

**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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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.

Neil Langlands 6-3-17
Signature date



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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</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <i>(Delete as required)</i></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Try to justify your response using data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences</i> 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below <i>(delete as required)</i></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i>

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<p>Schedule C - Stock Exclusion</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>In some parts of Waikato/KC, geographically & physically, this is not always practicable. Could cause erosion, and sedimentation, extreme in some cases. Should a property be based at Head Waters of Water Supply, be given the opportunity to test the water first, then propose a plan of action of stock limitation to the waterway itself within reason.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What would be an appropriate alternative <p>Should be Case by Case Assessment. Each farm is different physically, some steeper than others with ravines, gorges where access for farming is impractical and dangerous and excessively expensive. Be flexible with stock exclusion.</p>

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Farm Management Plans	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I agree FMP's are effective but they need to be realistic + flexible. If there are many waterways throughout the property it would be unrealistic to have stock exclusion. This would cause extreme financial hardship impacting on the viability of the farming operation.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>need to have a realistic approach be more tailored & balanced, case by case.</p>

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<p>Financial Cost & Implementation of plan.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>The whole cost of the proposal should ^{not} be on the farmer as, historically the whole wider Waikato Kc Community has benefited tremendously from the farming sector for the last 100 years.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>Need for Subsidies to be adopted, be more realistic and flexible provisions proposal.</p>

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<p>Waikato Regional Plan Change 1.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Needs to be substantially revised. It doesn't consider 2 key components of sustainability. The economic & social aspects. If all farming businesses were to comply, they couldn't afford it having a negative ^{economic} impact on many rural communities which would effect regional and national economies. This will impact on value of farmland, as it will be in 'the too hard' basket, discouraging farmers to farm. We all can't live in urban areas and have town jobs. Will have a negative impact on farmers equity.</p>	<p>Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative?</small></p> <p>Need to be educated on how to continue farming profitable while at the same time, reduce negative environmental impacts.</p>

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<p>Restriction of land use.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Very hard to set in concrete what farm types on a particular property - it stays the same. eg 60% Beef, 20% Sheep, 20% Deer or 60% Dairy, 20% forestry. Due to ongoing price fluctuations it would be financially risky if there's no flexibility to maintain a profitable business.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><small>What would be an appropriate alternative</small></p> <p>Should be case by case! forward planning, reviewable on a regular basis.</p>

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