

Submission

Background Information

We are a farming family in the Western Catchment Area, and also farm in a priority one area with another family member [covered in a separate submission]. We farm beef, dairy support and sheep. We assume many, if not all, of the rules for Waikato and Waipa will impact us.

We have done, and will continue to, mitigate any damage to our farm and its environs, as listed in our submission.

There are many issues either not addressed, or poorly addressed in the proposed plan-

the economic cost to farms to fence,

the inability to change farming direction,

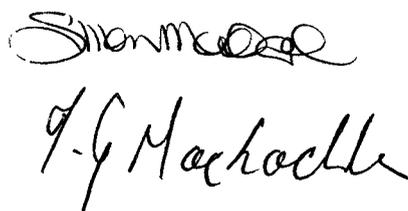
the inability to plan due to not knowing what will be proscribed in 8-10 years time

the ultimate cost to the rural communities

the "one size fits all " approach doesn't take into account the variety of contaminants, nor the geography of the farms

We look forward to speaking to our submission,

Ian and Sue MacLachlan



The image shows two handwritten signatures in black ink. The top signature is 'Sue MacLachlan' and the bottom signature is 'I. G. MacLachlan'. Both are written in a cursive, flowing style.

# 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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## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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

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## ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF SUBMITTER

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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 effects 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 e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

Stock Exclusion Rule 3:11:5:1/2/3/4 and Farm Environment Plans

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 specific provisions amended. (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

Western catchment farms like ours are, we assume, going to be governed by the same rules as Waikato and Waipa catchments. We are hill country, high rainfall area, conservatively stocked [beef, dairy support and some sheep] We have already fenced, voluntarily, main streams, installed bridge access, fenced native bush areas, replanted banks and sidelings. Water reticulation already covers 70% of the farm, and is on-going, steep areas are fenced off, there is no cropping. Drains are well maintained. Limited break feeding is carried out in Autumn, there is minimal supplementary feeding. If we were compelled to fence water ways that are narrow, or narrow and shallow it would be impossible to farm some paddocks. Blanket implementation of rules that are not practical will do more harm to farming practices than a more measured and site specific regime. Using Farm Environment Plans, [focused on mitigating contaminants,] using the National Water Accord rules, and using sub-catchment consultation and communication would be the amendments we would seek

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

**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

**Section number of the Plan Change:** Sub-Catchment 3:11:4:5

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support     Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

*State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.*

*State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.*

We believe this is the most practical and efficient way to approach the management of "Healthy Rivers". Our streams and rivers are different to the Waikato and Waipa, different contour, size, volume, population surrounding them, industry surrounding them. Different farming, lower stocking rates...one size doesnt fit all. By using sub-catchment as a collaborative local approach to the issues it gives ownership to the area concerned.

We support the provision proposed amended that all rules that relate to farm level include a sub-catchment approach

**Section number of the Plan Change:** Farm Environment Plans 3.11.4.3

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support     Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

*State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.*

*State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.*

We support this provision. Timelines may be affected by lack of qualified Farm Environment Planners

We would seek amendment to focus more on the mitigation of damage/contaminants rather than enforcement of rules.

**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

**Section number of the Plan Change:** policy 1 and policy 2 and schedule B regarding nitrogen Reference points

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support  Oppose

| <b>Submission</b>  | <b>Decision Sought</b>  |
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| <p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>By capping the amount of Nitrogen on our farm you limit what we may be able to do in the future, allowing that science may arrive at new solutions. It doesnt support the fact that we have, and continue to work hard to have a balanced environmental approach to our farming. Overseer is not a reliable tool</p> | <p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>Use FEPs to determine land use capabilities and nutrient use.</p> |

**Section number of the Plan Change:** Policy 6 restricting land use change;rule 3:11:5:7

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support  Oppose

| <b>Submission</b>  | <b>Decision Sought</b>  |
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| <p><i>State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.</i></p> <p>This removes the ability to develop the farm in the future, how can we grow our business if we are not open to change? And how can we plan for the future?</p> | <p><i>State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.</i></p> <p>We oppose completely this provision</p> |

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: 28/02/17

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