

**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.

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Signature Todd G Oliver

date: 8th March 2017



Signature Donna H Oliver

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Introduction

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

We are sheep and beef farmers, farming in the Aria district; west coast zone.

Our stock ratio fluctuates with each season and can vary from 48% sheep:52% cattle in late winter/spring to 62% sheep: 38% cattle in summer. My family have been farming in Aria for close on three decades. We are constantly maintaining and upgrading our infrastructure such as water systems, tracks and fences. Our future aspiration is to plant more trees and fence off waterways where this is sensibly and logically viable and done over an extended period of time (*with hopefully some government assistance*) so our farming business can afford such an exorbitant expense.

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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.

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	<p>SUPPORT / OPPOSE</p>	<p>REASON</p>	<p>RELIEF SOUGHT</p>
<p><i>Provision</i></p>	<p>I oppose:</p> <p>Stock Exclusion: Rule 3.11.5.1 Rule 3.11.5.2 Rule 3.11.5.3 Rule 3.11.5.4</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>My hill country property has numerous tributaries and we also have a large boundary with the Mokau River. Fencing off every waterway would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be financially crippling <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Plus the added cost of replacing fencing caused from on-going flooding (Mokau River) • Make our farming systems disruptive <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Difficult to move and manage livestock • Create excessive weeds growing in the fenced-off areas such as blackberry and gorse <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chemically controlling this would cause chemical leakage directly into the waterways ○ Weeds would grow over the top of electric one-wire fence and short out power • Difficult to find qualified fencers. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In our local area there are less than five qualified fencers available ○ The current waiting period for their services is up to 6 months or more 	<p>I seek that the provision is: amended and any changes should be done on a case by case consideration.</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>The topography of each farm should be individually assessed and full consultation with the farmer/owner should be carried out to formulate an acceptable and workable solution</i> • <i>There should be government assistance available to assist with fencing costs</i> • <i>Change my stocking policy</i> • <i>Avoid over stocking with cattle, use more sheep for grazing in steeper areas</i> • <i>Install water troughs</i>

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Yours sincerely

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Signature

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