

WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS

Submission Form

Submission on a publicly 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 date 1-03-17.



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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"> • 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</p> <p>Whole plan in general</p>	<p>I support/ oppose and for each whether or not you wish to amend the whole catchment</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I like the overall concept to improve water quality. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below (delete as required)</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Split plan into subcatchments - "one size fits all" is not practical.

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<p>Provision</p> <p>STOCK EXCLUSION</p>	<p>Support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are: On our farm stock water is 95% supplied by seepages and swamps. limestone rock close to soil surface in many places make fencing impractical, and ^{cost} prohibitive. Cost of water reticulation prohibitive also.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small> <p>Specify the size of water course to be fenced e.g. 1m wide and 300mm deep. <u>OR</u>: Farm to specify "Sheep Only" areas of grazing.</p>
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<p>SEDIMENT</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Koi carp are abundant in the Opunake Stream on our North boundary. They cause erosion + permanent sediment in the stream.</p> <p>Smaller tributaries run clear 3-4 days after heavy rain (too shallow for carp)</p> <p>Flooding (see encl. photo) regularly covers fences with debris, which must be manually removed to minimise damage by the next flood.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative:</p> <p>Pest fish policy to be developed <u>and</u> implemented.</p> <p>Forestry logging be made to develop silt traps and keep clear</p>

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<p>CHANGE OF LAND USE</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: Because of shallow rock in many places, forestry is <u>not</u> an option. (Roots cannot get a grip in rock).</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small> Delete suggestion to convert to forestry.</p>

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<p>NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: Application of 'N' fertiliser is not cost effective on hill country. This plan seems to limit our, or future owners to the present stocking rate as per "Overseer". This may lower farms value.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small> Discard "Overseer" as measurement tool on medium to low stocking rate farms, e.g. farms with lower than 125.u./ha are exempt from N measure Maintain soil 'P' level at or below optimum levels as per regular soil tests. (3-4 y/ly)</p>

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10 YR REVIEW OF F.M.P.	The reasons for this are: Requirements in F.M.P. may totally change every 10 yrs - uncertainty for owners - cannot plan far ahead	As an alternative I propose <small>What would be an appropriate alternative?</small> Review every 20 yrs according to progress made.

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<p>25° SLOPE DEFINITION</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: NO specification as to where 25° starts or finishes - water edge, or stream bank. Also if slope varies from flat to 25°, when does it need to be fenced e.g. when more than</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small> Specify: no fence required if more than 50% of slope is greater than 25° along its length.</p>



Photo shows depth of floodwater
on the Poporo stream, approx 300m
upstream from where it meets the
Opuatia. Note fences almost covered,
which catch debris