

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.**

Gerard Bull

Signature

5/3/2017

date



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Provision	I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend	I seek that the provision is: Deleted in its entirety/ Retained as proposed/ amended as set out below
<p>Regional Catchments.                      -more emphasis on local catchments initially in stage 1</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:                      The reason is regional catchments are not specific enough or readily identifiable. Water tests taken in the subcatchment areas will readily identify the initial problem areas.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose                      Areas should be able to develop local plans to abide with the intent of the regional scheme. to meet their water guidelines. This would be more effective than the regional plan where one size fits all. Hot spot areas could soon be identified and actioned immediately for greater impact more quickly</p>

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<p>Restricted land use. Change.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Historical land use should not determine future land use eg Kaimore forest based on old scientific evidence as being unsuitable for other land uses.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>land use change should be related to its capability as a soil medium as defined by land classes and suitability for the venture, not on historical means or previous N.R.P.</p>

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Fencing set backs	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Set back on all streams that are not major is perfectly adequate at 1 metre. Personal experience with 3 and 4 metre set backs has provided a perfect habitat with invasion of weeds ie gorse, blackberry, tobacco plant. Sprays in waterways is unacceptable. Poor access to the river bank becomes the norm which has management &amp; social consequences.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Adopt a 500 metre set back on all streams except major <del>streams</del> <u>streams</u>.</p>

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<p>Stock exclusion and Slope.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Sheep are perfectly capable of causing minimal damage on slopes of well over 25° degrees and so are small cattle</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>large cattle should not be on steep slopes for the winter, on sheep &amp; beef properties.</p> <p>Sheep are perfectly capable on steep slopes at any time of the year.</p>

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<p>Overseer.</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>I oppose this as the sole means of identifying NRP until more usage of this programme. makes it robust for the wider community. This programme was not designed as a total environmental tool.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Farm Environment Plan will quickly identify policies and outcomes that will generate improvements in water quality for that farm under consideration.</p>



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<p>Provision</p> <p>Stock exclusion on waterways.</p>	<p>I support/ oppose/ and for each whether or not you wish to amend</p> <p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Not all waterways attract stock ie cattle and so the damage by livestock can be minimal.</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> <p>Fencing could be reduced on the minor waterways but areas targeted when they are invasive. eg 100 ha property - few ponding areas that cattle prefer in the summer. Very rarely forgetting minor waterways year round. FEP could identify these areas</p>
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Cultivation	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>15 degree slope is an inadequate scenic for a hill country farm. More science needs to be addressed. Who is to say that an 18 degree slope causes more damage than a 14 degree slope I doubt this has ever been quantified.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>Cultivation should only be carried out on slopes under 25 degrees</p>



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Yours sincerely

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Gerald Bull. 6/3/17.  
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"> <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><i>Nitrogen Reference Point</i></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>To base this figure on historical grounds of high pollution and low pollution is inequitable</i></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> <p><i>The retention of NRP should be scientifically based including soil type, waterways contours etc. Grandparenting is totally unacceptable. Nitrogen needs to be managed with a flexible approach for the future not the past.</i></p>