

# 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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Date 3/3/2017

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## **SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments**

I own a 330HA dairy farm in Reporoa milking 1100 cows

I run 3.3 cows/ha and we have a Nitrogen reference point of 80kgN/ha. All our waterways have been fenced off and retired. We irrigate 2/3 of the farm.

In the future, I plan to upgrade our water irrigation and effluent irrigation system to help reduce our Nitrogen reference point. To justify doing this we would need a consent of 20 years.

I am concerned about the following issues with PC1

- Major negative impact on profitability
- Reduce the likelihood that we would invest in infrastructure that would reduce our environmental impact.
- We are concerned that this plan will force us to significantly reduce our stocking rates.

I support the submission that has been lodged by Federated Farmers. I am particularly concerned about the following aspects of Plan Change 1:

- The significant negative effect on rural communities
- The cost and practicality of the rules.
- The effect that the Nitrogen Reference Point will have on my business and my economic wellbeing.
- The Farm Environment plan requirements leading to unnecessary and costly regulation of inputs, outputs, normal farming activity and business information
- The costs and practicality of the rules and requirements for stock exclusion, the Nitrogen Reference Point and the Farm Environment Plan.
- The timeframes for complying with the Nitrogen Reference Point rules which are too short and unachievable
- The plan significantly exceeding the 10 year targets in many attributes and areas
- The lack of science and monitoring at the sub catchments level

I am concerned about the implications all of this will have for my property and for my current activity as described above. I set out my concerns more specifically in the table below.

**SUBMISSION POINTS: Specific comments**

<b>Page No</b>	<b>Reference (e.g. Policy, or Rule number)</b>	<b>Support or Oppose</b>	<b>Decision sought Say what changes to Plan Change 1 you would like</b>	<b>Give Reasons</b>
40	Rule 3.11.5.2 Permitted Activity Rule – Other farming activities			
41	Rule 3.11.5.3 Permitted Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan under a Certified Industry Scheme	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend 3.11.5.3 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-reducing stocking rates</li> <li>-reducing profitability</li> <li>-reducing the number of people we employ</li> <li>-reducing the money we invest in environmental projects</li> </ul> <p>I am also concerned that this is not practical because it Will force such a major change in our farming systems In such a short time-period.</p>

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42	<b>Rule 3.11.5.4</b> Controlled Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan not under a Certified Industry Scheme	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend 3.11.5.4 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including -reducing stocking rates -reducing profitability -reducing the number of people we employ -reducing the money we invest in environmental projects  I am also concerned that this is not practical because it will force such a major change in our farming systems in such a short time-period.
44	<b>Rule 3.11.5.5</b> Controlled Activity Rule – Existing commercial vegetable production			
45	<b>Rule 3.11.5.7 Non-Complying Activity Rule</b> – Land Use Change	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend 3.11.5.7 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including forcing us to keep our drystock land as the same land use  I am also concerned that this is not practical because we need the ability to change land use as we see fit. These restrictions are overly onerous and will significantly affect the value of our drystock land

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46	Schedule A: Registration with Waikato Regional Council			
47	Schedule B: Nitrogen Reference point	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including  Decreasing production  Decrease the value of my land  This will dictate land use rather than being market lead and will reduce our ability to respond to market signal. Because our profitability will decrease we will have less capital to put into upgrading our infrastructure which will reduce our N reference point.</p> <p>We don't believe we can reduce our N leaching rates by more than 10% without significantly affecting our profitability and thus viability.</p>
50	Schedule C: Stock Exclusion	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule C as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	

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51	<b>Schedule 1:</b> Requirements for Farm Environment Plans	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule 1 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including significant fencing costs. A significant proportion of our land will become uncultivable and thus significantly less productive.</p> <p>I am also concerned that this is not practical because we may not be able to afford the requirements that are put in the FEP</p>