

**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 do not wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

**If others make similar submissions, I would consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.**

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## Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Councils proposed Plan Change 1.

My name is David Cheyne and I am a sheep and beef farmer(s) in the priority 1 catchment. My family and I have been farming this property for 19 years. I have a vested interest in being a sustainable farmer to ensure the land remains in my whanau for years to come. Efforts I have made over the past years have included creation of ecological ponds surrounded by aesthetically pleasing tree plantations, track development, and fencing over the majority of the farm to exclude stock gaining access to waterways.

I support the submission that has been lodged by the Federated Farmers. I am particularly concerned about the following aspects of Plan Change 1:

- The significant negative effect on rural communities
- The cost and practicality of the rules
- The effect that the Nitrogen Reference Point will have on my business and my economic wellbeing
- The Farm Environment plan requirements leading to unnecessary and costly regulation of inputs, outputs, normal farming activity and business information
- The costs and practicality of the rules and requirements for stock exclusion, the Nitrogen Reference Point and the Farm Environment Plan
- The timeframes for complying with the Nitrogen Reference Point rules which are too short and unachievable
- The plan significantly exceeding the 10 year targets in many attributes and areas
- The lack of science and monitoring at the sub catchment level

Furthermore I wish to express my concern in respect of:

- The lack of representation of beef and sheep farmers on the Collaborative Stakeholders Group
- The Council acting unlawfully in terms of its power I believe to be an example of ultra vires
- Concern that farm owners are being unfairly targeted when scientific research indicates that levels of pollution peak primarily downstream from large urbanisation

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The specific provisions of the proposal that this submission relates to and the decisions it seeks from Council are as detailed in the following table. The outcomes sought and the wording used is as a suggestion only, where a suggestion is proposed it is with the intention of 'or words 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.

The specific provisions my submission relates to are:	My submission is that		The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:
	OPPOSE	REASON	RELIEF SOUGHT
<i>Schedule 1: Requirement to submit a Farm Environment Plan</i>	I oppose	<p>The reasons for this are that the costs involved creating the plans will create a financial hardship on my farming business.</p> <p>As a farmer I am concerned about the validity of qualifications of those consultants that will put themselves forward to assist farmers in the creation of their plan.</p>	Amend Schedule 1 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission
<i>Schedule A: Registration with Waikato Regional Council</i>	I oppose	I believe that supply of this information for the purposes of Healthy Rivers activity is in breach of The New Zealand Bill of Rights, 1990 and the 1993 Privacy Act	Amend Schedule A to ensure collection, supply and use does not infringe on individuals right to privacy
<i>Schedule B:</i>			

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<b>The specific provisions my submission</b>	<b>My submission is that</b>		<b>The decision I would like the Waikato Regional Council to make is:</b>
<p><i>Schedule B:</i></p> <p><i>Nitrogen Reference point</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>This proposal restricts lack of future farming practices set by the proposed arbitrary stocking levels</p>	<p>Amend Schedule B as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission</p>
<p><i>Rule 3.11.5.4</i></p> <p><i>Controlled Activity Rule</i></p>	<p>Oppose</p>	<p>The catchment areas are too broad and ought be broken down in smaller sub catchment areas. For those areas that are currently compliant, farmers are being disadvantaged with having to meet wider compliance at a hefty financial cost to their business</p>	<p>Amend Rule 3.11.5.4 as requested by Federated Farmers in their submission</p>

Yours sincerely

David Cheyne

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