

# 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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**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.
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## 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).

Rule 3.11.2 Objective 2

## 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).

I support the broad direction of changes proposed by PC1 but I have concerns about the plan's ability to meet the needs of 'vibrant communities ' once the changes are implemented.

These risks to our rural communities can summarised as follows -

- The longer term financial impact of these changes are likely to become more negative as the plan moves through the progressive stages.
- There will be an immediate drop in dairy farm productivity when the 25 % of farmers above the 75th percentile for nitrogen loss have to change their farm systems to fall below the 75th percentile target.
- These system changes will result in less disposable income to spend in rural towns and possibly affect farm employment decisions.
- The costs of serious capital works to deal with point source discharges into the rivers.

Please move to the 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: *Ian Taylor*

Date: *6/3/17*

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

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.2 Objective 2 from above

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support  Oppose

**Submission**

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

As above

Background information-

I have dairy farmed in the Lower Waikato region for 30years. I have been heavily involved with the Healthy Rivers process and am chairman of the Waikato Focus on Peat Group.

Please note the considerable improvement in effluent mangement that has occurred in our area as a result of moving to land based application

rather than various pond systems.

**Decision Sought**

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

- More flexibility bought into these policies as there is no point having improved water quality at a prohibive cost to the local communities.
- Costing studies have been done but I would like to see a committment to monitor the actual total impact of these changes once implemented.

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.3 Policy 1c

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support  Oppose

**Submission**

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

I totally support the fencing of all dairy and flat/ rolling land water ways. I oppose the need to do the same on steep country based on the high capital cost of doing it and the fact that all these farms are low nitrogen users

There is also the very large practical challenge of fencing and trough watering this land.

**Decision Sought**

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

- I suggest the WRC look at the science to assess the amount of nitrogen leaching off this steep country relative to the flat/ easy land and re-assess their policy.
- Utilise nutrient containment areas with riparian planting which will also reduce sediment runoff.

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

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.3 Policy2c

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support  Oppose

**Submission**

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

The Nitrogen Reference Point will be determined based on the Overseer management programme. Some farmers may challenge their NRP based on the common knowledge that Overseer is up to 30% inaccurate. This may then lead to the NRP being undermined.

**Decision Sought**

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

I suggest that rather than the Nitrogen Reference Point being the major target, that the Farm Environment Plan provide the best way of nutrient / sediment loss.

Section number of the Plan Change: 3.11.3 Policy 6

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support  Oppose

**Submission**

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

I support the general thrust of this policy but have concerns about the detail of it.

- Many dairy farmers will need to change their farm systems, eg Import less PKE and grow more feed on farm. It is unclear if farmers will need a consent to do this.
- The area of land in vegetable production is planned to be capped. This appears to ignore the large population increases in the northern North Is. Where will this extra food come from ?

**Decision Sought**

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

I would urge WRC to adopt a more flexible approach to these future uncertainties. It will be much easier to build flexibility into the current plan than try and change it later.