

PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed
Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and
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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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Faxed to	(07) 859 0998 <i>Please Note: if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses</i>
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Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyivers

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:
- (a) adversely affects the environment, and
 - (b) 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).

Schedule One.
Schedule C

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.

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

I was brought up on a hill country farm in Arua. After that I owned and farmed my own hill country farm at Manikiri for 37 years. We always drank the water from out of the creeks. The kids spent all day swimming in the Oamara stream in the summer time.

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).

I suggest you Budget all about fencing off side creeks or streams on hill country and concentrate on planting more trees up gullies, poplars etc. Rain soiling area anywhere near a creek or river. More and more farmers have or are already doing their bit for conservation, planting trees, fencing off patches of bush or scrub, waterways and swamps etc. All Waikato Regional Council need to do is to encourage farmers to carry on doing this good work. I wonder about all the run off 'including storm water drains' into the rivers from towns and cities every time it rains along the banks of the Waikato and Waiapu rivers. I suggest that if the Waikato Regional Council really want healthy rivers that they concentrate on these towns and cities, it nice and handy for you, it will give you something to do to fill your day in, right on your doorstep. The run off into the rivers from these towns and cities would have everything imaginable in it, very toxic.

Clean up your own backyard before you start forcing your unreasonable ideas onto the farmers. I wouldn't like to swim or drink the water out of the river below these towns or cities, but I don't mind a bit of sheep shit.

What Waikato Regional Council are proposing will do a lot more harm than good. New Zealand needs hill country farming more than it needs you. New Zealand was built on hill country farming.

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

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: John B, Z

Date: 21-2-17

Personal information is used for the administration of the submission process and will be made public. All information collected will be held by Waikato Regional Council, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

Summary:

The Healthy river plan that the Waikato Regional Council are proposing is not practical on hill country. Any bulldozing of fences lines up gully will result in tonnes of dirt ending up in the creeks or rivers causing serious silting and flooding downstream. It will cause slips and the dirt will build up on the top side of the fences.

Hill country farming is a lot different to dairying, for a start most dairy farmers want to fence all the waterways because it is not costly for them, dairy farms are easier contour and they normally have water troughs in all the paddocks anyway. They don't want to lose a valuable cow in the river or bog. Dairy farming is a lot more intensive and stock are more likely to damage the river or creek banks, and most dairy farmers regularly sow urea on their farms. If your plan went ahead the cost for hill country farmers to fence and then maintain these fences would be astronomical. Floods and slips would bury and wash out underneath the fences. If the waterways are fenced off and the farmers have to put in pumps, water lines and troughs, the cost and maintenance for this would be unthinkable.

I suggest that the people of Waikato Regional Council who propose doing all this had to actually get off their bums and do it themselves - they wouldn't want to know about it. They like to show off their authority, keep their cushy jobs and vehicle to drive around in "paid for by the farmers" they like to tell the farmers what to do, most of these people wouldn't even know how to walk up a gully let alone put a fence up it. And they don't have to do the maintenance. You don't just put a fence up a gully and forget about it. It takes a lot to keep fences in good working order on hill country.

It will be a nightmare for hill country farmers trying to track down a water leak if they have to put in water troughs and there are kilometres of hose to check for a water leak, especially if there are problems during a busy time like shearing or haymaking when they haven't got time. What happens if the farmer goes on holiday and there is a water leak. The stock have no water and lose condition or die. Or don't you think that farmers should have a holiday.

If the farmers had to fence off the gullies or creeks the weeds are going to come up, to take berry, goose, thistle etc. When the farmer goes to spray the weeds some of the spray or drift will end up in the water. Does that not matter. The rivers will be full of spray.

No doubt your Healthy River Plan would cause real hardship out on the hills, devalue their property, loss of production, make extra costs, devastate the hill country community, the very people you are supposed to be representing. They pay your wages. Didn't you think about that or you don't care. Do you plan to compensate farmers for any loss of income.

PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

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