

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.

Signature

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"> • 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><i>Provision</i></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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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.

The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that:		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
	SUPPORT / OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
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<p>Provision <i>Schedule C</i> <i>- Stock exclusion from waterways.</i></p>	<p>I support/ 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"> - Fencing of all waterways on farms will result in massive financial burden to farms, is impractical in hill country and will result in further erosion & sediment entering waterways. * Financial burdening farmers with the massive cost of the fencing, tracking and infrastructure, eg bridges, culverts and water systems, will greatly decrease viability of farming sheep & beet farms. A farm farm of approx 1000ha would require capital input of an excess of \$500,000. * Bulldozed tracks are required to enable fencing to be done. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tracking in hill country can cause subsidence & erosion 	<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>As a farmer I don't mind fencing the main water courses, & rivers off from cattle. But all side streams & gullies in sheep & beet farming operations is impractical. Amend should be made to exclude sheep non dairy farming - sheep & beet farms, from provision</p> <p>- A sediment catchment pond built up side streams will also greatly improve water quality, if problem is present.</p>
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<p>Stock exclusion Cont.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>sediment run off from tracks and earthworks also results in decreases in water quality</p> <p>* impractical - installing water trough systems in hill country is also very expensive requires a good natural water source power for pumping and further earth works. as well as regular maintenance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - many smaller waterways due to land contour & steep river banks make waterways inaccessible to stock in hill country. - Paradise ducks not stock entering water ways are a major cause of water quality being decreased in our area. 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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<p>Schedule B N.trogen reference point.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>We oppose, that limits set at stated years inputs of ferti and stocking rates & classes can not change from this period stated.</p> <p>- it limits were placed this greatly disadvantages lower fertility & lower productive land, land that has been run down or under developed, due to land owners limited financial restrains or poor farming practices.</p> <p>The value of these farms will be negatively impacted and this will create financial hardship to families that have purchased farms</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Nitrogen & fertilizer inputs should be set at the scientific optimal sustainable level for areas soil type & nutrient requirements for sustainable grass growth.</p> <p>- Stocking rates set at productive rate, ensure economic & environmentaly sustainable for area district or sub catchment - average at district land type & soil type. encourage stocking rates with appropriate appropriate</p>

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<p>Nitrogen reference point cont.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>that are in a poor fertility state with the financial financial plan to increase fertility & farm-stock production & profitability - lower value of land will greatly affect equity/debt ratios.</p> <p>- The farmer should be able to alter stock classes depending on income, production of each and demand of each class, as long as stocking rates remain at agreed district average or sub catchment stocking rate, kg/ha, and appropriate ratios of sheep to cattle, dependant on slope.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>sheep to cattle ratios.</p> <p>eg - 60% sheep - 40% cattle on steeper land.</p> <p>with higher cattle ratios as contour allows.</p> <p>eg to 70% cattle - 30% sheep on rolling to steeper strict ^{strict} siddings ^{siddings} land.</p>

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<p>Schedule 1 Farm Plan</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Farm plans - We support farm planning and feel it is good practice in farming. But plans need to be tailored ^{tailored} to each farm taking into account, soil type, stocking rates, contours and sub catchment areas. Councils have already invested time and money into farm planning and already have good systems and information in place. Why do we need a new planning system at added expense to farmers?</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Total cattle stocking rates on hill country, cause damage to soil structures cause erosion and decrease in water quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Guildlines need to be put in place to look at lower cattle stocking rates on hill country steep cause a lot less soil structure damage and need to be included ^{included} at higher ratios dependant on contours eg hill country - 50:50% steep cattle or 60:40% steep cattle. - Stock exclusion and nitrogen reference points could be included into farm plans. But not at a standard level <p>But Tailored ^{Tailored} to each farms requirements.</p>

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Yours sincerely

Signature

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