

**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.

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

We are the Browne Family and farm the property called Lanherne where the family have own since it was purchased by Francis Hicks in 1888. In this time, it has had several land uses and changes over this period, at the moment we are farming sheep and beef and dairy farmers plus have a horses training business working on the farm it now concise of 532.13 ha in the priority rank 1 35 sub catchment

At the Moment we run a 520 cow dairy operation along with the dairy replacements and carry over cows along with 1100 breeding ewes as well as flatting all home breed lambs with more brought in to finish number are determined on the seasonal conditions, plus we have about 300 cattle veering in age from calves to 2year cattle consisting of heifers and steers and bull depending on the arability depending on the seasonal availability, with about 40 horses at differing ages that involved with racing and polo sports.

At the moment we have 22 ha. In QWII, we also have approximately 39 ha. in native bush which show in the Waipa district plan. We have fenced good number of drains and water ways to date. With plans for doing for most of the other, as well as some riparian planting done.

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The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words to that effect'. The outcomes sought may require consequential changes to the plan, including Objectives, Policies, or other rules, or restructuring of the Plan, or parts thereof, to give effect to the relief sought.

<p>Restricting Land use change.</p> <p>Policy 6</p>	<p>My submission is that: You should be able to change land use</p>		<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p>
	<p>SURPORT/OPOSE</p>	<p>REASON</p>	<p>RELIEF SOUGHT</p>
<p><i>Provision 3.11.3</i> Policy 2 Pages 30</p>	<p>oppose</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>By doing this changes the value of our land, which can have a mayor effect on the ability for people to develop and grow their business.</p> <p>We would like to see the process of getting land use change a more streamline process, with things done in an easier to understand system with everybody on the same standards.</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I proposal.</p> <p>Land use change consent applications that demonstrate clear and enduring decreases in exiting diffuse discharges of nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment or microbial pathogens will be generally granted.</p>

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The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that: Farm Environment plans		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
	SUPPORT / OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
<p><i>Schedule 1.</i></p> <p><i>Rules 3.11.5.3, 3.11.5.4, 3.11.5.6</i></p>	<p>We oppose</p>	<p>Farm Environment Plans have a potential to greatly reduce farm flexibility in times of drought and flooding as these can major concern for the planning at these times.</p> <p>This would put more stress in these times as a FEP would have to be changes and then it need to go to council within 30 working days</p> <p>There appears to be no low cost appeal process available. As with all rules their different interpretations.</p>	<p>FEP should be tailored to individual property and focus on critical source management.</p> <p>An independent panel needs to be available to have continuity of interpretation of the rules</p>

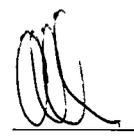
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The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that: We oppose the use of overseer		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
	SUPPORT / OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
Provision Schedule B – Nitrogen Reference Points	We oppose	Overseer is a very blunt tool and not designed for the purpose you require of it.	We ask that the use of Overseer is removed from the plan. Seek an individual approach to each farm on addressing contaminants that are relevant to each farm

Yours sincerely

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