

## KEY ISSUES FOR SHEEP AND BEEF FARMERS

Waikato Regional Council is currently consulting on its proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1. The Council is seeking submissions on the proposed plan until **5pm 8 March 2017**. This template has been created to help you get involved.

### Get involved

It is critical that you get involved in the process directly. The plan and its implementation will influence how you manage your land, so it is important that you understand what is being proposed and that you have your say.

- For more information on the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 visit: <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Plans-under-development/Healthy-Rivers---Plan-for-Change/>
- Review B+LNZs one page summary and full brief of the key issues by visiting the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Website: <http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2016/october/healthy-rivers/>
- Download a copy of the proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 at: <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/PageFiles/46657/PlanChange1.pdf>
- Attend a B+LNZ Farmer Submission Workshop near you in November, visit the Beef + Lamb New Zealand Website for the schedule: <http://www.beeflambnz.com/news-events/News/2016/october/healthy-rivers/>
- Provide feedback to the council online at: <http://www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/Council/Policy-and-plans/Plans-under-development/Healthy-Rivers---Plan-for-Change/Plan-change-1-have-your-say/>
- Provide your feedback to the council via email: [healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:healthyrivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz)

Share your thoughts or get help with your submission by contacting Environment Policy Manager Corina Jordan: [corina.jordan@beeflambnz.com](mailto:corina.jordan@beeflambnz.com), mobile 027 202 7337.

#### Instructions for using this template:

- Make sure you complete the covering sheet on the first page of the submission form.
- Delete or add table rows as required – you can say as much or as little as you like, you're not limited to commenting on just the Plan sections included in the template.
- You must either support or oppose a part of the plan and ask for the council to make a decision on your submission point
- Wherever possible, try to back up your statements with examples from your own experiences, and/or cost implications on your farm business.
- **Your feedback must be lodged with Waikato Regional Council by 5pm on Wednesday 8 March 2017.**





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Please consider forwarding a copy of your submission to B+LNZ so we can echo your comments in our submission

The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to + the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought + 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.

Our names are Murray + Karen Oliver, third generation farming 684 hectares, sheep + beef in Manikiri alongside the Moakurua stream. Our farm is quite steep in places, often referred to 'two sides to the acre' + we don't have many flat paddocks.

We love our farm + enjoy sharing it with visitors, fishermen + horse trekkers. Annually we hold a camp beside the river + bush for St John Youth Cadets to teach them bushcraft skills.

Where the Moakurua stream crosses through our farm, it is crystal clear (apart from when it has rained) + is a very pretty, stoney bottomed river.

We run Angus breeding cows, as they are a smaller breed + cause less erosion on the hills. In winter + when it is wet we have the cows in flatter paddocks well away from the river so as not to cause erosion or sediment in the waterways.

Due to a number of droughts in consecutive years, followed by theft of 160 ewe hoggets through adjoining DOC land + unexpected eczema in our ewes last season, our ~~sheep~~ sheep numbers are low, which is now going to penalise us.

We are very conscious of our environment + waterways + our farming practices reflect this. We do not apply urea + nitrogen fertilisers + don't overstock our large paddocks. We plant trees on any **(beef+lamb)** land that

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**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

**To:** Waikato Regional Council  
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Complete the following

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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

  
20-2-2017  
date

We oppose the Plan, because the plan should provide certainty for us for the future, and we therefore seek that the Plan in its current form is declined.





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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</p> <p>Policy 1</p> <p>Nitrogen Reference Point</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend (delete as required)</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* It is an unfair system, polluters are rewarded &amp; farmers looking after the environment are penalised.</li> <li>* We have dropped our stock numbers because of droughts &amp; haven't had time to build them back up.</li> <li>* Had 160 ewe hoggets stolen through adjoining DOC land in 2014/15</li> <li>* 2015/16 year got eczema in 160 ewes, lost 100 - never had eczema like that before.</li> </ul>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below (delete as required)</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* sub-catchment approach (farmers being responsible for things that need mitigating on own farm/ sub catchment)</li> <li>* Use stock units per hectare per class of land for a reference point.</li> </ul>

\* The above points were beyond our control.

\* Low stocked farms will have capital value reduced.

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<p>Provision</p> <p>Schedule C Stock exclusion</p>	<p>I support/ <del>oppose</del> and for each whether or not you wish to amend <small>(delete as required)</small> <u>fencing off main waterways, rivers,</u> The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I <u>oppose</u> fencing off smaller tributaries, drains that don't flow directly into a river, springs in gullies + swampland.</p> <p>The reasons are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Time frame too short</li> <li>* \$ cost too high</li> <li>* Need scientific evidence to prove it is worth the expense.</li> <li>* Too much maintainable, Manpower needed.</li> </ul>	<p>I seek that the provision is: <del>Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</del> <small>(delete as required)</small></p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What would be an appropriate alternative</li> <li>* Not to stock tributary as heavily</li> <li>* Keep stock (cattle) off hills + away from tributary when wet weather.</li> <li>* Plant trees around those areas.</li> </ul>
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<p>3.11.5.7</p> <p>Land use change</p> <p>1. Woody vegetation to farming activities</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* Land that has been in grass in the last 10 yrs, should be allowed to spray manuka, heather, carpet fern + other species if less than 1 metre high, to keep land in pasture.</li> </ul>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p><i>What would be an appropriate alternative</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* That land that has been in pasture in the previous 10 yrs, be permitted to <del>be spr</del> have woody vegetation (including manuka, heather, gorse + carpet fern) if less than 1 metre in height, sprayed so as to keep land in pasture.</li> </ul>



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Yours sincerely

Print Name:

Murray + Karen Oliver





20-2-2017

Signature

Date

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