

Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments

I am a Dairy Farmer farming 222ha in the Reporoa area, in the Waikato FMU, I Employee 5 full time and 2 part time staff, all of which have family's with children who attended the local schools.

I am concerned about the implications all of this will have my farming activities. I am concerned about staff in the area including mine, being laid off due to restrictions on land use. This concern also covers schools, sporting clubs and local business who will also suffer from the loose of people in the rural area.

SUBMISSION POINTS: Specific comments

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40	Rule 3.11.5.2 Permitted Activity Rule – Other farming activities	Oppose	The rule 4c (no part of the property or enterprise over 15 degree slope is cultivated or grazed) is prohibitive.	If there are no waterways on the farm or in direct line of any potential runoff, then the risk of grazing land over 15 degree slope carries no risk of sediment, phosphate or pathogens to enter the waterways.
41	Rule 3.11.5.3 Permitted Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan under a Certified Industry Scheme	OPPOSE	Allow Priority 1 farms to submit FEP by 2021.	The proposed timeframes for the FEP to be completed in the priority 1 sub-catchments is short - especially when taking into account that the NRP data will only likely be available 1 year prior to the requirement for the FEP to be submitted. Any farmers which are in the top 25% of NRP will only have a year to engage a consultant to help them determine how they will reduce their N loss to the 75th percentile by 2026 and prepare a FEP detailing this. My concern is the ability of the industry to have suitably trained and qualified people to complete this process.
42	Rule 3.11.5.4 Controlled Activity Rule	OPPOSE	Allow Priority 1 farms to submit FEP by 2021.	The reasons are the same as the above discussion.

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46	Schedule A: Registration with Waikato Regional Council	Support		
47	Schedule B: Nitrogen Reference point	OPPOSE	Extend the reference point calculation years to 2011/2012, 2012/2013, 2013/2014, 2014/2015, 2015/2016.	Currently the recommendation within the Plan Change 1 for NRP calculations takes place over years (2014-15, 2015-16) where a large number of dairy farmers changed or modified some part of their farming system away from their long term farming practices due to the financial constraints of low milk prices. Amongst other modifications, these changes include stocking rates, milk production outputs, nitrogen fertiliser and feed inputs. Each of these system changes or modifications has a bearing on the total amount of nitrogen within the dairy farm system and hence the NRP. The NRP period for calculating NRP could be extended to 5 seasons (2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16) to allow further analysis of systems in more representative years.

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50	Schedule C: Stock Exclusion	OPPOSE	Amend Schedule C as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	Although this will help control emissions into waterways, the implication of cost for many sheep, beef and deer farms are enormous. These farms may be facing changes under these rules which are non-economic for their values.