

**WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS**

Submission Form

Submission on publically proposed Regional Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

On The Waikato Regional Council's 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 our ability to farm. If the changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

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I 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.

[Handwritten Signature] *7/3/2017*

Signature Date

Diana Smith *7/3/17*

Signature Date

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Introduction

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Council's proposed Plan Change 1

Diana and I have farmed the property at 439 Taniwha Road for 42 years. The property has been in our extended family for around 70 years.

Our land area is 205.45ha. Over time it has moved from being a small dairy farm on to a breeding property for sheep and cattle, to total sheep to now predominately finishing beef and an horse enterprise.

The specific provisions of the proposed Plan Change that my submission relates to is:

3.11.5.7 Non Complying Activity Rule.

The proposed rule states –

Notwithstanding any other rule in this plan, any of the following changes in the use of the land from which was occurring at 22 October 2016 within a property or enterprise located in the Waikato and Waipa catchments, where prior to 1 July 2026 the change exceeds a total of 4.1 hectares.

- 1 Woody vegetation to farming activities; or
- 2 Any livestock grazing other than dairy farming to dairy farming; or
- 3 Arable cropping to dairy farming; or
- 4 Any land use to commercial vegetable production except as provided for under standard and term g. of rule 3.11.5.5

is a non – complying activity (requiring resource consent) until 1 July 2026.

I support oppose the above provision.

I Oppose.

The reasons I oppose this rule is that over my time farming in this area we have had to adopt a FLEXIBLE farming policy due to disease and market changes.

These changes have had to have been made predominately due to an outbreak of facial eczema in the mid 1980's. This created a loss of half of our 2200 breeding ewe flock over two years

This involved a progression from sheep farming to cattle farming over a twenty year period by means of grazing dairy cattle, calf rearing and store stock selling, maize growing, and now to a profitable bull finishing unit.

