

**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.

*we* **Wish to be heard in support of this submission.** ✓

**If others make similar submissions, I would consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.**

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Signature                                    date

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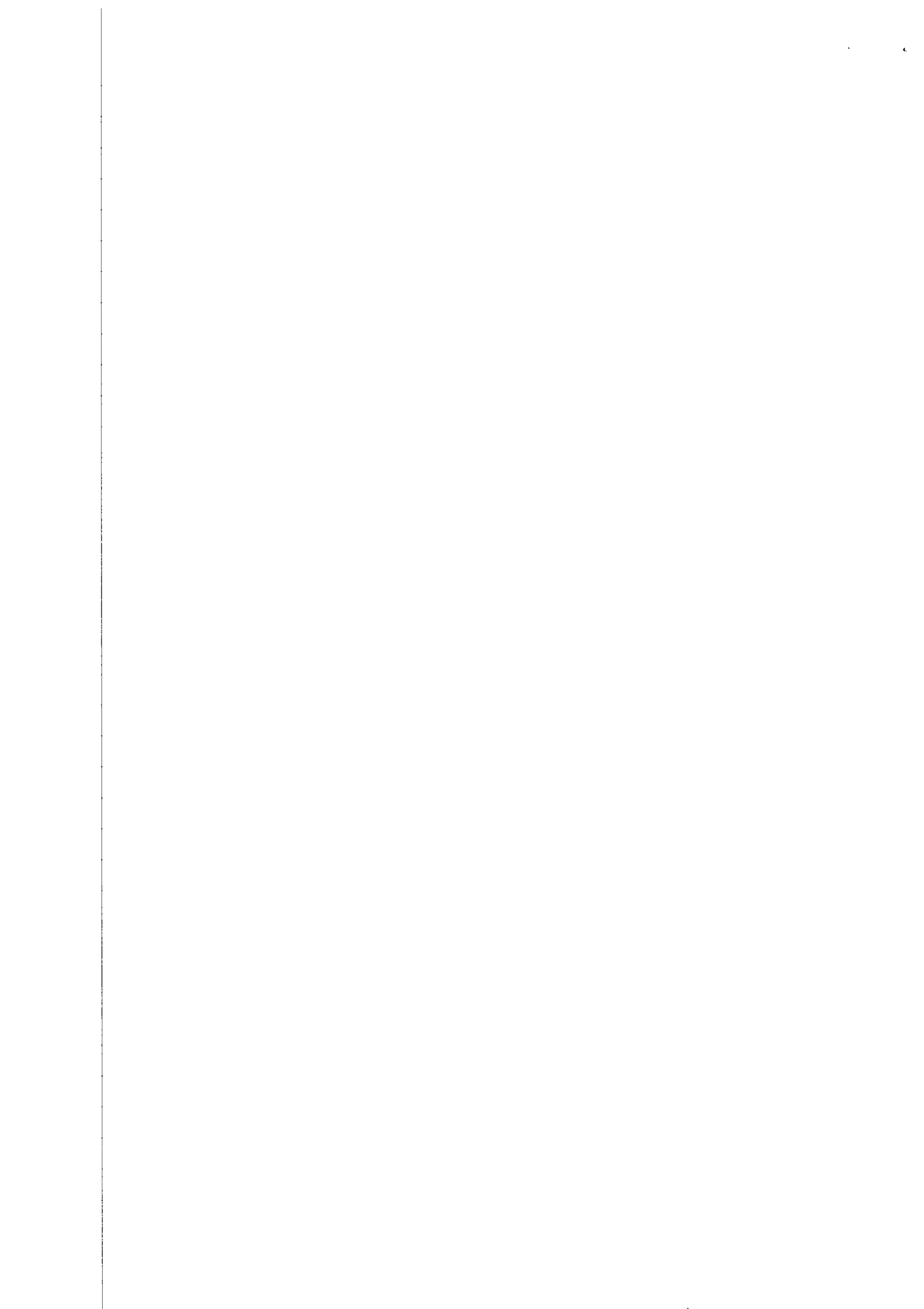
Thank you for the opportunity to submit to the Waikato Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 1.

We are Owen and Peggy Houchen and we are sheep and beef farmers in the Waikato and Waipa River Catchments. We have been farming our present property since 1972.

We are farming beef and sheep and fattening all surplus stock.

Properties were run down when purchased. Land has been refenced to a high standard to paddocks of four to six hectares. All paddocks have trenched water, where there is a difference in elevation, there are two troughs.

We are negotiating with Environment Waikato to retire approx ten hectares to Native Trees.



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<p><b>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</b></p> <p><b>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</b></p>	<p><b>My submission is that:</b></p> <p><b>State:</b></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><b>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</b></p> <p><b>Give:</b></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>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.</p> <p>Policy One, Two. Schedule B. Schedule C Stock exclusion</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</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>

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<p>Policy One                      Policy two                      Schedule C                      Stock exclusion                      Nitrogen Reference point.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>The hill country is of medium to low fertility and we do not appear to have a problem in that area.</p> <p>On our farm it is not practicable and it will be expensive to fence local waterways and will also effect the movement of stock.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Not to drain into the hills This will slow the water down in the swamps and filter out the nutrients. Together with the troughing system the problem will be controlled. Shade should be provided with deciduous trees so grass grows to the tree roots. Troughs should be placed close to the shade on dry firm land. The surrounds of the troughs should be melted together with gateways and crossings. This will comply with health and safety and sediment run off.</p> <p>The nitrogen reference point for hill country should be flexible, fertility will only improve slowly over time and if it is set in advance will limit the opportunities and this will affect land value and earning capacity.</p> <p>The hill country problems are silt and this will be helped by not draining the swamps. Main streams should be fenced both sides. Too many restrictions will limit productivity and financial returns. There will also be a loss of expertise which is required in the rural communities and townships.</p>

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