

# PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed  
Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and  
Waipā River Catchments.

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## SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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**We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.**

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## TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could /  could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- I am /  am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- (a) adversely effects the environment, and
  - (b) does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

Delete entire paragraph if you could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

**THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO**

Please state the provision, map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

*Please refer to separate sheets.*

**I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S**

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

*Please refer to separate sheets*

**MY SUBMISSION IS THAT**

Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specific provisions amended. (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

*Please refer to separate sheets*

**I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL**

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Accept the above provision
- Accept the above provision with amendments as outlined
- Decline the above provision
- If not declined, then amend the above provision as outlined

**PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION**

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.  
 I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

**JOINT SUBMISSIONS**

- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

**IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW**

- Yes, I have attached extra sheets.  No, I have not attached extra sheets.

**SIGNATURE OF SUBMITTER**

Signature:



Date:

6th March 2017

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**ADDITIONAL SHEET TO ASSIST IN MAKING A SUBMISSION**

Section number of the Plan Change:

Do you support or oppose the provision?

Support

Oppose

**Submission**

**Decision Sought**

*State in summary the nature of your submission and the reasons for it.*

*State clearly the decision and/or suggested changes you want Council to make on the provision.*

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## **1. About Us:**

We own 490 Hectares of medium hill country in the upper catchment headwaters west of lake Whangapae in Plan Change 1 – Priority 1 area 16.

Our 490 Ha supports our three families (7 adults and 7 children).

The farm has been developed and added to over three generations spanning 70 years. We farm 6000+ Stock Units made up of cattle and dairy grazers and sheep on the steeper country. We are environmentally proactive and are progressively fencing off bush remnants, planting woodlots etc. We enjoy sharing our asset with visiting groups and the general public. In the future we plan to continue to improve pasture and maintain a sustainable farming operation as well as enhancing our natural environments: - bush remnants and unique features.

Our three families enjoy a very modest income and enjoy the lifestyle our land provides.

## **2. Concerns:**

- a. I applaud that in section 3.11.1.2 page 25 Plan Change 1 acknowledges the significance of primary production for the Waikato region. Yet the plan as outlined has real potential to destroy or severely curtail these same significant Primary Industries.
- b. I am concerned that Plan Change 1 has potential, with its huge cost of implementation and compliance, to make our farm uneconomic. This will subsequently have grave impact on our local community – flowing on to the wider community. Eg. Six children from our family attend our local schools and our family members provide leadership in school, preschool groups, tennis club and several community support groups, as well as leadership in groups in the wider community.
- c. I don't believe that the Plan Change 1 addresses the issues that are the primary cause of the Lower Waikato lakes degradation.
- d. I support the submission that has been lodged by Federated Farmers
  - The significant negative effect on rural communities
  - The cost and practicality of the rules
  - The effect that the Nitrogen Reference Point will have on my business and my economic wellbeing
  - The Farm Environment Plan requirements leading to unnecessary and costly regulation of inputs, outputs, normal farming activity and business information
  - The cost and practicality of the rules and requirements for stock exclusion, the Nitrogen Reference Point and the Farm Environmental Plan
  - The timeframes for complying with the Nitrogen Reference Point rules which are too short and unachievable
  - The plan significantly exceeding the 10 year targets in many attributes and areas
  - The lack of science and monitoring at the sub catchments level.

I set out my concerns more specifically below.

<b>Page No:</b>	<b>Rule:</b>		
37	3.11.4.5 Sub catchment Scale Planning	Support	I strongly encourage the development of sub catchment scale plans. I recommend that an ammendment be included to a holistic approach with particular reference to Koi Carp.
33	Policy 9 Sub Catchment	Support	Sub Catchment planning needs to comply with the Regional Policy Statement.
40	3.11.5.2 Permitted Activity Rule	Oppose	Our headwaters all above 25° contain large areas of swamp land that are impossible to fence for stock exclusion. The swamps act as a mitigating factor and act as a filter sponge for run off.
40	3.11.5.2(4) Permitted Activity Rule	Oppose	To limit our enterprise to cultivating slopes under 15° would severely limit our ability to recontour and regrass much of our farm. Much of our land has 50 to 100 meters of “Buffer Slope” before any swamp or water body.
42	3.11.5.4 Controlled Activities	Oppose	Any reduction in our already wise use of fertilizer would reduce our production and make our farm uneconomic. Our use of N is limited to 1-2 tonne a year over 490 Ha.
45	3.11.5.7 Land Use Change	Oppose	These restrictions reduce our ability to respond to changes in market conditions or technological advances in the future that could keep our enterprise viable.
47 & 53	Schedule B Nitrogen Reference Point etc Schedule 1.5 A&B	Oppose Remove & Delete	There is a large body of science that supports the fact that this Nitrogen Reference Point produces no benefit. The cost of this proposal to our operation in time and finance is huge. We object and oppose the huge invasion of privacy around Schedule B.
63	Table on page 63 (Whangapae Stm Rangiriri – Glen Murray Rd) clearly indicates that our catchment already meets the 80 year Target for Nitrogen.		

## **General Points**

### **1. KOI CARP**

I have observed Lake Whangapae for 60+ years. In spite of Plan Change 1 seeking to clean it up, I believe little will improve until there is an acknowledgement of the impact of Koi Carp on lake quality.

Carp eat all oxygen weed and churn up the lake bed and erode the banks of the lake and adjacent streams.

Whatever we do in our upper catchment – that is already clean and swimmable – will have little impact on lake quality unless the contribution of Koi Carp is addressed as a major cause of lake degradation.

I implore you to acknowledge the extreme negative impact Koi Carp are having on the quality of our Lower Waikato lakes and tributaries.

2. It would be more prudent to remove the need for Nitrogen Reference Point (Schedule B) and replace it with a plan to implement control measures for Koi Carp.