

**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.



Signature

8.3.17
date



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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1. My name is Daniel Lund and I am submitting on behalf of my family who farm 150ha in the Waipa District. We milk around 450 cows and rear beef calves, selling them both as store and finishing stock, depending on the season. We have been on this farm since 1967 and I am the third generation to work the land, having been full-time on the farm for 15 years. Our system is low input, mainly grass with some bought in meal going through the shed. Our cowshed has required updating for some time (it was built in 1971) but due to limited financial resources we were not able to start construction of a new shed until now. We are underway building our new shed which will be completed for the new 17/18 season. Once a day milking has been the preferred option for the previous three seasons as our retiring shed could not cope with the load. We have invested significantly in both the new shed and also a system to distribute effluent over a large area of the farm. Our production has been limited by our old shed and we plan on being able to produce more milksolids per cow with our new state of the art set up. We view ourselves as custodians of the land for the next generation and have begun work on planting steeper sidlings in native plants. The land at Pokuru is rolling Mairoa Ash.

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The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words to that effect'. The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including Objectives, Policies, or other rules, or restructuring of the Plan, or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought.

<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p> <p>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p><i>Nitrogen Reference Point Nitrogen Management Adopts a Nitrogen Reference Point approach and holds existing land users to this number (Grandparenting of Nitrogen Leaching) Rule 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4, - 3.11.5.7, Schedule B, and definition of a stock unit, and any consequential amendments arising from this submission point.</i></p>	<p><i>I oppose the provisions listed in Column 1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>application of the NRP from benchmarking historic losses to the 14/15 or 15/16 seasons will not give a fair and accurate result. For instance our farm only being on OAD due to financial/shed restrictions</i> - <i>Higher leachers historically are being rewarded under this scheme</i> - <i>Provision will create animosity between neighbours on different systems historically</i> - <i>Other areas of NZ will immediately increase their NRP to increase their farm's value and production going forward, this is detrimental to the environment nationally.</i> - <i>Overseer has many variables and cannot be relied upon for accuracy across the board</i> - <i>Stock unit definition in Overseer is unscientific and if you look at the stock unit table provided by Waikato Regional Council, it is really quite inaccurate.</i> 	<p><i>At the least, if the NRP goes through it should be based over the previous 10 years, not just two seasons. However high polluters are rewarded under this scheme so each case and area should be assessed individually. This seems to be the only fair way unless an 'average' NRP is set where high polluters have to rein in and low polluters have the opportunity to increase production in a sustainable fashion. The whole plan as it stands does not provide certainty for the future of farming into the 2030s and beyond, even after significant spend to become 'compliant'.</i></p>

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<p>The Plan as a Whole</p>	<p><i>I oppose the Plan as a whole – the ideals behind it are excellent and I do not deny that work needs to be done for our waterways to regenerate, however the Plan using the NRP calculated from historical info using Overseer is unfair, immoral and never should have been passed. A revised Plan with this amended will be much better legislation.</i></p>	<p><i>I believe the only way forward is to use a sub catchment model - where each catchment is treated differently and good quality science and testing is used in streams, tributaries and rivers to identify pollutants and put plans in place to improve water quality.</i></p>
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Yours sincerely

Name (Print)

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a trailing stroke.

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Signature

Date