

**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.**

  
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**Signature**

6/3/17  
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**date**

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<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"> <li>• whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1;</li> <li>• brief reasons for your views.</li> </ul>	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<p>Provision</p> <p><i>Nitrogen reference point.</i></p> <p><i>Pages 15-16</i></p> <p><i>Objectives 1 and 4 on pages 27, policy 2 + 7 on page 31 + rules 3.11.5.3 - 3.11.5.7 on pages 41-45 and schedule 1 on pages 51-53</i></p>	<p>I <u>support</u>/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Can't change stocking policies.</i></li> <li>- <i>It only allows a 2 year window of stock policy, which is not a true representation. These were dry years. Doesn't take into any seasonal fluctuations or economic variations.</i></li> <li>- <i>This is grandparenting and it doesn't promote forward thinking and won't stimulate growth.</i></li> <li>- <i>The overseas model that is used doesn't provide accurate picture it can be manipulated, and it doesn't cater for all farming types.</i></li> <li>- <i>It is inferable if I want to use nitrogen as a management tool.</i></li> </ul>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ <u>Retained as proposed</u>/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Go to a natural capital approach. Actually what the land can handle.</i></li> <li>- <i>Or a sub-catchment approach and work within the communities</i></li> <li>- <i>Or a better one is to combine natural capital and a sub-catchment approach.</i></li> </ul>

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<p>Stock Exclusion</p> <p>Pages 15-16 Policy 2 on page 30 Schedule C on page 50 and table 11-2 priority sub-catchments. Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7 and schedule 1</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- It isn't practical to fence off all waterways + wetlands. The financial return isn't there and it can't afford to do it.</li> <li>- I would have <sup>a lot less</sup> <del>some</del> farmland left for cattle, which is currently more profitable.</li> <li>- where is the slope worked out from? Topo maps or standing at the bottom of the hill and working it out.</li> <li>- what is a waterway or wetland?</li> <li>- will cost approx \$250K of fencing</li> <li>- Plus use for rodded water system.</li> <li>- The problems caused by fencing will put more sediment in the waterways with the benching required by the fencing</li> </ul>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Individual <sup>or</sup> plans through the F.E.P. for each farm where the combination of fencing ways or other mitigation measures are taken into consideration.</li> <li>not working out <del>is</del> a balance that both benefits the environment and the farmer.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- why isn't everyone being told to do this at once because the <del>one</del> farms in Priority 1 are being financially penalised while other farms get a chance to prepare for this</li> </ul>	

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<p>REDUCING CONTAMINANT LOADS FROM FARMS.</p> <p>PAGES 14-16, Objective 1 and 3 on page 27, policy 1, 2, 4 and 7 on pages 30-32 rules 3.11.53- 3.11.57 on pages 41-45, schedule 1 on pages 51-53 and table 11-1 on pages 57-64</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- There is no recognition of mitigation measures that have been already put in place by the farmers prior to this plan.</li> <li>- There needs to be what are the pathogens mentioned and where do they come from.</li> </ul>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Use the FEP to see what has been done and recognised the fact. Also use this tool (FEP) to see what is planned in the future.</li> <li>- Use a risk based test to seek out where the pathogens are originating from. Cattle, sheep, birds or human.</li> </ul>

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Yours sincerely

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Signature

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