

# 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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## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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## YOUR NAME AND CONTACT DETAILS

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## TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could /  could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am /  am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- adversely effects the environment, and
  - does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

## THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

Please state the provision, map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

Rule 3.11.5.2 - Permitted Activity Rule

## I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

## MY SUBMISSION IS THAT

Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specific provisions amended. (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

We believe that the Nitrogen Reference point is unfairly calculated and implemented. Below is why we feel strongly about this allocation of nutrients lost.

We feel that the by categorising farms into large catchments means there is a large variance in nitrogen reference points so that there is no benefit for the farmers who have had good mitigation strategies compared to their neighbours who have had an intensive system and not monitored their nutrient leaching. Therefore we oppose the nitrogen reference point because we have invested heavily in infrastructure to ensure we can minimise the nutrients leached into the ground water by constructing feed pads, updating our effluent system and changing our whole business system to ensure we can minimise our impact on the environment.

Each farm needs to be on a case by case basis so that, the so called polluters are put in a category so ensure they get further attention and monitoring. For example in one catchment if a dairy farmer's N leaching number is 50kg and his neighbour is 25kg then the requirement to decrease his N leaching figure should be less than the first farmer's. It therefore allows the first farmer to reduce his N leaching through better mitigation strategies and not impact the second farmer who will need to maintain/reduce his figure at a lesser percentage.

To calculate the "Nitrogen Leaching" figure we need to gain a better understanding with larger parameters to ensure each farmer with their different systems are correctly categorised into the correct area. To correctly allocate farms into the right catchment risk we need to gain a better understanding of their risk profile to the environment and this cannot be done successfully with Overseer.

## I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Accept the above provision
- Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

**PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION**

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.  
 I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

**JOINT SUBMISSIONS**

- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

**IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW**

- Yes, I have attached extra sheets.  No, I have not attached extra sheets.

**SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER**

Signature:



Date: 8/03/2017

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**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

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**Do you support or oppose the provision?**

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