

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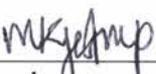
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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

~~I wish to be heard in support of this submission.~~


Signature

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<p>The specific provisions my submission relates to are:</p> <p>State specifically what Objective, Policy, Rule, map, glossary, or issue you are referring to.</p>	<p>My submission is that:</p> <p>State:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • precise details of the outcomes you would like to see for each provision. The more specific you can be the easier it will be for the Council to understand the outcome you seek
<p>Provision Rule 3.11.5.7 Non Complying Activity Rule - Land use change</p>	<p>I support/ <u>oppose</u> and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are: Restricting land use will greatly devalue this property because of being unable to change land use to dairy or any other farming practices. I also have concerns that if forestry is planted will it be able to be harvested in the future?</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small>

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<p>Provision Schedule C Stock exclusion.</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Fencing off all waterways and wetlands would have a negative environmental impact due to tracks having to be bulldozed on the sides of hills for fencing which will create more erosion and sediment into the waterways. * This farm has more than 15 km of waterways and swamps running through it and the cost of fencing off will be financially viable. * Fenced off waterways would become over run with blackberry and Tutsan which would require heavy application of chemical to control which would be harmful for water quality. This is already a problem on the banks of the Awakino river which we fenced off 10 years ago. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>As an alternative I believe the schedule should be amended to fencing off any rivers/streams that are over 2 metres wide and flow all year round.</p>
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<p>Provision <u>Schedule 1</u> <u>Requirements for farm environment plans.</u></p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend (delete as required)</p> <p>The reasons for this are: —</p> <p>* This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including the cost of doing the farm environment plan.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below (delete as required)</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative</p>
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<p>Provision <u>Schedule B</u> <u>Nitrogen reference Point.</u></p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend (delete as required)</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">* The method of finding your Nitrogen reference point can be incorrect by up to 40% and is using a system that was never designed for this kind of use.* It will also affect my ability in the future to increase production and keep up with the global demand for food because of having to destock to stay within the 75 percentile.	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below (delete as required)</p> <p><u>As an alternative I propose</u></p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i></p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>Schedule A: Registration with Waikato Regional Council</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I feel this is just another revenue gathering exercise and a lot of time would have to be taken to fulfil all the requirements adding to a farmer's already huge workload.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small>
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SUBMISSION POINTS: General Comments

I am in a family partnership on a 377 ha dry stock farm in Mahoenui, wintering 10.5 stock units per hectare. 70% sheep, 30% cattle. I have both breeding stock and finishing stock on my property.

The farm is located in the west coast catchment on the Awakino River. The farm has been in our family for 70 years and has always been an economical unit.

I have always been aware that we are all caretakers of the land and as well as make a living we want to leave it a better place for the next generation. Without having unnecessary policies and rules to guide me I have made the changes and installed an extensive water system so all our paddocks have water troughs, many with more than one and I use electric wires to keep stock from contaminating the waterways and doing damage to the banks. I graze the paddocks with the stock it is suited to so not to cause erosion and wash topsoil into the drains. We have planted hundreds of trees over the years for the benefit of the land and stock. I fertilize the land every year to keep it healthy and productive. This and more has been done over the years with no set timeline but as it is affordable. This year I have spent \$10000 on upgrading crossings to keep stock out of the waterways. I source most of my supplies from the local towns, which are also going to feel the effect of farmer's incomes being redirected into other areas.

In the future I have no real plans for any major changes, but if circumstances change I would like to have that option to be able to change my farming practices.

I am concerned for farming in the future.

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Yours sincerely

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