

**WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS**

Please consider forwarding a copy of your submission to [B+LNZ](#) so we can echo your comments in our submission

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 1.

Our names are Hayden and Susan Brooks and we are third generation farmers at Matira (part of sub-catchment 16). We farm sheep and cattle on 1300ha of beautiful rolling hill country.

Along with my father and grandfather before me we have had a long history of diligent land use and continue this to this day. We have a stringent nutrient plan in place to minimize the adverse effect of fertilizer on land and water ways.

On the farm we have annual tree planting plan which includes up 200 popular poles and recently some native tree plantings and have also started retiring land for pine tree planting.

We are also very involved in keeping feral animals to a minimum to minimize contamination.

We belong to a close knit and vibrant community of people who care about their land and regularly get together to discuss best farming practice. Our farm is more than just our livelihood, it is our home and where we spend so much of our time as a family. Our vision is to leave our two children with a productive farming operation which they can continue and be proud of.

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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.



Signature **date** 16/12/2017




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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><i>Provision</i></p> <p>Long Term Land Use</p> <p>Objectives: 1, 3 and 4</p> <p>Policy 5 and 7</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.5</p> <p>Schedule 1</p>	<p>I oppose</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This creates too much uncertainty as we don't know how much land potentially has to go into forestry/native bush • This creates potential for capital devaluation and unwillingness to invest in the future 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety</p>

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<p>Provision</p> <p>Nitrogen Reference Point</p> <p>Objectives: 1 and 4</p> <p>Policy 2 and 7</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7</p> <p>Schedule 1</p>	<p>I oppose</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are already low emitters and this does not support those who have done the right thing by the environment and effectively rewards high emitters • This is a poor nutrient allocation process • Sampling at the Rangiriri/Glen Murray Bridge shows that the sub-catchment is already at an acceptable level 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>Stock Exclusion</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.1 to 3.11.5.4</p>	<p>I support and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the National Water Accord only recommends that slopes up to 15 degrees be fenced, and this should apply. Also, it recommends a different definition of a water body which we are more comfortable with. • The cost of fencing hill country farms is prohibitive as demonstrated by the Federated Farmers study. • In the past, there have been cost subsidies to achieve this and there is nothing in the plan to indicate that this will continue. • The timing is unachievable for us in a priority 1 catchment. We require more time to plan and prepare in order to do a proper job. • There is no plan to control the goats and feral deer that will make these buffer zones hard to maintain. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: amended as set out below:</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>That the rules are changed to reflect recommendations by the National Policy Statement on Fresh Water.</p> <p>That the timelines are extended to allow better decision making with any consequential amendments arising from the submission process</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>Restricting Land Use Change Pages 15 - 16 Policy 6 Rule 3.11.5.7</p>	<p>I oppose</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This impacts on the potential value of our land into the future. • We feel that this is covered by all the other rules contained in the proposed plan. • This restricts the ability of future generations to develop the farming business. • It restricts our ability to react to changes in the market as well climatic changes and adverse weather effects. • It undermines the land owners right to utilize their land with current best practice. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>Farm Environment Plan</p> <p>Pages 15-16</p> <p>Policy 2</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7</p> <p>Schedule 1</p>	<p>I oppose and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This is too restrictive and binding. It does not take into account any changes which may need to be made due to adverse weather conditions. These changes will require sign-off by a Certified Farm Environment Planner which will be costly. • This will discourage innovation and people trying new systems as farmers will be locked into a Farm Environment Plan. • The timing is unrealistic given how comprehensive and binding the plan is. • There is a lack of Certified Farm Environment Planners which will result in sign-off being delayed and deadlines not being met. • The indicative cost of engaging a Certified Farm Environment Planner is prohibitive. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety</p>
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<p>Provision</p> <p>Contaminant Loss from Farm</p> <p>Objectives: 1 and 3</p> <p>Policy 1,2,4 and 7</p> <p>Rules 3.11.5.3 to 3.11.5.7</p> <p>Schedule 1</p> <p>Table 11-1</p>	<p>I support and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>The contribution that koi carp make needs to be included in this proposed plan</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>That the plan is adjusted to contain rules for the elimination of koi carp with any consequential amendments arising from the submission process</p>
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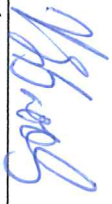
<p>Provision</p> <p>Sub-catchment Management Policy: 9 Implementation method: 3.11.4.1 and 3.11.4.5</p>	<p>I support and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We support the policy of a sub-catchment approach this is a fairer way of governing, problem areas within the catchment and promoting good catchment management. 	<p>I seek that the provision is: amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>We would like the allowance for sub-catchment approach included in the rules with any consequential amendments arising from the submission process</p>
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Yours sincerely

Print Name:

Hayden Brooks . Susan Brooks


Signature _____ Date 16/12/2017

