

KEY ISSUES FOR SHEEP AND BEEF FARMERS

Waikato Regional Council is currently consulting on its proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. The Council is seeking submissions on the proposed plan until **5pm 8 March 2017**. This template has been created to help you get involved.

Get involved

It is critical that you get involved in the process directly. The plan and its implementation will influence how you manage your land, so it is important that you understand what is being proposed and that you have your say.

- For more information on the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 visit: <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Plans-under-development/Healthy-Rivers---Plan-for-Change/>
- Review B+LNZs one page summary and full brief of the key issues by visiting the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Website: <http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2016/october/healthy-rivers/>
- Download a copy of the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 at: <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/PageFiles/46657/PlanChange1.pdf>
- Attend a B+LNZ Farmer Submission Workshop near you in November, visit the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Website for the schedule: <http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2016/october/healthy-rivers/>
- Provide feedback to the council online at: <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Plans-under-development/Healthy-Rivers---Plan-for-Change/Plan-change-1-have-your-say/>
- Provide your feedback to the council via email: healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz

Share your thoughts or get help with your submission by contacting Environment Policy Manager Corina Jordan: corina.jordan@beeflambnz.com , mobile 027 202 7337.

Instructions for using this template:

- Make sure you complete the covering sheet on the first page of the submission form.
- Delete or add table rows as required – you can say as much or as little as you like, you're not limited to commenting on just the Plan sections included in the template.
- You must either support or oppose a part of the plan and ask for the council to make a decision on your submission point
- Wherever possible, try to back up your statements with examples from your own experiences, and/or cost implications on your farm business.
- **Your feedback must be lodged with Waikato Regional Council by 5pm on Wednesday 8 March 2017.**



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WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS

Please consider forwarding a copy of your submission to B+LNZ so we can echo your comments in our submission

I am writing this submission to future proof farming for my family and our community. I have been on my current farm for 2 years and presently have to work off farm to help support my farming business. I have already done fencing to help protect some areas for erosion.

In the past on previous properties we have instigated / set up a QEII trust block in northland and fenced off areas to prevent stock crossing the waterways unless they are having to be moved. We have fenced areas and planted trees to stop soil erosion and slips.

I believe I have been protecting my property without being ordered to do it, + will continue to be responsible.

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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.

J Simpson 9/2/17
Signature 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>Provision</p> <p>Objectives 1 and 3 Policy 5 and 7 This is rule 3.11.5.3 - 3.11.5.5</p>	<p>I support / oppose / and for each whether or not you wish to amend <i>1 oppose</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>There is no certainty about what will happen in 10 years time, so how can I put a plan in place now</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> <p>We want it modelled and clearly set out what the land will be in 80 yrs time.</p>

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<p>Objectives 1 and 4 Rules Policy 2 and 7 Objectives 1 and 4 Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7 Schedule 1</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">I oppose it</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>This rewards the polluted's. AS farmers that have a high N usage can continue to do that. And on my property I did not apply over any N in the years past as I was a new farm owner and under financial restrictions The cost of getting advisors in isn't will be extremely high and uneconomical Hill farmers are disadvantaged compared to the dairy farmers.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>that we forget the effects nitrogen reference point and we deal on farm with the effects, every property will be different</p>

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<p>Provision</p> <p><i>Stock exclusion</i></p> <p><i>Rule 3.11.5.1 and 3.11.5.2</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>this should follow national guidelines.</i></p> <p><i>In over many cases there is no alternative stock water. A large over my property I have a long length of stream boundary but due to steepness of bank the stock can not access the river, except into two small crossings. In flood plains the block fences would get wiped out so it is highly impractical and uneconomical.</i></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> <p><i>That fencing should be used when practical for stock exclusion into waterways and not a blanket rule on all waterways to be fenced.</i></p>
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<p><i>Farm Environment Plans</i></p> <p><i>Policy 2</i></p> <p><i>Rules 3.11.5.3 to</i></p> <p><i>3.11.5.7</i></p> <p><i>and</i></p> <p><i>Schedule 1</i></p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p><i>That they are completely impractical and financially unachievable.</i></p> <p><i>There are very limited numbers of people who could deliver these documents.</i></p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>that we support a provision of management plans with amended rules so that farmers can do a lot of this work themselves.</i></p>

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<p><i>Policy 6</i> <i>Rule 3.11.5.7</i> <i>Objective</i></p>	<p><i>the rules are inflexible</i></p>	<p><i>allow more flexibility around change of land use</i></p>

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