

Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers
We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.	

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS <i>(select appropriate)</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> I could / <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)*

Policy 2C & 2D

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 spend many hours/days/weeks/months learning and implementing environmentally friendly ways to farm and look after the environment then turn around and spend more time and money actively educating and opening my farm to help other farmers improve their farms and become more sustainable. I have spent thousands of dollars and hours proactively changing from a conventional dairy farm operation to a FULLY CERTIFIED ORGANIC DAIRY farm. These costs have come in lower production, animals lost to the herd as we had to cull extensively as we could not use penicillin and the modern dairy cow has been bred on penicillin etc. Costs of training staff have been huge as they have learnt and made mistakes on the job...at my expense. Extra costs also include the likes of more extensive soil testing to cover both mineral and biological aspects of the soil. The costs associated with establishing a diverse biology and the establishment of a diverse pasture. I have eliminated the use of Urea and similar products and now happily use natural fertilisers in the non ionic (covalent) state to by and large eliminate mineral leachates and improve the biology and holding capacity of the soil.

I have actively promoted the right biology fungi, bacteria and protozoa to make the covalent molecular structure available to the plants through the biological action without the minerals becoming water soluble. The soil is like a sponge now and holds ONTO both water and nutrients. It is a pleasure to see my farm green while the rest of the district is brown over summer months.

I have grown a large range of plants in the pasture to ensure cow health. Every plant lives in a symbiotic relationship with its own specialized fungi, bacteria etc. Mycorrhiza is an amazing part of this relationship. These fungi, bacteria etc extract minerals from the non soluble covalent minerals and feed them to the plant in the plant available ionic state. In exchange for the minerals the fungi and bacteria receive sugars from the plant. A happy and natural partnership where EVERYONE wins. The diversity of pasture plants all function at different depths so we grow a diverse range of fungi and bacteria throughout the depth of the soil. This helps extensively with looking after the soil during particularly the difficult winter and summer seasons. Diversity and quantity of bacteria and fungi at multiple depths hold and trap leachates from cow urine patches thus further reducing the leachates from the farm. The stock also pass less leachates in their urine as the pasture they eat is of a different chemical makeup to the conventional fertilized and urea grown grass. Also the biology INSIDE the cows stomach and gut is healthy and plays a big part towards lessening the negative effects of any excreted bodily fluids. This internal biology is maintained and improved by the stock eating good quality biology sustaining food. I ONLY use soil friendly fertilizers and soil improvers and the improvement in my soil is amazing. This passes on to having healthier stock, and producing quality sort after milk and meat that have health giving properties that conventional milk and meat does not. These are commonly known as the higher Omega 3 and 9 life giving fats but are not limited to just these. My aim is to 'turn' the whole farm into a 'compost bin' meaning improving the soil back to a very healthy state. This really is just a small and brief outline of what I have achieved and are still proactively doing.

I am doing and achieving exactly what you want for the soil and water ways but the way the Healthy Rivers Plan is

written up at the moment TOTALLY UNDERMINES me and screws me financially. I obviously agree with the outcome you are trying to achieve but TOTALLY DISAGREE with how the Waikato Regional Council is going about achieving it. This plan as it is at the moment will do me out of 100's of thousands of dollars if not MILLIONS of dollars. I am doing exactly what you want but unfortunately the plan is faulty and so gives me zero consideration for what I have already proactively achieved. This is wrong on so many levels including morally. I will not let my farm go back even a little bit towards the conventional farming system as I know that system of farming is flawed and very bad for the environment and so this now drags HUGE chunks of equity out of my property all because I am doing and achieving exactly what we all philosophically want to see happen. The way the system is being set up at the moment when I come to sell my farm it will only have a buying pool of perhaps 300 organic farmers instead of the usual 15000+ conventional farmers. This essentially means that I am committing economic suicide because I am a pioneer in being a biological farmer looking after the environment.

In order to encourage people into organic farming without the loss of huge equity in their farm I propose that any Asure Quality or Bio Gro registered farming operations have the right to have the farm revert to the average leachate levels of the district if they so wish.

Because the average leachate will be dropping for the district and because there are so few truly organic focused farmers this will not really affect the leachate levels but it will ensure that the very greenest of the green are not having the equity in their properties stolen just because they have tried to forge an extraordinarily beneficial, environmentally friendly path at huge personal cost. To keep the biological movement moving forward to look after OUR planet we need to take this opinion into consideration. If not then in my opinion it will actually slow down the process and be morally bereft.

If this is not implemented in some way it will make life EXTREMELY difficult for the likes of Fonterra and OCD and Kiwi Organic HUB to build and expand the organic exports that they are wishing to do. Fonterra is crying out for more organic suppliers but farmers will not change when they realise that in the long run they will lose millions when it comes time to sell their farms.

Thank you

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 below
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined below

Amend as follows:

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.
- X 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

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

Signature Kym Davey

Date 8 March 2017

Personal information is used for the administration of the submission process and will be made public. All information collected will be held by Waikato Regional Council, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

I have completed this to the best of my ability. I am unsure in some cases which boxes to tick. If you are not sure what I mean, please contact me. Thank you

Additional sheet to assist in making a submission

Section number of the Plan Change	Support /Oppose	Submission	Decision sought
Please refer to title and page numbers used in the plan change document	Indicate whether you support or oppose the provision.	State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.	State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.