

PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1

WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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

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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that
- (a) adversely affects the environment, and
 - (b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

Please state the provision, map or page number eg Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

Schedule B, Schedule 1

I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary)

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT

Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specified provisions amended (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

See attached sheets.

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Accept the above provision
- Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.
 I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

JOINT SUBMISSIONS

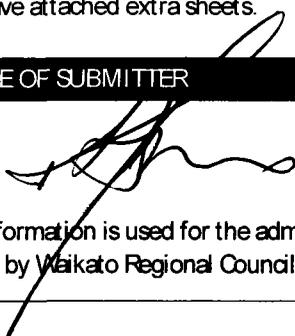
- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

- Yes, I have attached extra sheets. No, I have not attached extra sheets.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER

Signature:



Date:

6th March 2017

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PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

To whom it may concern.

I own a small 82 ha dairy farm. The farm is certified organic. It has been fully certified since 2003, but farmed and managed organically since 1998. I run a very low input, low stocking rate system; that is all stock are run on farm and all supplements are made on farm. It is a fully self-contained operation.

I do not intend to change my current farm management practices.

However I am concerned that some aspects of Regional Plan Change 1 will impact on the ability of future generations to economically farm this land for food production.

During the past 20 years I have invested considerably in time, effort and money to enhance the biodiversity of the land, through planting thousands of trees and fencing off non-productive areas to create habitat for the benefit of a diverse range of fauna, and also to benefit the animals that I farm and the land itself. It has come at a financial cost and also a cost in time to keep these areas weed free.

My concerns centre on Schedule B, (Nitrogen Reference Point) and aspects of Schedule 1 (Requirements of Farm Environment Plans); and the effect these may have on the capital value of my property.

I have invested to establish an organic or biological system that involves nurturing the soil micro-organisms (bacteria, fungi, protozoa etc) to make nutrients available to the plants. This is in contrast to a non-organic, non-biological system that relies on the use of water-soluble nutrients to do the same. As set out in PCI document, the means to measure nutrient loss is to be done through the Overseer

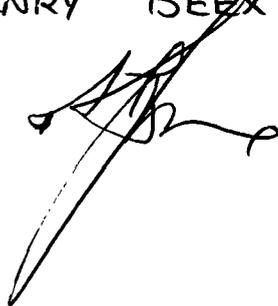
programme. It is known to have inherent draw-backs, and is inadequate to measure nutrient recycling or loss in a biological system.

As this faulty science is being used to measure and set Nitrogen Reference Points, I am concerned that the level set for my farm will have little relevance to my system. As we are already achieving a low N leaching level, as is the aim of P.C. 1, we are potentially being penalised hundred of thousands, if not millions, of dollars of capital value should this land be sold out of organic management.

My other concern relates to the Farm Environment Plan and the requirement to avoid cultivating and set-stocking animals on slopes $> 15^\circ$. As the contour of my farm is predominantly 'rolling' this requirement will have a huge impact to be able to farm the land economically in the future. The cost of consent may hamper any future development.

I feel that aspects of P.C. 1 are too restrictive and will have economic impacts not only on the viability of farming the land for food production, but also on the wider community. The Plan needs to be amended to benefit the entire community.

HENRY BEEK



6 March 2017.