

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.


Signature

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date

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<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p> <p>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p><i>Provision</i></p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p>

I am part owner of a drystock property surrounding the headwaters of the Mangare stream. Over the past fifty plus years this property has run sheep, cattle deer, goats and dairy cattle. The property has the option to be converted to dairy. An option I have never considered, but a future owner may. The Nitrogen Reference Point set at particular date with no consideration given to past or future trends is unfair. It gives our business no option to improve its production and income. I know of no industry which would support such a proposal. The Nitrogen Reference Point will also restrict the use for any future owner, therefore reducing the price I can expect to receive, should I decide to sell.

I support the concept of clean drinkable water under "normal" situations.

I do not support the concept that people should be able to swim in the same water that people are expected to drink.

Some of us have been "doing our bit" for water quality for a very long time (decades) already.

The Proposed Plan Change 1 is unworkable in its present state. The costs associated to comply are prohibitive. Our water quality is likely higher before the implementation, than a number of the more intensive operations water quality will be after the plan comes into force.

I believe that the plan has been poorly thought out, as there are already areas with complete animal exclusion which do not pass the criteria of "drinkable, swimmable 365 days of the year". The Maungatautari Mountain Enclosure is one such area. If this area fails, which it does, no other piece of land in New Zealand will pass.

There needs to be a realistic approach to clean water. A ten year plan (PPC1) is too short. Under the present proposal, we are going to be investing huge amounts of money on infrastructure which may well be made redundant during the second stage of the long term plan. I believe the PPC1 should be postponed until such a time that the Waikato Regional Council can give us definite answers to our questions about our long term ability to farm our farms.

The consultation process by WRC has been practically non-existent.

In the event that this PPC1 continues as scheduled, I will elaborate on my concerns at my hearing of my submission.

I expect that as other submissions and amendments to the PPC1 become available, I will be able to formally comment on them.