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] 5/3/17
Signature **date**

beef+lamb new zealand

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The specific provisions my submission relates to are: **State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.**	**My submission is that:** **State:** • **whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1;** • **brief reasons for your views.**	**The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:** **Give:** • **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**
Provision Rule 3.11.5.7 Non-Complying Activity Rule - Land Use change	I support/ ~~oppose~~/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend The reasons for this are: ! anduse should be based on its natural capability	I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ ~~Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below~~ As an alternative I propose

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Schedule A Registration with Waikato Regional Council.	I feel this is just another revenue gathering exercise. It sounds like it would be a very time consuming task to meet all requirements.	

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Schedule 1 Nitrogen Reference Point	The way it is proposed do work out the nitrogen Reference is so incorrect	

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Schedule C Stock Exclusion	Stock exclusion not practicle with cost of fencing it would be more practicle do put troughs in each paddock to prevent stock entering waterway. Also money spent on crossing so the stock dont enter. Weeds become a problem with the need to spray then having chemicals entering the waterway. Bulldozing fencelines will create more erosion & hense more Sediment	

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Schedule 1 Requirements for Farm Environment Plans.	This proposal will impose Significant costs on my farming activities.	

SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments

We own a 80 hectare sheep and beef property which has a stream marking the back boundary.

We have 500 breeding ewes and we fatten 150 cattle. We have tomos on our property which have all been fenced off and planted with trees at a cost of $5000 for the saftey of our stock and to prevent erosion. We have installed a new water system at a cost of $60000 with at least one trough in each paddock to prevent stock from entering the drains. We keep our stock crossings maintained well to prevent stock entering the waterways and use electric fencing to stop them entering streams when required. Fertilizer is applied in the autumn by tractor and at this point in time no nitrogen on its own but we would like to have the option to do so if required.

In the future, we plan to possibly have less sheep and have more cattle for ease of operation as we are approaching retirement. We have dairy farmers on all our boundaries and when the time comes to sell we would like it to be an option that one of our neighbours would be able to purchase and change the farming type. We are spending $60000 on new cattle yards with this in mind and would need to be able to secure this option for 20 years.

We are concerned about the following issues with PC1 It is not a one size fits all. Most farmers are already doing the right thing environmentally. We would like proof that our farm is leaching nitrogen and sediment and not the figures after the water has passed through hundreds of farms. If there could be one rule for each farmer "That he is resposible for his own run off" I am sure this would be embraced more than all being treated the same and no need for all the confusing policy/plans/schedules/rules which I hate to think what all this is costing the country.

I am particularly concerned about the following aspects of Plan Change 1:

- The significant negative effect on rural communities
- The cost and practicality of the rules.
- The effect that the Nitrogen Reference Point will have on my business and my economic wellbeing.
- The Farm Environment plan requirements leading to unnecessary and costly regulation of inputs, outputs, normal farming activity and business information
- The costs and practicality of the rules and requirements for stock exclusion, the Nitrogen Reference Point and the Farm Environment Plan.
- The timeframes for complying with the Nitrogen Reference Point rules which are too short and unachievable
- The plan significantly exceeding the 10 year targets in many attributes and areas
- The lack of science and monitoring at the sub catchments level

I am concerned about the implications all of this will have for our property and for our current activity as described above.

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Yours sincerely

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Signature Date