

**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. ✓



Signature

21-2-17
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>Rule 2. > 201a.</p> <p>1. N 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"> • Try to justify your response using data or by providing an example or story from your farm/ own experiences <p>Concerned that the Nitrogen reference point is modelled using the Overseer program which was never intended as a regulatory tool.</p> <p>Concerned that not being able to increase levels from the current low levels may impact on the farms ability to develop to its full potential over time which after the investments already started could make farming in the future unsustainable.</p>	<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"> • What would be an appropriate alternative <p>Once average levels have been established, make that the reference point for all properties so low risk farms can still develop to those levels</p> <p>Ensure that the current high polluters and low polluters are treated equally.</p>

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<p>Provision</p> <p>Rule 2. > 20 ha.</p> <p>2. no land > 15° slope cultivated or grazed.</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> <p>A 15° slope on some properties can be considered flat or the best land on the farm. Excluding it from grazing cattle is ridiculous and unpractical and totally impacts on my ability to remain financially viable.</p>	<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"> • What would be an appropriate alternative
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<p>Rule 2. > 20ha.</p> <p>3. No soil cultivation within 5m of a water body</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>One of the only practical suggestions contained in the plan.</p>	<p>As an alternative I propose</p> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative</p>

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<p>Provision</p> <p>Rule 2. > 20 ha.</p> <p>4. No winter forage crops grazed in situ.</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> <p>Not growing winter crops at all impacts directly on the financial viability of my business and using heavy machinery to remove crops to be fed elsewhere will damage any soil structure I have spent years to build up.</p>	<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> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative</p>
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<p>Rule 2. > 20 ha</p> <p>5. Fencing of all water bodies</p>	<p>The reasons for this are:</p> <p>Not all waterbodies are equal. Some are high risk of the contaminants highlighted and some are low risk.</p> <p>Why should I go to huge expenses to fence a low risk water body or one that passes through my property carrying contaminants it picked up further up stream in a high risk environment.</p>	<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> <p>What would be an appropriate alternative</p> <p>Why not classify water bodies on a scale from no risk or low at risk to high risk. This could be done at point of registration or as part of the FEP process. Then model the fencing requirements under a priority process.</p>