

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)

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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.

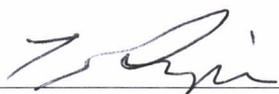
TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (SELECT APPROPRIATE)

- 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:
 - a. adversely effects the environment, and
 - b. 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 5 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 20/4/18
Type name if submitting electronically

SUBMISSIONS CAN BE

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-  (07) 859 0998
-  healthyivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz *Please note: Submissions received by email must contain full contact details.*

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:

Remove Policy 6 PCI
Recommend catchment by catchment
approach to contaminants.
Farm environmental plan to
be universal nationwide.

SUBMISSION

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

The reason for requesting this decision is:

Unfair commercial advantage to Maori
Landowners
social, economic and cultural reasons
I makes sense.

My submission for

**Variation 1 to Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1
Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.**

I am a dairy farmer milking 1250 cows in the North Waikato. I also have a 600 hectare sheep and beef farm which is not part of the Waikato or Waipa River Catchment.

I support the concept of improving the quality of water in our waterways, but disagree with some sections of PC1 and Variation 1.

I have submitted for PC1 as well but have focused on three points for my submission on Variation No1. I now understand a lot more after being heavily involved in discussions over PC1 since it was notified in October 2016.

Point 1

Policy 6: Restricting Land Use

Consent applications that demonstrate an increase in the diffuse discharge of contaminants will generally not be granted.

All landowners other than multiple owned Maori land and Iwi land returned under the Treaty Settlements have a two line statement to adhere to if they wish to intensify their agriculture operation, Policy 6 of PC1.

Multiple owned Maori land and Iwi land returned under the Treaty settlement have a very different set of criteria if they wish to intensify their agricultural operation. Instead of a two line statement which is very simple and direct for land use change, Maori have a range of interpretations for consideration. Policy 16, objective 5 & 7: The following must be considered when it is demonstrated there will be an increase in diffuse discharge.

1. The relationship of Tangata Whenua with their ancestral lands
2. The exercise of Kaitiakitanga
3. The creation of positive, social and cultural benefits
4. This then flows over to Objective 5 of PC1. Tangata Whenua have the ability to manage their own lands etc
5. New impediments to the flexibility of use of their land to be minimised.

I understand the above rules around land change for Maori stem from Treaty Settlement negotiations and are set in law.

I have no issue with that. I do have issues that all other landowners other than the Maori have a different set of rules to work with. For this country to be united in its endeavour to improve water quality in our rivers we need to operate under one set of rules and interpretations. I have a problem with people of a certain race that have a different set of interpretations for land use change which would give those people a commercial advantage over all other races in this region.

I am demanding the commissioners inform the Waikato Regional Council all ratepayers will adhere to the same rules as Iwi Land when dealing with land change. That involves removing Policy 6 from PC1 and Variations No1.

Our region cannot operate with two neighbours operating under two different sets of interpretations for one rule in regard to land change.

The Waikato Regional Council may argue it's not relevant. Well if they are so confident, remove Policy 6 and translate the Iwi interpretations for all landowners. That also includes Policy 7.

I include a letter from Waikato River Authority who are custodians of the Vision & Strategy documents. They make it quite clear they would prefer one interpretation for all landowners.

Point 2

Catchment by Catchment

Presently PC1 and Variation 1 have one plan proposed for the entire region. It has been proven all catchments are different and all catchments are not the same in regard to contaminants entering the waterways.

I propose we deal with individual catchments and mitigate the contaminants of individual catchments separately.

For example. I live in a priority number one catchment, Lake Waikare, Whangamarino Wetland in the North Waikato. Well documented by the Waikato Regional Council, the issue in our catchment is sediment and phosphorus. Not nitrates.

We have a catchment leadership group made up of representatives of Iwi, Fish & Game, DOC, WRC and a trust representing landowners in the catchment. We have a plan for dealing with our water quality issues in our catchment, regardless of PC1. With an individual catchment approach, landowners take ownership of the issues.

A blanket regional plan will waste individual resources as they may be targeted to the wrong contaminant. Nobody can enforce that on landowners.

Point 3

Environment Farm Plans

I agree that environment farm plans are necessary for a host of reasons:-

Landowner education

Identify issues in regard to water quality

Identify catchment issues

Create discussions and solutions

The issue I have is different regions may have different requirements for their own plans. Could the commissioners advise the whole country to have the same plan.

Many farms share Regional Council boundaries. Imagine the nightmare of having to provide two different environmental plans for the one property.

I thank you for your time.

The Vision & Strategy document is a wonderful document that clearly indicates any plan produced to improve the water quality in our waterways must take into account the social, economic and cultural aspects of our communities. I'm afraid the plan produced by the Waikato Regional Council fails to do that.

Regards

Trevor Simpson



Waikato River Authority

15 March 2018

Primary Land Users Group
Representative - Trevor Simpson

Teena koe Trevor,

On behalf of the Waikato River Authority members, we extend our appreciation for your attendance, on behalf of the Primary Land Users Group, to present your paper to the Authority. The members appreciate the time and effort taken by the Group to develop the paper and attend the meeting.

The paper presents 6 questions for the WRA to consider. Rather than respond to each question individually, we provide this response in consideration of all questions in their entirety.

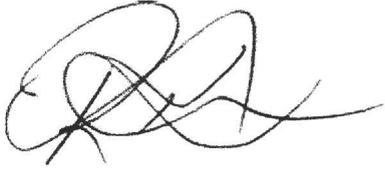
The Vision & Strategy is the document with influence beyond any policy document within the Waikato River Catchment. The Waikato-Tainui Raupatu Claims (Waikato River) Settlement Act 2010 created and empowered the Vision & Strategy, which was further endorsed by the Ngaati Tuuwharetoa, Raukawa, and Te Arawa River Iwi Waikato River Act 2010 and Ngaa Wai o Maniapoto (Waipaa River) Act 2010. It is the primary direction setting document for the catchment. On that note, the WRA is supportive of Plan Change 1, because PC1 is a step towards achieving our vision.

The Vision & Strategy has also set objectives to achieve its purpose. The Objectives do not aim to define swimmability, but it should be noted that the Vision & Strategy would support the best definition of 'swimmability' as is required under our establishing legislation. The WRA is also aware of the considerations required to balance the economic, social, environmental and cultural values within the region. We believe that productivity of the region and achievement of environmental aspirations can occur together through policy improvements and incentives, such as the funding that the WRA distributes every year.

Whilst the WRA would prefer that all land users operate under the same environmental parameters, we are well aware that negotiations between the Crown and Iwi may provide special circumstances for some land users. This is out of the control of the WRA, however it would be our position that any new land use activities, within the Waikato River catchment, further achieve the Vision & Strategy.

Trevor, once again we thank you for your attendance and presentation of the paper. If you have any further questions, please contact our staff

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of several overlapping loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Penter
Chief Executive