

# PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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

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**FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991**

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## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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**We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.**

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## TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS

- I could /  could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am /  am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- (a) adversely effects the environment, and
  - (b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

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).

Schedule B - "Nitrogen reference point"

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 support the use of the "N reference point" for all properties (inc dry stock), because it is a key tool in achieving the vision and strategy.

My concern is the 2 reference years are potentially too narrow, and may adversely affect some farms depending on their stage of development. We need an option to look at longer time lines (5 years historical or intended land use at purchase).

As an example we purchased an adjoining maize block in mid July 2014 with the intention of putting it back into pasture and significantly lowering it's environmental footprint.

To achieve this we had to run a significantly lower stocking rate over our whole farm system in both the reference years (this was due to spring pasture renewal and rebuilding soil structure and fertility after 7 years of continuous cropping by the previous owner).

Lucerne was planted on 23% of the new block (cut & carry system) to minimize the effect of dry summers and to replenish soil organic matter and structure.

In the 2015/16 season we had a very favorable summer resulting in only half the Lucerne bales being fed.

This puts us in an awkward situation going forward because in a drier summer when all bales are fed we will be over our N reference numbers, extra calves were also reared in 2015 as part of our restocking program for the new block, further increasing our footprint.

Both reference years don't show a true reflection of our farming operation both historically and intended with the new purchase. Environmentally we have done a good thing for water quality significantly lowering the footprint of the new block by changing land use and fencing off the waterways but now due to timing of the purchase we will be unfairly constrained.

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



**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

**Section number of the Plan Change:** Schedule C - stock exclusion

**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

*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.*

I 100% support the stock exclusion rules but have one concern. Allowing sheep to have access to filter strips has the potential to degrade the effectiveness of the filter strip.

If sheep are to be run on the property in conjunction with cattle they should also be excluded from having access to waterways.

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Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

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