

**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.**

Grant Dixon  
Signature

14/2/2017.  
date



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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"> <li>• whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1;</li> <li>• brief reasons for your views.</li> </ul>	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>
<p>Provision Schedule <b>1</b> Rule 3 page 51 policy 2 on page 30, rules 3.11.5.3 - 3.11.5.7 on pages 41-45 and schedule 1 on pages 51-53.</p>	<p>I support/ <del>oppose</del>/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend <b>FEP on farm systems.</b></p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>This will create disscation and owership To <del>not</del> allow technology to work through the issues which are identified and allow for provisions in budgets</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: <del>Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/</del> amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>That <del>with</del> the person tasked with helping to format the plan with the management of the land be of in conjunction with the occupiers of the land. Time lines to be <del>achievable</del> Person helping with plan suitabley. experienced in farming matters</p>

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<p>Provision</p> <p>Schedule B NRP 15-16 objectives land 4 on page 27; policy 2 and 7. on pages 37 and rules 3.11.5.3 - 3.11.5.7 on pages 41-45 and schedule 1 on pages 51-53</p>	<p>I <del>support</del> / oppose / and for each whether or not you wish to amend <del>the</del> the NRP based on 15/16 yrs</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>overseer is an incompetent <del>tool</del> tool to get an accurate reflection on complicated current farming systems as to the amount on nitrogen that is being used</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed / amended as set out <del>below</del></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>The farm plan be the reference point as to what <del>the</del> expected nitrogen efficiency would be for each enterprise / farm system</p> <p>Industry standard would be the base measurement for gaining better <del>efficiency</del> efficiency</p>
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<p>Schedule C  pages 15-16; policy 2 on page 30  Schedule C on page 50 and  table 11-2 priority sub catchments</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:  As a provider of ethically produced food it goes against providing natural animal behaviour by not allowing them to have access to a natural feature of the land.  Animal welfare is what we trade on and is expected from consumers.  Beside from the cost of fencing and on going maintenance we would be in breach of animal welfare obligations for no benefit to the overall catchment.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose  To be allowed to mitigate <sup>if</sup> containment in a way that would be beneficial to animal behaviour. ie, create a series of wetland/ ponds in the main water courses that can be maintained to ensure the biomass is able to be extracted in a way that would cause minimal disturbance to aquatic life. staged clean out for the benefit of nutrient recovery and uptake, slow water speed to reduce erosion. These may be fenced off from stock</p>

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<p>Rule 3 NLU</p> <p>Nitrogen Leaching Value.</p> <p>WAP1 sections 32 Evaluation Report.</p> <p>C.2.2.2.</p> <p>Historical changes in landuse + nitrogen leaching loss.</p> <p>D.1.1.2</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Has no relevance to the outcome which the plan is aspiring too.</p> <p>Its an arbitrary value and no positive effect on the profitability of a farming system, which is under non-dairy.</p> <p>changes have been made to farming systems and will take time to show results.</p> <p>To provide for their social, cultural and economic well being, and that any mitigation actions undertaken are both cost-effective</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Monitor for 10 years and publish the info to industry so they can form strategies to overcome the issues.</p> <p>Communication is more constructive than direction rules.</p> <p>People need to be made aware of what the RMA includes</p>

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Yours sincerely

*Michael Dixon*

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*5/3/2017.*

Signature

Date