

Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

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FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

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Online at	www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers
We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.	

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)
<input type="checkbox"/> I could / <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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.)

3.11.5.1 2) & Schedule C iii.

Schedule A

3.11.5.2 4) c)

3.11.5.1 5)

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.)

3.11.5.1 2) & Schedule C iii requires any wetland to be fenced. The definition of wetland is unclear and not well defined. For example we have a small 'pond' which appears to be a constructed wetland, but this is only wet for a few months of the year and does not "support a natural ecosystem of plants and animals that are adapted to wet conditions". As such, it is unreasonable to have our 'pond' to fall under the fencing provision.

Schedule A suggests that all properties will be registered with Council. As landowners we are currently registered with Waikato District Council and Waikato Regional Council as ratepayers, and the title of our property indicates the size of land we own. Additionally, as stock owners, we are registered with NAIT and AHB. This adds another registration to our list, which seems unnecessary.

3.11.5.2 4) c) excludes grazing or cultivation land with a slope greater than 15 degrees from the rule. This slope is considered very minor, and there is no minimum size limit of areas with slopes greater than this. This would mean that any property, under this rule, with any slope of 15 degrees for even a very small area would require a FEP.

3.11.5.1 5) limits stocking rate to less than 6 stock units per hectare. A list of stock unit numbers by animal is given which seems to over-estimate the stock units in some situations. The science behind this does not appear robust and is somewhat arbitrary. For example, the 6000 megajoules of metabolisable energy per year does not equate to the listed stock units per animal in all cases. For reference, on our property of 2.12Ha has been stocked at 44 stock units without external feed and with zero nitrogen fertiliser added.

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 below
 Decline the above provision
 If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined below

Amend as follows:

3.11.5.1 2) & Schedule C iii. Define wetlands and exclude insignificant temporary wetlands.

Schedule A Exclude all properties less than 50Ha unless the property is known to be carrying out activities which are deemed beyond the permitted activities. Also suggest that a unified register be established to encourage land owners to register by making everything available in one place.

3.11.5.2 4) c) Better definition and size limits of slopes are required. The slope limit should also be increased to 30 degrees.

3.11.5.1 5) Liaise with industry and landowners, undertake more thorough research into stocking units for animal categories, and increase the stock unit rate accordingly to suit land types.

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

(or person authorised to sign on behalf of submitter)

A signature is not required if you make your submission by electronic means.

Signature Natalie Guitry Gareth Guitry

Date 07 March 2017

Personal information is used for the administration of the submission process and will be made public. All information collected will be held by Waikato Regional Council, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

Additional sheet to assist in making a submission

Section number of the Plan Change	Support /Oppose	Submission	Decision sought
Please refer to title and page numbers used in the plan change document	Indicate whether you support or oppose the provision.	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.