

# PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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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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## ADDRESS FOR SERVICE OF SUBMITTER

Full name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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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:
- (a) adversely effects the environment, and
  - (b) 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).*

see my

**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).*

Attachment

**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: *H. P. W. W.*                      Date: *23-2-2017.* *Hombau*

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

**Section number of the Plan Change:**

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

Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

*State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.*

*State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.*

**Section number of the Plan Change:**

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

Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

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## **Healthy Rivers Submission WRPlan change 1 23-2-2017**

### **Our name and contact details;**

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We wish to speak at the hearing in support of our submissions.

**We own the dairy farm business mentioned below.**

**Orini Farm 73.7 Ha (approx. 236 cows) (flat contour)**

### **Priority 1 sub-catchment**

This property is located in the Lower Waikato Freshwater Management Unit. This property is located in the Mangawara sub-catchment. The Mangawara sub-catchment is a Priority 1 area for implementation of Farm Environment Plans. This means under the proposed plan change, farming activities may have to complete:

- property registration and a Nitrogen Reference Point by 31 March 2019
- a Farm Environment Plan by 1 July 2020
- stock exclusion by 1 July 2023

**Te Awamutu Farm 95.7 Ha ( approx. 295 cows) (flat contour)**

### **Priority 2 sub-catchment**

This property is located in the Waipa River Freshwater Management Unit. This property is located in the Mangapiko sub-catchment. The Mangapiko sub-catchment is a Priority 2 area for implementation of Farm Environment Plans. This means under the proposed plan change, farming activities may have to complete:

- property registration and a Nitrogen Reference Point by 31 March 2019
- a Farm Environment Plan by 1 July 2023



- stock exclusion by 1 July 2026

### Things already done by us;

- Investments made; Over the last several years we have invested a lot of capital into effluent systems including effluent storage. Over both farm-businesses together we have spend capital cost of close to \$200,000.00 excl GST spread out over the last few years, because it is financially not possible to do everything at once. Annual maintenance costs will come on top of that.

The effluent irrigators spread the effluent on the paddocks, resulting in less fertiliser needed as effluent nutrients are valuable.

- Stock exclusion; On our farms we have fenced of all drains, already long before it was required by Fonterra/Clean streams Accord. So we have no problem with that requirement for our farms as it is all flat. For drystock farms it will be different and they should not be pushed into expensive unpractical projects.

### Things we oppose;

- Riparian planting along our drains, we are not in favour for that as it would take up valuable land of our farm/ decrease productive land. To plant the riparian plantings would cost a lot and it would create pest problems (rats) and weeds and take a lot of time/cost to maintain it. Instead we prefer what we do now; spray /ditch the drains only in the base to keep the water flow going. The slope keeps the grasses and can filter nutrients that way and it stops erosion.
- Farm Environment Plan; we are very concerned about the cost of this proposal. It is again time consuming and it takes time away from our family. Overall we are very concerned about the increased cost of the whole Healthy Rivers apparatus and what it will do to our regional council rates bill and on the other side at farm level we are going to see a decrease in production / profit because of the limitations put upon us. Also the use of the Overseer software seems to have limitations with their data input and negatively affects our business. Instead do a sub-catchment approach, target water quality hot-spots and allow more time.



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 (for some farmers), 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 am concerned about the implications all of this will have for our business and for our current activity. I set out our concerns more specifically below;

Submissions points;

**Page 40 Rule 3.11.5.3** Permitted Activity Rule – Farming activities with a FEP under a Certified Industry Scheme. **OPPOSE**

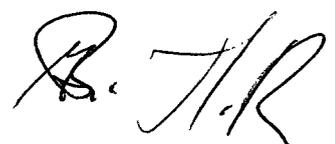
Decision sought; Amend 3.11.5.3 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.

Reason; This proposal will impose significant costs on our farming activities including restriction of 75 th percentile Nitrogen reduction. We employ 2 young sharemilking couples and they will be affected as well. As both farms are reasonably small it is a direct threat to the economic viability of both farms and indeed the 50/50 sharemilking viability in New Zealand as a whole. The young generation of next farmers will be directly hit.

**Page 42 Rule 3.11.5.4** Controlled Activity Rule – Farming activities with a FEP not under a Certified Industry Scheme. **OPPOSE**

Decision sought; Amend 3.11.5.4 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission

**Page 45 Rule 3.11.5.7** Non-complying Activity Rule – Land Use Change  
**OPPOSE**



Decision sought; Amend 3.11.5.7 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission

Reason; It will take away flexibility from our business. For example if a dairy farmer is coming to retirement stage/ or illness of farmer dictates a necessary change he/she might like to switch to grazing / maize growing for example until the next generation can take over and go back to milking. If you cannot go back to milking there is a loss of value of the business or the business might need to be sold. I think it is very much a deterrent to plant any more trees for some people as you cannot reverse back to dry stock if that was the plan.

**Page 47 Schedule B Nitrogen Reference Point. OPPOSE**

Decision sought; Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.

Reason; the nitrogen loss restrictions are going to limit production capability of our business . Because the farms are small it is a straight attack on the viability of the business, as we employ 2 young 50/50 sharemilking couples and it will affect their incomes as well.

**Page 50 Schedule C Stock Exclusion . OPPOSE**

Decision sought; Amend Schedule C as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.

**Page 51 Schedule 1 Requirements for Farm Environment Plans OPPOSE**

Decision sought; Amend Schedule 1 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission.

Reason; it will add more unnecessary cost to our business and takes up valuable time from us and our sharemilkers.

It is more useful to do a sub-catchment approach and target water quality hot-spots, rural as well as urban, where there are problems and identify what causes it and then implement an action plan and involve the locals.

**Final thought;** we are very concerned about the economic impacts the proposed details will have on our and our sharemilkers businesses. It will negatively affect my rural community/town, so too the next generation.

I am wondering if the urban areas are treated with the same requests/ criteria as the rural areas ?

What about other factors that contribute to water quality e.g. Carp, Dams, Tourism?

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