

**WAIKATO REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1  
WAIKATO AND WAIPA RIVER CATCHMENTS**

**Submission Form**

Submission on a publically notified proposed Regional Plan prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.

**On:** The Waikato Regional Councils proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 -  
Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

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I am not a trade competitor for the purposes of the submission but the proposed plan has a direct impact on my ability to farm. If changes sought in the plan are adopted they may impact on others but I am not in direct trade competition with them.

**I wish to be heard in support of this submission.**

  
Signature \_\_\_\_\_ date 1/3/17



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Submission on Healthy Rivers Plan Change 1

My name is David Lord, I am a dairy farmer at Te Pahu.

I believe that market gardeners and fruit growers whose produce is being consumed in New Zealand should be exempt from having to reduce their Nitrogen leaching. It makes no sense to me to have to buy vegetables and fruit grown in less pristine environments. New Zealanders should be able to buy locally grown produce from our enviable uncontaminated environment.

By imposing these rules on our market gardeners it will make them less competitive. There is also another cost to our environment by transporting these vegetables from other countries.

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David Lord

## Submission on Healthy Rivers

My name is David Lord, I am a dairy farmer at Te Pahu with 570 cows.

I am against the proposed plan going ahead without a good computer-based system in place to do away with almost all of the inputting of data that could happen almost automatically. With a good computer system in place people like myself will be able to cope. We should not require hundreds of people to run the Healthy Rivers Plan.

I propose that the council make it mandatory that any business selling inputs to farms has to enter this information into a universal Overseer type system for all farms in the Waikato Catchment area (Fertilizers, stock feeds etc). Dairy Companies would also have to automatically talk to the system along with Nait.

We need a system that is almost totally automated. If the council wants to reduce the highest leachers of Nitrogen this could be so easily done on this system and the Fertilizer companies could just be told that they cannot supply more Nitrogen to a farm once it had reached a specified level.

This model could be running in real time, so on any given day a fert company would know a farm's nutrient leaching levels.

I believe we have to keep a close watch on the cost of the Healthy Rivers Plan. For most farmers, we have struggled to be viable over the last few years. Personally, I am struggling with the amount of work associated with compliance and I believe it will finish my farming career.



David Lord