

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.

YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- adversely affects the environment, and
 - 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).

3.11.4.4
3.11.5 Schedule C Exclusion 1 Clauses 1 & 2

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).

See attached
sheet

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

I am not opposed to any of the proposals suggested in Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. However, I have some real reservations about NPS FM allowing Waikato Regional Council police the plan change.

Waikato Regional Council were responsible for the release of koi carp in the Catchment waterways in an effort to save monies on machinery and labour used to clean and maintain waterways. If you want to address water clarity issues and algal bloom in lakes and rivers koi carp are front and centre. However, the only mention of koi carp is in 3.11.4.4 and even then they are not directly referred to; it states that Waikato Regional Council, working with others, will work towards managing *pest weeds and fish in the shallow lakes and connected lowland river areas*.

What does managing mean? Complete eradication would be the logical conclusion one would reach because if you want clean waterways they must all go; just as all stock are expected to be fenced from waterways. Waikato Regional Council have a huge problem that is down to them but appear, in this plan change, to be placing all the onus on the farming fraternity. Who is going to police Regional Council in the clean up of their mess, remembering that there should be no use of further ratepayer monies in the destruction of the koi carp as this problem was created by Council mismanagement.

Further into the Plan Change at 3.11.5, Schedule C, Exclusion 1 it states *that horses being ridden or led are excluded from clauses 1 and 2*. I was unaware that if a horse was being ridden or led that it would be unable to defecate and foul a waterway.

Exclusion II is similar to the quandary Council will have with carp. Farmers pay levies to various Government departments who ultimately answer to the Ministry of Primary Industries. Obviously if all stock are to be fenced from waterways Council will have to police the total destruction of possums from the catchment by the Ministry of Primary Industries otherwise we could have a double standard taking place. What are Fish & Game being asked to do in regard of the degradation of waterways by water fowl?

Finally my iwi is Ngapuhi. I will not be asking for any let out of the plan change. I have a fencing program in place that will be implemented at my own cost, whilst providing and maintaining an access to a waterway that seems to have fallen off the maintenance schedule for the Waikato Regional Council.

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:  Date: 8 March 2017

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Section number of the Plan Change:

Do you support or oppose the provision?

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Submission

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

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