

**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.

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

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

My name is Helen Lea, I am a partner of Ratanui Partnership which is a Drystock Farm on Buckland Road (sub catchment 32).

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	SUPPORT / OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
<p><i>Objective 1</i> <i>Table 3.11.1</i></p>	<p>I support the vision but oppose the limits proposed</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: I do support the vision to improve the water quality for the Waikato and Waipa river catchments and applaud Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 in initiating the process. But the limits proposed by Objective 1 and Table 3.11.1 are unachievable and should not be handed over to the farming community to achieve by themselves. There are many other factors that degrade the quality of the catchment water that is not related to farming.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose: To redefine the limits to an achievable standard.</p>

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<p><i>Rule 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4, 3.11.5.7, Schedule B, Schedule 1 and Policies 1, 2 and 7</i></p>	<p>Oppose Nitrogen Management adopting a Nitrogen Reference Point.</p> <p>(Grand parenting Approach)</p> <p>But support NRP reduction to 75% percentile</p>	<p>Using a reference point in time based on an existing farm use whether it be "suited" with the land type or not, is unfair, inflexible and unsustainable.</p> <p>It is a strategy that is less likely to achieve the vision and objectives of Plan Change 1.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose:</p> <p>Developing rules based on land classification, Natural capital, tools such as Overseer, and mitigation measures to manage the land to comply with the Plan.</p>

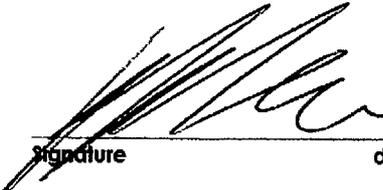
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Yours sincerely

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