

Submission: Waikato Regional Council's Proposed Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Plan Change 1 (PC1)

Submitting On: The Waikato Regional Council's Proposed Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Plan Change(PC1)

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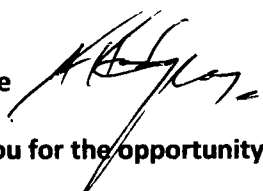
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Submission

I have reviewed Waikato Regional Council's Proposed Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Plan Change 1 (PC1)

And **OPPOSE** the Plan Change in it's current form.

Signature



date

6/3/17

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on the Waikato Regional Council's PC1.

We have been dairy farming for 16 years in the Waikato area, particularly, the Mangateparu district.

We have been climbing the ladder during this course of time and are now currently equity partners, with my Parents on the Family Trust dairy platform.

We come from several generations of dairy farmers.

We feel that we are productive farmers who care for our land and environment.

We have planted some 50% of the creek bank that runs through our farm, in native grasses, flaxes, Manuka, & Kanuka.

We have fully fenced our waterways and understand the importance of Nitrogen loading near our waterways.

3 years ago, we purchased a 50 ha dairy farm, 4 kms from our home farm. We paid "Dairy Farm" price at auction to purchase this property and if we were to sell at "Dry Stock" farm price, we would be in financial ruin. We use this farm to graze our young stock and grow maize, therefore, it is no longer a "Dairy Farm" as in, no milk is collected.

With this in mind, we **"OPPOSE" Clause 4.11 of the restricting land use change.**

For 10 of these years, before we brought it, the farm was certified "Organic", so the NRP would be seriously low. Therefore, I **"OPPOSE" Clause 4.8 NRP restriction**

I can see that the clean, green image is important and accept that, but we need to be open to individual landowners lively-hoods.

I propose, in this high dairy catchment area we are in, to leave the class of land as dairy, to mitigate any eventual loss of equity to our farming family or either a compensation, where we can at least, continue farming. This as you can see, would put pressure on us and the bank ie: land de-valuing