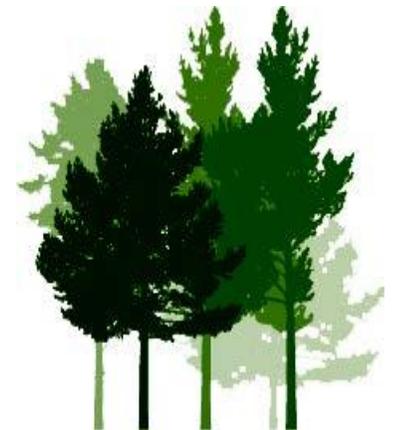




WAIKATO BRANCH NZ FARM FORESTRY ASSOCIATION

SUBMISSION TO PROPOSED WAIKATO PLAN CHANGE 1

Multiple benefits of trees for catchment management, amenity and well being



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New Zealand Land Resource Inventory

- the green area will include: all Class I–V land
- the majority of Class VI land
- Class VII land where the limiting factor is not related to erosion susceptibility under plantation forestry conditions

The majority of the Waikato Waipa catchment fits into this category.



No demonstrated need for proposed PA conditions



Many woodlots are well integrated with pastoral farming



Low impact harvesting should not be burdened with unnecessary overheads and bureaucracy.



Shelterbelts – no requirement for harvest plans



Incentives to grow trees please – not disincentives and restrictive rules.



Relief Sought

- 1. PA condition 5.1.5(q) be deleted from PC1
- 2. As an alternative that condition 5.1.5(q) be amended to require only notification of harvest,
and apply only to harvest of area over 4 hectares,
or where harvest is within 50 metres of stream, river
or water body.

