and the "mitigating actions required" may be a costly waste of time and money where there is no problem with the water coming from the farm catchment.

Policy 4 is not supported. The ongoing focus on activities both now and into the future is unduly restrictive when those activities may be perfectly OK as determined by measured water quality.

Policy 6 is not supported The land use change may not in any way affect water quality eg Limestone Downs

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
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

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.

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

Signature: Paul Buist for PW & CG Buist

Date: 7/3/2017

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ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: Policy 9

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support Oppose

Submission

Decision Sought

State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.

State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.

Sub-catchment mitigation planning

Assessing the (specific) reasons and (specific) sources of contamination as suggested in this policy should be the prime focus of this plan change rather than a blanket approach over the whole region

Section number of the Plan Change: Policy 10

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support Oppose

Submission

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Provide for point discharges of regional significance continued operation

To allow major polluters to continue doing so because they are regionally significant defeats the objective. They should be amongst the first to effect remedial action. The benefits in terms of water quality are likely to be greater and the costs of remedying can probably be spread across more people eg urban ratepayers. I am against any leeway for these parties. At the very least, schedules should be compiled of the major polluters and published.

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