

PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



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

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Details on separate sheets following.

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My land is situated in the partial withdrawal area + I might wish to have an opportunity to submit further if additional information is provided as a result of this withdrawal.

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.

SUBMISSION TO THE PROPOSED WAIKATO DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 1

INTRODUCTION:

We are pleased to have the opportunity to submit on this proposed plan change as its implications on farming could be significant. The goals of the plan are laudable and the staged approach with clear information given to assist farmers and others is helpful.

THE PROPERTY:

The property is a little over 20 hctrs in Whangarata and is used as dairy support. The stocking rate is low as about 15 hctrs of the property is harvested for supplements for the dairy unit. The nitrogen use is low so therefore if the stocking rate is lifted as part of a land use change the "grandparenting" limitations on low emitters will affect the property and growing the business will be difficult. Funding the requirements under the plan is a problem. Stock exclusion has been undertaken although the low areas are summer dry.

INCLUSION OF ALL PARTIES:

We believe that the improvement of water bodies is of interest to all people and therefore the rural communities should not be specifically targeted. It is accepted that rivers degrade after they pass through built up areas and many Councils lack the ability to satisfactorily contain contaminants from their populations.

To solve this, Councils should be tasked to upgrade their facilities and they should also form part of this plan. All those contributors should be required to take action.

Page 16 should read 'land based actions' not 'on farm'. Guidelines should be developed telling landowners what is expected of them.

365 DAY SWIMABLE RIVERS:

This goal seems to forget that rivers flood in winter, swimmers don't want to use the river then and water fowl, introduced fish etc also have an effect on the quality.

The goal needs to become more realistic backed up by the science. Carp and birds eg Canadian geese, ducks, pukekos, etc, should have their numbers controlled.

OVERSEER:

Overseer has not been designed for this intended purpose and in its current form is unsuitable.

Modification and changes need to be made to Overseer to make it fit for purpose. Other forms of mitigation outside of Overseer should be allowed.

N has been prioritised over the other contaminants.



FARMERS SHOULD BE REWARDED FOR THEIR EFFORTS:

A carrot is better than a stick.

Wetlands should be removed from the rateable area of their land and infrastructure such as feedpads/standoff pads, pasture species changes etc should be recognised for their protection of soil and water runoff quality. Provide farmers with information of what further they can do and how their efforts have brought about improvements calculated from the science undertaken.

SPECIALIST PEOPLE TO PRODUCE FARM PLANS, CHECKING AND ENVIRONMENTAL WORK:

There are not enough qualified people available to undertake the quantity of plans required.

Landowners who generally know their land extremely well should be able to produce at least part of this work.

Clarify who will be acceptable and the definition of certified personnel.

MONITORING SITES:

The existing monitoring sites are not necessarily representative of all areas. Sub catchments could help to narrow areas of more concern.

STOCK EXCLUSION AND SETBACKS

No clear detail on where setback measurements start for cultivation or from wet areas.

Method 10 and 11 needs to reflect what happens on the land and what can be found in the water.

No guidelines as to the range of 'edge of field' mitigations available to use.

Land not grazed can easily become a fire hazard, summer grazing of some setback areas could be an advantage and a safety aspect.

LAND USE CHANGES

Farmers wanting to change to dairy farming from other land uses should not be stopped as long as suitable mitigations can be put in place.

WITHDRAWN AREA

The land in question is within the withdrawn area.



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