

**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.

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

My name is John Taylor and I am a 73 year old farmer that has spent a lifetime on my 250ha drystock farm, located in the Karapiro subcatchment, priority 3.

I have always farmed simply and attempted to improve my farm where possible. My father was passionate about the native bush when he farmed this property and we have tried to continue his legacy by putting bush into covenants, which we have been able to do with almost all of the native bush on the property.

In a traditional sheep farming area, I began running dairy grazers and rearing calves in the 1980's. The property is now run as a dairy support and beef finishing unit.

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The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words to that effect'. The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including Objectives, Policies, or other rules, or restructuring of the Plan, or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought.

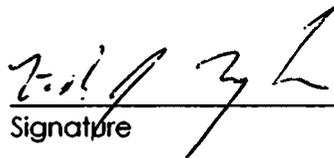
The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that:		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
	SUPPORT / OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
<p><i>Stock Exclusion Schedule C, Rule 3.11.5.1, 3.11.5.2, 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4, 3.11.5.6 and any consequential amendments</i></p>	<p>I support with amendments</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - I support the intention to keep cattle out of the waterways, where practically possible. The cost to permanently fence all of the waterways on our farm will be huge, with most having to be built without machinery, considering the terrain. It will be an enormous job considering the number of streams we have on our property, and is a cost that the next generation has to face. - Weed control and maintaining fences along waterways and retired areas is costly and will take a lot of extra time. - It will be impractical to fence to the specified setback distances in many instances, as bulldozed tracks may be required. 	<p>I seek that the provision is amended so that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The requirement to exclude cattle from waterways is determined on a farm by farm basis.

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The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that:		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
<p><i>Partial withdrawal of Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1.</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>The Waikato Regional Council needs to consider all parties affected by Plan Change 1 as one entity. Withdrawal of part of the plan is unfair and creates uncertainty for all parties involved.</p>	<p>The entire plan should be withdrawn until the Waikato Regional Council treats the whole catchment as one.</p>
<p><i>Restricting Land Use Change Rules 3.11.5.6 and 3.11.5.7 and any consequential amendments.</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>I want my family to be given the opportunity to farm this property into the future. Their ability to do so could be affected by a change in the value of the land and the profit that can be made from it.</p> <p>I believe in the value of rural communities and do not want to see declining farm profitability affecting the prosperity of small towns. I would hate to see much of the Waikato's beautiful farmland turned into housing because the land is no longer economic to farm.</p>	<p>Amending the land use change rules to be considered on a farm by farm basis.</p>

Yours sincerely

Kenneth Rowland John Taylor


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