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# 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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<b>Emailed to</b>	<a href="mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz">healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz</a> <i>Please Note: Submissions received my email must contain full contact details. We also request you send us a signed original by post or courier.</i>
<b>Online at</b>	<a href="http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers">www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers</a>
<b>We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.</b>	

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PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.
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I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

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OF

SUBMITTER

*(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)*

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Signature



Date

5/3/17.

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## SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments

I own 5 farms varying sizes and have a mix of Dairy and beef totally 1220 ha and 1200 cows and 1500 dry cattle, these farms are 2 in the upper Kairaporo catchment and Waipa.

I my reference points are around 45 on the dairy farms. We are stocked at between 2.8 to 3.2 cows/ha. We have voluntarily fenced all our waterways and have done a number of planting projects. We have retired land and currently are looking at retiring approx. 70 odd ha. s whether into Manuka or Pine trees. The cost of all these have been paid by us over the last 10 years at approx. about \$10.000.

We have been very supportive of having a sustainable farm operation and agree that there is a issue with the rivers. We have made considerable progress on keeping effluent out of rivers and using more land base applications.

I am concerned about the following issues with PC1.

- That are we all contributing to seeing succeed
- Why has Maori been given an out and not included in the whole plan, THIS IS PREDUJICE!!!
- If farmers do their part, WHAT ABOUT KINLEITH PULP PAPER MILL? (as they are not doing their part, JUST GO AND LOOK AT THERE DISCHARD INTO THE WAIKATO RIVER) and your monitoring sites prove this!!!!
- What about the sewage plants that aren't up to standard (Tokoroa, Hamilton) which all contribute to the state of the Waikato river
- Has science been 100% accurate blaming farmers alone for state of our waterways
- Yes, I agree that like all industry's we have people that give our industry's a bad name BUT NOT ALL,as farmers we have done a lot for the environment in the last 10 years

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 wish to be heard at the Hearing.

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</b> (e.g. Policy, or Rule number)	<b>Support or Oppose</b>	<b>Decision sought</b> Say what changes to Plan Change 1 you would like	<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.	

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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 when the 75% nitrogen reduction comes in this will effect the bottom line significantly.
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 having another activity to comply with. When does it stop
46	<b>Schedule A:</b> Registration with Waikato Regional Council			

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47	<b>Schedule B: Nitrogen Reference point</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>If reference point is reduced that will have a major impact financially to us, and I question why is nitrogen targeted and question why the biggest SINGLE contributor to nitrogen(KINLEITH)is not been perused vigorously to reduce this.</p> <p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including a reduced nitrogen reference point would overall reduce the amount of grass we grow thus reducing the output thus reducing profit. Lets be honest farming is a lifestyle but is primarily a business and if its not profitable reduces the overall value of the land.</p>
50	<b>Schedule C: Stock Exclusion</b>	<b>OPPOSE</b>	Amend Schedule C as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including Putting in fence lines which would have a negative impact on waterways due to erosion thus increasing sediment in the water.</p> <p>I am also concerned that this is not practical because SOME land is not able to be fenced and watered. We support having dairy cows excluded from waterways</p>
51	<b>Schedule 1: Requirements for Farm Environment Plans</b>	<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 the proof of placement. We purchase fertiliser to be put on our farms and having a map that we do that should be all is required, not employing someone to prove placement.</p>