

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

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## TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS *(select appropriate)*

- 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:
- adversely effects the environment, and
  - 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).*

**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 oppose the Land Use Change Rule for the following reasons and offer a suggested change that could be made to the plan

**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

**PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION**

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.
- I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

**JOINT SUBMISSIONS**

- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

**IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW**

- Yes, I have attached extra sheets.
- No, I have not attached extra sheets.

**SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER**

Signature: M Bateup

Date: 8/3/17

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

**Section number of the Plan Change:**

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

Support     Oppose

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**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.*

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### 3.11.5.7 Land Use Change

I oppose the Land Use Change Rule for the following reasons and offer a suggested change that could be made to the plan for a better outcome for everyone.

I believe farmers should be able to grow vegetable crops without having it classed as 'Non-Complying' providing they do not exceed discharges of N, P or sediment based on the reference years. I have included justification below.

The plan currently separates Arable cropping and Vegetable cropping into two different land use categories, with vegetable production classed as the more intensive Land use. Certain variations in species of crop can have near identical crop establishment techniques, nutrient inputs and nutrient removal levels, with one crop classed as an arable crop and the other variation being a vegetable crop.

My specific example relates to Maize grain and Sweetcorn, both variations of zea mays, yet one is classed an Arable Crop and one a Vegetable crop. We grow both crops on our property in Waiterimu, North Waikato.

One would assume that with sweetcorn being a vegetable crop and hence being classed as land use type 'Commercial Vegetable Production' (highest intensity land use than arable) that it would have a higher output of the classified contaminants (N, P, sediment) than Maize, however, this is not the case.

There is one main difference in system when comparing a Sweetcorn crop to a Maize grain crop in the Waikato.

The harvesting of a sweetcorn crop is usually finished by February-March and this allows a cover crop or permanent pasture to be re-established prior to winter. This soaks up the left-over nutrients and helps stabilise the soil by having a cover of vegetation during winter.

A maize grain crop is generally harvested April-May, thus meaning it is generally too late to sow a cover crop or establish permanent pasture before winter.

In the above outlined situation, under 'typical' management with 'typical' inputs the sweetcorn (vegetable) crop would leach less N and loose less sediment than the maize grain (arable) crop.

I know this is not the case with all other vegetable crops but does highlight the point that there should not be such a great separation between the two land uses as set out in the plan.

Under this land use change rule, we are not allowed to increase the area of sweetcorn beyond the maximum area we have grown in the last 10 years, without applying for a Non-Complying resource consent to change land use, even if we don't exceed our Nitrogen reference point for our property.

This rule relating to land use change and Commercial Vegetable Production doesn't seem to have been written from the view of the farmer growing the vegetable crops themselves, but rather from the view of them leasing the land out to a Market Gardener. (hence the 10 year window).

I believe we should not need to apply for a resource consent to change land use (or it be not classed as Non-Complying) on our property if we are increasing the area of vegetable crop and decreasing the area of arable crop or other farming activity, providing we do not; a) exceed our whole farm Nitrogen reference point and b) complete crop establishment procedures or cultivation that increase the risk of sediment loss. Currently the crop establishment techniques and cultivation are identical whether we are planting maize or sweetcorn.

I suggest that it should not matter whether it is an Arable or Vegetable crop being grown, if we do not exceed our discharge of contaminants relative to our reference point, there will be no greater negative effects on the environment. No consent should be needed to change between growing either vegetable or arable crops.

We need the flexibility to be able to change between these two land uses without it being classed as a Non-complying activity due to the cost and complexity.

I look forward to speaking at the hearing to further support these points and the positive changes that can be made.

Thank you

Mark