

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:

SUBMISSION

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

The reason for requesting this decision is:

Wednesday 23rd May 2018



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SUBMISSION ON WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL VARIATION 1 TO PLAN CHANGE 1: HEALTHY RIVERS WAI ORA PLAN FOR CHANGE

The Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association (PVGA) wishes to provide their support to the submission provided by Hort NZ on the **WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL VARIATION 1 TO PLAN CHANGE 1: HEALTHY RIVERS WAI ORA PLAN FOR CHANGE** however we also wanted to add our comments in a further submission.

The PVGA represents growers from Warkworth in the North to South Waikato and beyond. A significant number of our members (outdoor and indoor produce), are either based in the Waikato or are horticultural operations based outside the Waikato but which have horticultural activities within the region.

The PVGA has concerns that land to grow fresh produce is being eroded by urban growth and through restrictions to growing enforced by Councils. Elite soils and quality cropping land is only diminishing not increasing (especially in South Auckland / Pukekohe area) and the Waikato provides an alternative area to continue production to feed local communities and the national population. The Waikato has a unique supply of land classed Land Use Capability (LUC) 1 – 3.

We agree with Hort NZ who opposes the use of nitrogen as a proxy for intensification and a tool to allocate discharges. An allocation system, based on a nitrogen reference point with a poorly defined set of rights and entitlements, is likely to result in a freeze on crop rotation. This will completely halt food production and cripple the horticultural industry. Crop rotation is a critical practice for most vegetable production. It is part of an integrated approach for pest and disease control by preventing build up of disease and helps maintain soil health. A freeze on crop rotation is a freeze on vegetable production.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit and we wish to remain engaged with you on this topic.

Kind Regards

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President, Pukekohe Vegetable Growers Association