

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.


Signature _____ 22-2-17,
date

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22-2-17.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Council, proposed Plan 1.

Our names are Heather & Murray Templeton.

Our family have farmed at 519 Ahoroa Road in Rangitoto, 15 kms east of Te Kuiti since 1952. The farm was owned by Murray's father, & Murray has been farming this property since 1972. We are therefore, second generation farmers, looking to hand onto the next generation.

We farm deer, sheep & dairy grazing, on a 320 ha property, with our catchment flowing into the Mangaokewa River, in Priority Catchment One. We have been a finalist in the Silver Fern Farms, Plate to Pasture Awards in 2014 & 2016.

Plans for the future include - ongoing fencing, continuing planting of poplar/willow trees and reducing our environmental impact on waterways.

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<p>Farm Environment Plans Provision 3.11.4.3.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this process we feel will identify key issues with our farm, that we can work towards over time. 	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - As an alternative we propose that this rule should focus more on mangement practices that may be applicable now & in the future. - We have doubts that the timeframes can be achieved, due to a lack of qualified Farm Enviromental Planners. the time frames need to be extended.

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<p>Schedule C - Stock Exclusion.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Our property is 326 ha, which is currently subdivided into 78 main paddocks.</p> <p>14 paddocks do not have natural water sources, which is approx 40 ha.</p> <p>Under the proposed scheme, the majority of our farm would require major realignment of fences and drainage, which we estimate would be costing about \$400,000.</p> <p>The time frame to spend this money is too tight, for us in a priority 1 catchment.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What would be an appropriate alternative <p>That the National Water Accord be used to identify water bodies, It recommends that slopes up to 15° be fenced & we believe that this should apply. It also recommends a different definition of a water body, which we would be comfortable with</p>

Finances vary from year to year, so this has to be taken into account in the time frame.

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<p>Policy 1 and Policy 2, regarding Nitrogen Reference Point.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Overseer is a poor regulatory tool & in our view does not understand dry stock, especially deer farming, which it was never programmed for.2. It is an unfair process of removing the natural capital of low emitters to higher emitters.	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative</p> <p>- Better use of farm environment plans to determine land use capability, as a measure of nutrient allocation.</p>


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Yours sincerely

Murray Templeton.

 22-2-17.

Heather Margaret Templeton.

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Signature

Date