

Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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I could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER
(The person authorized to sign on behalf of submitter)
(Signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means)

Signature <i>V. J. Stokes</i>	Date <i>8 March 2017</i>
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SUBMISSION POINTS: General comments

We own a Beef Grazing property in the lower reaches of the Mangawara Stream, Taupiri.

This property is subject to flooding after heavy rainfall and when the water is released from Lake Taupo. The stream runs to the Waikato River.

The Uapoto Drain also discharges into the Mangawara at this point. It is almost impossible to prevent any leaching at these flood times but we have fully fenced the riverside, voluntarily surrendered part of the property to wetland planting and the installation of a floating wetland pad and silt trap.

Flooding results in all cattle being shifted to property on the other side of the road when flooding occurs but there will always be the chance that cow dung and nitrogen runoff will be washed off upstream properties and ultimately land on this property and so accurate monitoring would be impossible.

In the future, we plan to continue to farm in the same way as long as it is economical to do so.

We are concerned about the following issues with PC1 : It will rely on generalisation; the paperwork will become draconian and the cost of implementation will be prohibitive and too costly. We object to this plan being monitored by a body of persons who have, in our lifetime, never been proactive; made some enormous and costly errors; and now expect others to pay and repair the damage i.e. the release of and non-control of koi carp which was an ill-conceived, lazy and quick solution but now eradication of same is an almost impossible and expensive operation which will no doubt result in funding being sought from ratepayers.

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

Page No	Reference (e.g. Policy, or Rule number)		Decision sought	Give Reasons
40	Rule 3.11.5.2 Permitted Activity Rule – Other farming activities	OPPOSE		<p>All information sought can be obtained from other sources.</p> <p>Most farmers prefer to be on the land rather than in an office filling in multiple forms for multiple bodies</p>
41	Rule 3.11.5.3 Permitted Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan under a Certified Industry Scheme	OPPOSE	Amend 3.11.5.3 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including the fact that this will be another financial pull on an already restricted income as the Farm Environment Planner will not in all probability, be paid by all Regional Council ratepayers but by the individual farmer.</p> <p>Who will monitor the training and the knowledge of these staff as there will be a lot of variables and these rules are too draconian.</p>

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42	Rule 3.11.5.4 Controlled Activity Rule – Farming activities with a Farm Environment Plan not under a Certified Industry Scheme	OPPOSE	Amend 3.11.5.4 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on my farming activities including the fact that this will be another financial pull on an already restricted income as the Farm Environment Planner will not in all probability, be paid by all Regional Council ratepayers but by the individual farmer.</p> <p>Who will monitor the training and the knowledge of these staff as there will be a lot of variables and these rules are too draconian.</p>
44	Rule 3.11.5.5 Controlled Activity Rule – Existing commercial vegetable production			
45	Rule 3.11.5.7 Non-Complying Activity Rule – Land Use Change	OPPOSE	Amend 3.11.5.7 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>Outside circumstances can influence farming operation e.g. land taken for government use such as expressways etc. can impact greatly on farming operations.</p>

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46	Schedule A: Registration with Waikato Regional Council			
47	Schedule B: Nitrogen Reference point	OPPOSE	Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on our farming activities including the cost of establishing a Reference point which is extremely variable. Who do you anticipate will supply and train the farmer with Overseer?</p> <p>All this information can be obtained from other sources and duplication just adds to the workload, costs and is an invasion of privacy.</p>
50	Schedule C: Stock Exclusion	OPPOSE	Amend Schedule C to include all animals Including horses, and all feral animals.	All animals are deemed to be equal.

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51	Schedule 1: Requirements for Farm Environment Plans	OPPOSE	Amend Schedule 1 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.	<p>This proposal will impose significant costs on or farming activities including the cost of a Farm Environment Planner which should be met by the Regional Council, the Government and the Tourist Board.</p> <p>We are also concerned that this is not practical because will there be enough fully trained and intelligent staff to carry out this work in a timely manner so all farming enterprises are treated equally.</p>