

SUBMISSION FORM

VARIATION 1 TO PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS

IMPORTANT NOTE

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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 23 May, 2018

YOUR NAME, ADDRESS FOR SERVICE AND CONTACT DETAILS (MANDATORY INFORMATION)

Name of Submitter (individual/organisation)		
Contact Person (if applicable)		
Agent (if applicable)		
Email address for service		
Postal address		
Phone number/s	Home:	Business:
	Mobile:	Fax:

PLEASE INDICATE WHETHER YOU WISH TO SPEAK AT A HEARING

- Yes, I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submission.
- No, I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submission.

JOINT SUBMISSION

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

TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (SELECT APPROPRIATE)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. *Refer to last page for further information*
- I am / am not directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:
- adversely effects the environment, and
 - does not relate to the trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

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 - NOTE A SIGNATURE IS NOT REQUIRED IF YOU MAKE YOUR SUBMISSION BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Signed _____ Date _____
Type name if submitting electronically

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE



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PLEASE CHECK that you have provided all of the information requested and if you are having trouble filling out this form, phone Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 for help.

Personal information is used for administration and will be made public. All information collected will be held by Waikato Regional Council, with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

FORM 5 Clause 6 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

1. Trade competition

If you could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).

6 Making of submissions

- (4) A person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission may make a submission only if directly affected by an effect of the proposed policy statement or plan that –
- a) adversely affects the environment; and
 - b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

2. Privacy information

The Waikato Regional Council will make all submissions and further submissions including name and contact details publicly available at public libraries in the region, Council Offices and on Council's website. Any further submission, under the RMA, supporting or opposing your submission is required to be forwarded to you as well as Council.

Personal information will also be used for administration relating to the subject matter of the submissions, including notifying submitters of hearings and decisions. All information will be held by the Waikato Regional Council with submitters having the right to access and correct personal information.

3. Submission Content Review

Please note that the RMA states that your submission (or part of your submission) may be struck out if the authority is satisfied that at least one of the following applies to the submission (or part of the submission):

- It is frivolous or vexatious
- It discloses no reasonable or relevant case
- It would be an abuse of the hearing process to allow the submission (or the part) to be taken further
- It contains offensive language
- It is supported only by material that purports to be independent expert evidence, but has been prepared by a person who is not independent or who does not have sufficient specialised knowledge or skill to give expert advice on the matter.

If you have questions about making a submission, please visit waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyrivers to see our factsheet about Making a Submission.

SUBMISSIONS ON SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF VARIATION 1 TO PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1

PROVISION (e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1): _____

Do you support or oppose the provision? Support Support with amendments Oppose Oppose with amendments

DECISION SOUGHT

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

The decision I would like the council to make regarding this provision is:

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State clearly the reasons for the decision you want council to make.

The reason for requesting this decision is:

Submission for Mark and Vicki Shuker

While we support the objective of improving the water quality of our rivers, there are provisions we do not fully support. For us two major problems are:

1 Excluding stock from waterways

Yes where it is practical, but we feel the blanket approach to changes and restrictions applied in PC1 do not take into consideration the different situations that occur between the diverse districts/farms within the region it is being applied too.

The land we currently farm is made up of hill country land owned by us – Mark and Vicki Shuker and we lease adjoining family land owned by my father and uncle. The Mangatangi river dissects the property and stock needs to be crossed across it on a regular basis in order to move around the property. The river is normally about 12 metres wide and can be walked across in gumboots. During a flood situation (at least 2-3 times per year) it will rise to a 50m wide fast flowing uncrossable body of water and can potentially stay this way for many days. Floods occur due to a high catchment of runoff from the hills in heavy rain, but we are also influenced by overflow water being released from the Mangatangi dam, something which we have no control over. These floods alter the course of the water, changing the shape of the river banks, and where we are able to safely cross. This greatly alters the land either side of the river – recent floods deposited 6m wide areas of river stone along its edge. Weeds such as gorse and blackberry can grow prolifically if not kept under control but cannot be eradicated due to seeds washed down river during these floods. Large debris (trees, large branches etc) from up river is swept down in floods another reason why we are unable to build a permanent crossing. The cost of fencing this body of water and providing crossings to keep animals out of the river would be prohibitive, and if it was endorsed could see our family have to leave a farm that has been in the family for nearly 100 years

We have twice observed our neighbour try to fence and plant the river banks only to have it washed away in the next flood, leaving dangerous wire and posts strewn over pasture or washed down river to become someone else's problem.

Koi carp has the biggest negative impact on the quality of water and are an increasing problem that seem to have been ignored within the plan and whenever we have tried to discuss it with council we have had no response.

2 Restricted Land Use

Flexibility is needed to for us to farm profitably, this policy negatively affects land values and the ability to adjust to market and environmental changes as required.