

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

MY NAME IS JOR MCLUNIE. MY WIFE MAKSARET AND I FARM OVER 60.5 ha ON THE WAIKATARA ROAD, WHERE WE FARM BEEF CATTLE.

THE FARM IS ROLLING TO STEEP CONTOURS WITH ONE SMALL STREAM RUNNING OUT OF THE PROPERTY, WHICH IS FED BY SURROUNDING SLOPES RAIN RUNOFF. THERE ARE SOME SWAMPY AREAS IN THE VALLEY. THERE ARE 9 DAMS ON THE PROPERTY FED BY THE RAIN RUNOFF. OUR YEARLY RAINFALL IS ABOUT 1500-1700mm PER YEAR.

WE RUN 40-45^{BEEF} CATTLE PLUS CALVES, WHICH WE SELL AT 6-8 MONTH WEANERS, PLUS ONE BREEDING BULL. WE ARE DELIBERATELY UNDER STOCKED SO AS NOT TO CAUSE HILLSIDE EROSION.

THE STEEP SLOPES AND SLOPES CONTAIN NATIVE MANUKA, PUNGA FERN, AND OTHER TREES INCLUDING NATIVE KANUKA. THIS HELPS FILTER WATER GOING INTO THE SMALL STREAM, AS WELL AS HELPING TO PREVENT HILLSIDE EROSION.

DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS, THE SMALL STREAM ALMOST COMPLETELY DRIES UP AND STOPS FLOWING, DUE TO DIMINISHED HILLSIDE RUN OFF. IT IS MY INTENTION TO HAVE THE STREAM WATER TESTED DURING ITS FLOW PERIOD, FOR NITROGEN RUNOFF, PHOSPHATE RUN OFF, SEDIMENT AND E COLI LEVELS.

WE HAVE USED RPR (PHOSPHATE ROCK) FERTILISER FOR OVER 20 YEARS. WE APPLY 18-20 TONNES BY HA EVERY 3-4 YEARS. RPA IS A 'SWEET' FERTILISER, SOIL MICROBE FRIENDLY AND HELPS RETAIN CARBON IN THE SOIL. WE DO NOT USE UREA OR OTHER AMMONIUM BASED FERTILISER, OR SUPER PHOSPHATE FOR THE REASONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

IF THE PLAN CHANGE GOES AHEAD IN ITS PROPOSED PRESENT FORM, IT WILL COST US THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FOR A CONSENT AND FOR FENCING. I FEEL VERY STRONGLY THAT THE PLAN UNJUSTLY PENALISES US, IN SPITE OF THE CARE WE HAVE TAKEN TO FARM WITH MINIMUM ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT, ON THE LAND WE OWN.

THE MARKET VALUE OF OUR PROPERTY WILL BE DIMINISHED BECAUSE OF THE RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED.

IN MY HUMBLE OPINION, THE ONLY WAY TO RETURN THE RIVER TO 1863 STANDARDS, WOULD BE TO REFOREST THE ENTIRE WAIKATO RIVER BASIN AND DEPOPULATE IT ENTIRELY! A GREAT ASPIRATION, BUT TOTALLY IMPRACTICAL TO IMPLEMENT.

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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

To: Waikato Regional Council
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Hamilton East
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HAMILTON 3240

Complete the following

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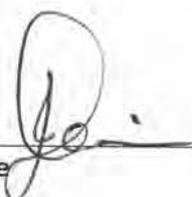
Phone (Cell): NO CELLPHONE AT HOME

Postcode: 2697

Email: jcmccune@gmail.com

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.


Signature _____ date 18-2-2017

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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 OBJECTIVES ONE AND THREE. POLICY FIVE AND SEVEN. RULES THREE - 11.5.3 - 3.11.5.5</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NO LONG TERM CERTAINLY PARTICULARLY AFTER THE FIRST 10 YEARS. WILL WE BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FARMING UNDER THESE PROPOSALS? 	<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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MODEL OF WHAT THIS WILL LOOK LIKE AFTER 80 YEARS - CLEARLY SET OUT. IF COUNCIL REQUIRED TREES PLANTED AS PART OF 80 YEAR PLAN RATHER THAN FARMLANDS, WHAT ABOUT COMPENSATION?

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<p>OBJECT</p> <p>OBJECTIVES 1 AND 4</p> <p>POLICY 2 AND 7</p> <p>RULES 3.11.5.3 TO 3.11.5.7</p> <p>SCHEDULE ONE.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p><u>DOES NOT</u> REWARD THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN CONSERVATION MINDED - IT REWARDS THE BIG POLLUTERS / USERS OF NITROGEN. OVER SEER DOES NOT WORK IN HILL COUNTRY - 48% ERROR!</p> <p>WILL WE HAVE TO REDUCE OUR NITROGEN EVEN FURTHER IN 10 YEARS?</p> <p>THERE IS <u>NOT</u> A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>THE NITROGEN REFERENCE POINT IS SET ASIDE AND BE REPLACED BY AN ACTUAL MEASUREMENT ON EACH FARM.</p>

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<p>Provision</p> <p>RULES 3.11.5.1 RULE 3.11.5.2</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>THE EXPENSE INVOLVED IN FENCING. THE STEEPER THE COUNTRY THE LESS STOCK YOU CAN RUN.</p> <p>IN DRY YEARS THE STREAM DRIES UP COMPLETELY, AS DO THE SWAMPY AREAS IN THE VALLEYS.</p> <p>THE DAMS ON THE PROPERTY ARE THE <u>ONLY</u> SOURCE OF STOCK WATER. (HOUSE IS ON RAIN WATER) TO PUT DOWN A BOLA WOULD BE TOO EXPENSIVE.</p> <p>HOW DO YOU MEASURE 25° DEGREE SLOPE? HOW DOES THE PLAN OUTLINE THIS?</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>THE RETENTION OF TREES AND TITREE ON SLOPES ABOVE WATERWAYS AND SURROUNDING WET AREAS, TO LIMIT RUNOFF AND SEDIMENT, DURING THE WET MONTHS.</p>
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<p>Policy 6</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: WHY SHOULD IWI FARMERS BE EXCLUDED FROM THE PLAN - IT IS TOTALLY UNFAIR.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD.</p>

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<p>FARM MANAGEMENT PLAN</p> <p>POLICY 2</p> <p>RULES 3.11.5.3 TO 3.11.5.7</p> <p>SCHEDULE ONE</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>THE COST OF COMPLYING WITH THE POLICY, RULES AND SCHEDULE. THE COST OF THE CONSENT.</p> <p>THE WHOLE THING IS <u>NOT</u> PRACTICAL. WHERE ARE THE TRAINED PEOPLE? IT WILL BE A SHAMBLES.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>WHAT ABOUT THE REGIONAL RATES WHICH WE ALL PAY OVER AND ABOVE OUR GENERAL RATES, AND WHICH WE HAVE PAID FOR NEARLY 15 YEARS.</p>

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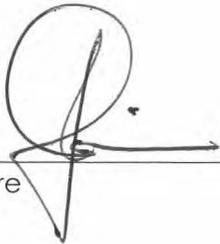
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Yours sincerely

Print Name: *JOE McCLUNIE*

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Joe McClunie', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized with a large loop at the top and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Signature

18-2-2017

Date