

**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.

Comment [J1]: If this is a group submission everyone must include their details and sign the form, unless the group is a legal entity

To help the council the group could give itself a name ie collectively referred to as the group.

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

Our names are Denise and John Guy. We own a 200 hectare drystock farm, farming dairy support, sheep and beef in the Woodleigh Valley Whangape sub catchment 16. We both grew up on farms within the Waikato Region and 8 years ago took up the opportunity to purchase this as our first farm. During the past 8 years we have installed a water reticulation system for stock including tanks and troughs and have contour-fenced areas of the farm. As finances become available we will continue to develop this programme.

Our strategy is to leave the farm in better health than when we purchased it.

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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"> • 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>SUPPORT / OPPOSE</p>	<p>REASON</p>	<p>RELIEF SOUGHT</p>
<p><i>Provision</i></p> <p><u>Longterm Land Use:</u></p> <p>Objectives 1, 3 & 4 Policies 5 & 7 Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.5 & schedule 1</p>	<p>I oppose</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>It creates uncertainty and potential for capital devaluation and we don't know what long term effect this will have on our farm and what rules will apply to our farm in the future.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose:</p> <p>The plan be redefined with clear notification as to what land use is required of my property going forward so that we are able to change farm use to meet both environmental mitigation and financial stability.</p>

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<p><i>Provision</i></p> <p><u>Nitrogen Reference Point:</u> Objectives 1 & 4 Policies 2 & 7 Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7 and Schedule 1</p>	I oppose	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I don't think Nitrogen is an issue in our sub-catchment. - It is unfair as it rewards those who are polluters and we are a low emitter of Nitrogen - as per the sampling done at the Whangape Glen Murray/Rangiriri Bridge shows - we are already at 80 year levels. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety</p> <p>As an alternative I propose:</p> <p>That the highest Nitrate Level (that the 'high users' must adhere to) be the upper level for everyone no matter where/what farming type. This seems only fair as it does not restrict or punish different types of farming.</p>

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<p><i>Provision</i></p> <p><u>Stock Exclusion:</u> Rule 3.11.5.1 and Rule 3.11.5.2 and Rule 3.11.5.3 and Rule 3.11.5.4</p>	<p>I support</p>	<p>But only if it is amended to the National Standard of: 15 degrees slope, 1 metre wide, 30cm deep.</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>The cost of fencing hill country is prohibitive as demonstrated by the Federated Farmers Study.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is amended as set out below:</p> <p>As an alternative I propose:</p> <p>The NPSFW (National Policy Statement for Fresh Water) is used.</p>

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<p><i>Provision</i></p> <p><u>Restricting Land Use Change:</u></p> <p>Pages 15-16 Policy 6 Rule 3.11.5.7</p>	<p>I oppose</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - It will devalue our land. - It prevents us being flexible in our systems (e.g. In the long term it prevents us providing food for the Nation by diversifying our farming practices). - It is irrelevant as it is captured in other provisions in the proposed plan. 	<p>I seek that the provision is:</p> <p>Deleted in its entirety.</p>

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<p><i>Provision</i></p> <p>Farm Environment Plans: Pages 15, 16 Policy 2 Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7 & Schedule 1</p>	<p>I oppose</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I oppose the proposal as it stands as it removes our ability to make our own business plans (and continually review these), however, we support having a plan.</p> <p>As it stands it prevents us being flexible in our farming practices.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is amended as set out below:</p> <p>As an alternative we propose that a 'catchment level' plan be adopted.</p>

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<i>Provision</i> <u>Contaminant Loss from Farm:</u> Objective 1 & 3 Policy 1,2, 4 & 7 Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7 Schedule 1 Table 11-1	I support		I seek that the provision amended as set out below: The contribution that Koi Carp make needs to be contained in this plan to contain rules to remove Koi Carp from all waterways.

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<p><i>Provision</i></p> <p><u>Sub Catchment Management:</u> Policy 9 3.11.4.1 and 3.11.4.5</p>	I support	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>This may be a better way to improve waterways.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is amended as set out below:</p> <p>Would like allowance for sub catchment approach in the rules.</p>