

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 wish to be heard.

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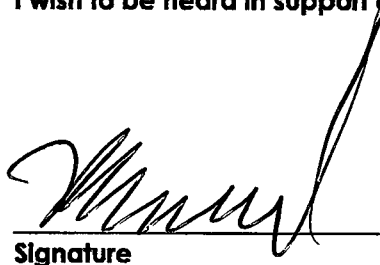
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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.


Signature

7/1/17
date

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<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are: 3.11.5.2</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"> • 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
<p>Provision 3.11.5.2 Stocking rate cannot increase</p>	<p>I support/ <u>oppose</u> and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>The stocking rate is determined by the cropping program & varies between years. It is driven by the market and by the season. In a drought year it is lower, but in a good year it is higher.</p> <p>There may be an opportunity to plant a winter crop to understock on for the spring sale</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Taking one year is not a fair or just action. It needs to be taken over a 5 yr period, at least</p>

due to market demands
or stock could be sold early due to drought or predicted drought.

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<p>Provision 3.11.5.2</p> <p>N can not be greater than 15 kg/ha/yr.</p>	<p>I support/oppose and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are: I run a sheep & beef operation. I have completed an overseer program on the property 6.2. It showed a N loss to water ways of 22 kg N/ha/yr. A limit of 15 kg/ha/yr is simply unworkable & would put me out of business as well as many other sheep & beef farmers.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>my leaching of N is well below the dairy sector & yet your limits are not attainable. They are not reasonable or able to be reached. We provide a lot of revenue to the region and country. My rates bill is \$19000/yr. You will devalue the land & decrease your rates. The number needs to be increased to 25 kg N/ha to be workable. Research has shown that nitrogen affects what is leached not set numbers.</p>
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Test the water before you set unreasonab limits

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<p>Provision 3.11.5.2</p> <p>No winter forage crops grazed in situ</p>	<p>I support/<u>oppose</u> and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are: I winter the cows & yearlings on crops in situ. I do this as it is part of my cropping program & ensures only part of the farm is affected by plugging in a wet year. It also ensures that I have animals on hand when the spring flush happens. To buy animals then is very expensive. If I had to cut & carry I would have a high risk of accidents, create a mess & mess & erode. Have to put in a feed pool not economic or feed in a paddock where they would create a mess anyway. I feed sheep in situ to.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>If the animals are feed on the crop then the plugging is limited to a small area & is fixable with the cropping program. To try & cut & carry would create a bigger mess as it would be spread over a bigger area. Look at where the paddocks are & what run of is. Dairy feed in situ so why penalise sheep & beef. This proposal is not workable.</p>
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<p>Provision 3.11.5.2</p> <p>No grazing on land > 15°</p>	<p>I support/<u>oppose</u> and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are: I farm a rolling hill country. Some paddocks have land < 15° a greater than 15° it is all in pasture & all of it is grazed what am I supposed to do put up a <u>sign</u> don't graze this area</p> <hr/> <p>Don't know about your animals but mine can't read!</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>again this is not viable. To fence off little blocks of land would cause more damage than letting it be grazed. A lot of land greater than 15° is grazed now with very little damage caused to water ways as shown by the quality of the water</p>
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<p>3.11.5.2</p> <p>Grandparenting.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>The stocking rate varies between years due to market seasons. If you take one year then you are not taking an average and will have unreasonable results</p> <p>I run sheep cows yalings lambs Bull beef a Steers. I have to be able to vary the mix in order to be financial viable. I buy a sell subject to markets for example I sold my bull beef out as yalings due to drought prediction a market outlook.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>It has to be over a 5 year period. Overseas would on a average of 5 years. One year is not feasible or say a true example rainfall above makes a massive difference to the outcome.</p> <p>rainfall above between years makes a massive difference to the outcome</p> <p>Timing is the important factor</p>

This year I will take them through to 18 mths

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<p>3.11.5.3</p> <p>Certified scheme N reference point</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>who sets the reference point & certifies the scheme.</p> <p>You do not have enough qualified people to carry out the job. and what will be the cost?</p> <p>plus they will have a lack of understanding about the operations operations that are run.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Everyone wants good water.</p> <p>This attitude of setting limits has been found lacking in other regions. We need to work together. New research has found that management affects the dirt comes on water. monitoring the water quality will give a better outcome than setting targets and working with the farms will give a better result than having the stick.</p> <p>The bulk of the water is good quality & not going backwards</p>

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<p>3.11.5.3</p> <p>exclusion of stock from water ways 715#.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: Cattle will cross a creek but they don't stand in it. They stand in shade or in flat areas Swamp etc. They like to cool down & will stand in water to do so. But they don't like to stand on the side of a hill at funny angles. Most steep hills here fast moving water in a gully they don't like that. It's uncomfortable.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Fencing off these areas will cause more damage than if they are left you will have to put in fence lines with a digger or dozer, which will cause run off into the stream & and then ram the posts these will all cause damage & cause more runoff & probably increase the risk of slips.</p> <p>A really bad idea. Best to leave 715# alone.</p>

plant trees for shade, plus stock will walk past & allow stream to drink from a trough troughs & stock will not enter the gullies & be made to feed

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<p>Healthy rivers</p> <hr/>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Farmers have carried out very good works regarding conservation. planting fencing etc.</p> <p>They know their properties and how they behave plus the water flows.</p> <p>You need to use Lucci not overseer to monitor water quality & set targets for it not N bsses. etc.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Work in catchments & instead of telling, ask what can be done</p> <p>spread sheet soil tests.</p> <p>planting</p> <p>and if it has been shown that overseer is not accurate regarding outcomes. Lucci is.</p> <p>Don't base your rural communities by setting unrealistic inaccurate rules that keep changing</p>

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<p>Sheep 0 Beef.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: We have been farming sheep & beef for decades. The water quality has been very good & has only decreased with the large influx of dairying. Don't make us the fall guys for the Dairying. as you will force us out of business & will end up with more dairying. This will chase the fall of the communities we employ more people than dairy and more forestry</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td><u>Sheep</u></td> <td><u>Dairy</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>meat works</td> <td>Dairy factory</td> </tr> <tr> <td>shearing</td> <td>fact</td> </tr> <tr> <td>fact</td> <td>farm workers</td> </tr> <tr> <td>farm workers</td> <td>limited stock transport.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>↑ stock transport</td> <td>—</td> </tr> <tr> <td>wool scourers</td> <td>—</td> </tr> <tr> <td>wool stores.</td> <td>—</td> </tr> </table> <p>Large forestry decreases land rates increases wear & tear on roads ask Masterton council and kills schools buses etc & then when bogged causes massive run offs etc. & on 3 rd planting they apply fact to saw trees</p>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Dairy</u>	meat works	Dairy factory	shearing	fact	fact	farm workers	farm workers	limited stock transport.	↑ stock transport	—	wool scourers	—	wool stores.	—
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I grew up in Nelson when the trees grew up the creeks ran dry when they were bogged the streams ran again. Pine suck up massive amount of water trees. Kills communities pasture reduces runoff & holds soil longer. plus high fire risk for trees.