

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.

AS Potter 19th Feb 2017
Signature **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"> • whether you support, or oppose each provision listed in column 1; • brief reasons for your views. 	<p>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</p> <p>Give:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
<p>Provision</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p>	<p>I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p> <p>As an alternative I propose</p>

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<p>Stocks Exclusion & Fencing Requirements Reducing Sediment & Nitrogen etc losses</p>	<p>The reasons for this are: I have been farming on my own account on this 793 acre property since 1963 it has taken all these years to fence this property to the level it is now, with the present financial climate it is very difficult to maintain the farm with fertilizer, fencing and other maintenance requirements. We do not need a proposal like having to fence waterways which would be totally impractical in country that is described as limestone medium to steep, and exceeding 25° contour over most most of the farm, and like most of this area very low stock units No work has been done to show if any farms in this area have waterways that exceed any benchmarks that has yet to be set. If the water leaving this property is below any benchmarks are we to lumbered with restrictions that will ^{cost} huge amounts of money for no reason</p> <p>As an Alternative I suggest the use of some willow species like Salix Discolor a thirsty plant with voracious roots that will contain sediment & filter water. in areas were fencing is impractical increased numbers of Populus plantings on steeper country also would be of value</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p>

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<p>Restricting Land Use Farm Management & impact River Management</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>NZ and this whole Region depends on the willingness of the farming industry in all its diversity, the ability of farming to make change is important, locking farms into a rigid Council Regime will have a long term financial impact on the whole region both rural and urban causing hostility, financial hardship, unemployment, and in some cases tragedy.</p> <p>Farmers need scope, flexibility to evolve as science and new ways are discovered, locking farms into a particular rigid practice will result in stagnation</p> <p>This scheme will affect both myself and my extended family. My son farms a smaller farm next door, so both families depend on the viability of both areas to make a living, any unnecessary costs will impact on our farms</p> <p>I can see some merit in maintaining the Rivers at present levels, but with an increasing urban population, even that will be something very difficult, with all the town & city drainage that will occur.</p> <p>I ask myself for what, the Waikato & Waipa Rivers have very little recreational use past Karapiro, very little commercial use, no fish, floating upside down, millions spent, to send clean water into the Tasman, "Stupid"</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below</p>

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