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**Subject:** (G.Fitzgerald 1/2)Submission on Waikato Regional plan change1Waikato and Waipa River Catchments  
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My name is Geoffrey Francis Fitzgerald 281 Duncan Rd RD4 TeAwamutu trading as PRIMEX Farm Ltd. The property is 430ha and is a dry stock property carrying approx 4000 s.u made up of sheep, beef cattle, dairy grazers, deer, and Boer meat goats. In 2010 our property won a Ballance Farm Environment Award. The property has Dams built to act as sediment traps in all water sheds where practicable, there are also fenced off and planted sensitive Environment areas.

I find the plan change totally unacceptable for the following reasons.

1. Fencing of water ways under the proposed plan is not only unnecessary but also at a cost of approx \$350,000-00 would make our property an uneconomic farming business.
2. Nitrogen fertilisers are only used on our property as a last option in times of serious dry matter shortfall, if not used there could be serious animal welfare issues. I wish to speak in support of my submission.

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