

# 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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## Land Use Change

### Rule 7

We have owned our farm for nearly 37 years. A dairy unit which over the course of any dairying season had hay and silage harvested, grew turnips as a fodder crop, grew maize for silage to be fed over the coming spring and of course grazed animals.

The cows were sold and the farm leased out. Different tenants have managed the property differently. Namely:-

1. Dairy grazing. Winter, dairy cows coming and going on a weekly basis. Spring, quick crop of grass silage cut and carted. Summer and autumn young dairy stock grazing.
2. Cut and cart grass and maize silage with some cattle to keep things tidy i.e. bulls & beef animals.
3. I have been approached to grow maize on the whole property.
4. The farm has similar soils to cropping farms around Waharoa so vegetable crops are also possible. (I have leased out 50ha for this season for potatoes on another farm, more profitable than dairying this season)
5. It could go back into dairying (shed, feed pad and effluent system are still operable)

The fact that different crops are grown on the farm makes no difference to the land. Fertiliser is still applied be it at different rates, according to plant requirement and farm fertility. Any of the above land uses on this farm will have a similar impact to the environment.

#### Conclusion

The need for consent does look like bureaucratic interference which has no benefit other than enabling Council to pry and also to impose extra costs to all. If there is a need for a consent every time I lease the farm to another farmer looks like in this case a situation of accidental consequence.