

**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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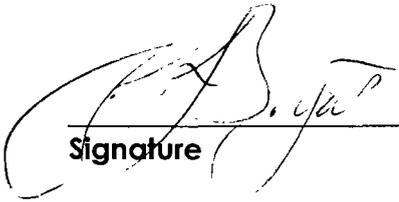
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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

**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 Kerry Bryant. My husband and I have owned our farm in Arohena for almost 24 years. I have lived all my life on farms. Both sides of my family have been farmers for many generations. I am married to a farmer who also has many generations of farming in his family – farming is well and truly in our blood. I was brought up with the ethos of trying to leave the environment in a better state than when we arrived and have tried to instil this into our children also. Sizable areas of the farm I grew up on (now my brother's farm) have been put in the QEII trust. We have planted trees and erected new fences and change fence lines to restrict stock access or reduce stock movement to elevate possible erosion. We farm stock classes to suit the land. Two of our children are currently farming and aspire to be farm owners in the future. We have no desire to leave them a rundown, erosion prone, polluted farm. I believe most drystock farmers are farmers because they love the land. If this were not the case then for the vast majority, they would not be farming as in most cases the financial return on the capital investment is very poor and they would be far better off investing their time and energy elsewhere.

***While I support the plan in principle, I have the following concerns and would like to see the proposal put on hold until the following have been addressed:***

- I have doubts about the science around the desirable outcomes and feel the desired outcome of drinkable and swimmable water is not obtainable – just one example is that the Mangatautari Ecological Island Reserve has no animals in the waterways yet the water is undrinkable due to e-coli from the birds.
- I don't feel I am able to fully complete my submission due to not knowing how the proposed changes will be applied.
- I have serious concerns about putting time, energy and finances into this when I don't know what will be in Plan Change 2 and if what we do now will need to be redone under subsequent Plan Changes.
- I don't feel I have had adequate consultation from the Waikato Regional Council.

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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.

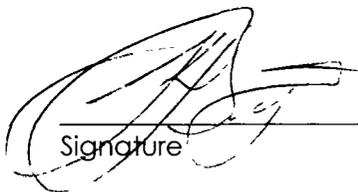
The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that:		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
	SUPPORT / OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
<p>3.11.5.2</p> <p>Nitrogen leaching grandparented to highest annual loss rate calculated for either the 2014/15 or 2015/16 and must be no greater than 15kg/n/ha/yr</p> <p><i>And any relevant standards</i></p>	<p>I oppose this rule.</p>	<p>Land use should be based on its potential not it's current or historical use.</p> <p>Grandparenting Nitrogen leaching levels penalizing those that have been proactive in the past and have introduced farm management procedures (reduced stock numbers) to cater for adverse weather and environmental conditions over the past couple of years.</p> <p>Going forward, this will limit our ability to adequately manage our farm business to allow good feed growth periods.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is deleted in its entirety</p>
<p>3.11.5.7</p> <p>Changes in land use from woody vegetation to farming, or from Drystock to Dairy, or arable cropping to dairy, require resource consent.</p>	<p>I oppose this rule.</p>	<p>This is limiting the ability of farmers to adjust to the markets, affecting their ability to manage their business in the most productive manner.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is deleted in its entirety</p>

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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>Policy direction is that these applications will generally be declined with the exception of Maori owned land.</p>		<p>I am lead to believe that the Waikato Regional Council Healthy Rivers Wai Ora – Proposed Plan Change has come about due to Te Treaty o Waitangi. As such I cannot see why Tangata Whenua and Taiuiwi should be treated differently – surely we should all be working towards the same goals. I consider this a form of racism – discrimination based on ethnicity.</p>	

Yours sincerely

Kerry Bryant



Signature

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