

Introduction and Summary for Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1

Ian and Lin MacLachlan- we are brothers who farm in priority 1 catchment [Waipa] and we both also farm separately in the Western Catchment area [covered in other submissions]. Our family has owned this 265 Ha property for 96 years, and the fourth generation is now involved in the management. Our parents ashes are interred on the farm.

We are drystock beef and dairy support farmers. The farm is heavy clay/ mudstone/ pap soil which moves, this necessitates set stocking low numbers of cattle in winter months. Water reticulation [80%], slip reducing plantings, and fenced bluffs [below and above] mitigate this problem but dont solve it. Our fertilizer application is conservative and biennial, there is no cropping, break feeding or supplementary feeding. Areas of native bush are preserved. On the steeper country where there no troughs we farm only 1 beef steer/Ha which according to Federated Farmers has no detrimental effect on water quality. Our greatest concern is that rigid stock exclusion rules and fencing may stop this farm from being an economic unit. In our view retirement of such land into forestry would be an environmental and financial step backwards.

Individual FEPs, thoughtfully written, managed and administered at the sub-catchment level would be a far more holistic way of progressing to fulfilling the WRC vision for the Waikato and Waipa catchments.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the proposed plan change

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.
- I am / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- adversely effects the environment, and
 - 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

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).

[Please note the description of our farm in accompanying note, and photos]

Due to the geography of our farm the fences move, so it isnt practical to fence all areas. The National Water Accord describes water bodies from a much more workable aspect, and suggests a 15degree angle.

There is nothing to indicate subsidies would be available, we conservatively estimate a cost of \$200,000. for our 200Ha [excluding already fenced off native bush and bluffs]. These costs do not support Objective 2 of the plan.

The timing is too tight for us in Priority one catchment, we would require more time.

We already have reticulated water to 80% of paddocks, and our experience is that with a conservative stocking rate[and well positioned troughs] stock do not go into hill-country waterways, an observation over 50 years of farming.

In the Waipa catchment sediment is an issue...with clean drains, that have steeper sides, there is decreased flooding, and less erosion. This cant be achieved when you fence off all areas.

AMENDMENTS; change the rules to the National Water Accord, and incorporate MOE guidelines for stock exclusion

Change the timelines, and use Farm Plans to indicate progressive changes required

Allow for much greater input at sub-catchment areas, Fencing is such an expensive and time consuming requirement that farms may be better treated on a case by case situation, hence support for FARM PLANS

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: Farm Environment Plans 3:11:4:3

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission

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

This is a very clear way forward for every farm, and should be used to a much greater extent in the management of our regions future.

Decision Sought

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

We support the provision but the lack of qualified Farm Environment Planners must indicate a review of timelines for catchment 1 in particular.

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

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission

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

This gives leadership locally relative to the specific area and is more likely to receive results, and support.

Decision Sought

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

Amend the provision that all rules relating to farms include a sub-catchment approach

ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION

Section number of the Plan Change: Policy 1, Policy 2 and Schedule B regarding Nitrogen Reference point

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

Submission

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

It does not support those who have farmed conservatively, if farming practices, or business models, change with developments in science then we are locked in. Overseer has not been proved to be the correct system to analyse NRP. Waipa Catchment is apparently more about sediment, so why not reflect that fact. It is difficult to plan ahead when such restrictions are placed on the farms management.

Decision Sought

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

Delete the provision and use FEPs as a better way to determine land use capability and measure of nutrient allocation

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

Submission

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

This entirely limits the value of our land and ability of future generations to develop the farming business and flies in the face of Objective 2 - 3:11:2:2

Decision Sought

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

Delete this provision

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:

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This is hill country mudstone paper.
NOTE the foreground fence line -
it moves. The seepage from
above isn't continuous every year but
some years.
Why should these areas be fenced.



Moving fence lines on papa soil.