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Submission on: Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1: Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

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Background

We farm two farms one at 3611 Cambridge rd (87 ha eff) the other at 29 McEldowney rd Kaipaki (80 ha eff) . They are both dairy farms running between 3 and 3.2 cows per Ha. Neither farm has a feed pad but the Cambridge farm has in shed feed system. We purchase between 1 and 2 tons per cow of supplements depending on the season. This would consist of pasture hay/silage as well as PKE. In the past some winter grazing has also been purchased. We aim for a DNZ farm system 3.

We have been on Cambridge rd for 23 years and the farm was converted from sheep by the previous owner in 1977. The Kaipaki farm we have farmed for the past 2 and half years

1. Subject matter and provision in the Plan

Summary and reasons for this submission

we support in part for the following reasons.....see attached sheet

Relief sought

The provision is amended by.... I wish the final to consider the points I have raised for the reasons given

(select one)

Or such other relief that will address the issues raised in this submission

2. Subject matter and provision in the Plan

Summary and reasons for this submission

we support/support in part for the following reasons.....That we need to address the environmental impact that all society has on our rivers

Relief sought

The provision is retained as written

The provision is amended by.....

The provision is deleted

(select one)

Or such other relief that will address the issues raised in this submission

(repeat the above for as many submission points you wish to make)

I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions

Signed: _____



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Points to consider for Healthy Rivers plan change

1) I feel it is important to keep all contaminants bundled and not separate out.

The reason for this is that we need to move forward on all contaminants and if we unbundle it would be easier to leave some contaminants behind or just pick on an individual contaminant and sight it as progress.

2) Keep the rule about not having to shift existing fence lines.

The reason for this is that many farms such as our own have been fenced for many years already and it would be an unfair burden to have to go and replace all these fence lines. It would penalise farms that were leading in this area.

3) Ensure that EW gather better data going forward.

The reason for this is it is generally accepted that the data is a bit thin. With better data the modelling should be better at the next review of the plan change in ten years' time

4) To show how EW will monitor the land change.

The reason for this is that if we are to reduce contaminants we need to be sure it is not just being transferred from block to block and the public need to have confidence in this.

5) The nitrogen reference points need to cover more than just the last two season.

The reason for this is to ensure we have the best possible base to work from. The data will move around from year to year within overseer and also to be sure that farms haven't gamed the position by trying to raise levels leading up to the plan change. Maybe a five year rolling average would be better.