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The Secretary,  
Waikato Regional Council,  
Hamilton.

Dear Sir,

Thankyou for the oppportunty to present submissions to W.R.C.

The Waikato river needs to be drag-lined periodically to keep the river at a certain depth. This also applies to other rivers to reduce flooding which has increased significantly over recent years. This has had an adverse effect to many farmers' who farm its shores.

Before the Mangahoe stream was re-aligned in the 1950's, the destruction to farm land was soul destroying. Now that there are no local drainage boards, we have also lost the caring service that farmers' once received.

These streams that now annually 'flood' the property which my father came to in 1916, is valued the same for rates as the land that does not flood. How is that fair when the flooded areas have had such a huge negative impact on farmers?

The property next door has grown maize for many years. The flood water from this area, has brought in Bristle grass seed which germinates. I hope you appreciate how expensive and time consuming it is, to eradicate this noxious weed.

If the W.R.C. end their financial year with Millions in profit, they are charging rateable land too much. Nor are they there to lose surplus rates on bad investments. Nor should a farmer be charged for water from his catchment area to pay for cleanliness; with possibly runoff water being sold to other farmers' who irrigate.

Yours sincerely,

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