

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

Submission Form

Submission on a publicly 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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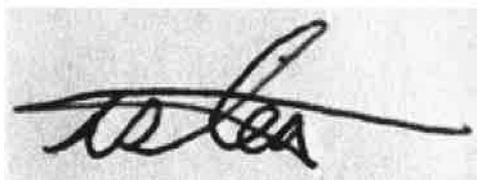
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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

I wish to be heard in support of this submission.



Signature

2 March 2017
date

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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.

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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>Provision</p> <p>Stock exclusion</p> <p>Schedule C Rule 3.11.5.1; 3.11.5.2 3.11.5.3 3.11.5.4 3.11.5.5 3.11.5.6</p> <p>And any consequential amendments arising from submission points</p>	<p>I oppose</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fencing on hill country is expensive and generally needs to follow ridges. • Hill country is not intensively farmed • 25 degree slope standard (rule 3.11.5.4) being required to be fenced 	<p>I seek that the provision is amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rule 3.11.5.4 (25° slope) be removed and replaced with intensity over 18 s/u ha

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<p>Provision (A) Nitrogen Reference point (Grand parenting)</p> <p>Rule 3.11.5.3 3.11.5.4 3.11.5.7</p> <p align="center">Schedule B</p> <p>Provision (B) A definition of stock unit and any consequential changes</p>	<p>I oppose</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>(A)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We have 8 wired (sheep proof) fenced over 4km of our waterways & planted over 17,000 native trees along riparian zone. • Farm 60% cattle 40% sheep ratio • Our over seer is 11 & 9 respectively <p>(We contour fence to improve our easier productive country but you are grand-parenting us at a low level for being good stewards of environment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are rewarding the polluters!! • We need flexibility for markets & innovation <p>(B) Should be using weights of animals WRC stock unit talk says Heifer calves goes from 1.6 su to 5.7 su 1 July regardless of weight!</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>(A) Use Olsen P from soil test as a reader for Nutrient loss</p> <p>Oversee more tailored to each farm</p> <p>(A) Adopt a sub-catchment approach</p> <p>(A) Use Natural capital (Land class not grand parenting as your tool</p> <p>(B) Use actual live weights therefore accurate stock units</p> <p>Delete N.R.P and requirements for farmers to be held at or below their N.R.P.</p>
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Provision	I oppose	As an alternative I propose
<p>Land use change provisions</p> <p>3.11.5.6 and 3.11.5.7</p> <p>And any consequential amendment arising from submissions</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We need flexibility to adjust to markets & weather patterns. • Not all land is well suited to its existing use e.g. steep dairy farms • Some pine tree plantations need not go back into pines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rules must relate to the land's natural capital (land soil types) the productive potential rather than a blanket rule based on existing use it needs to be land class suitability allowed flexibility. <p>Delete NRP</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (grand-parenting) claims & standards