

Healthy Rivers/Wai Ora Public notice of Variation 1 to Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipā River Catchments

The Waikato Regional Council has adopted a variation (the proposal) to the following proposed plan:

Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipā River Catchments.

Plan Change 1 aims to address nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and bacteria that affect the water quality in the Waikato and Waipā River catchments. Variation 1 proposes to include the previously withdrawn area into Proposed Plan Change 1 and introduces some changes to the provisions notified under Proposed Plan Change 1, including changes to implementation dates.

The proposal may be viewed at waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyivers or at your local Waikato Regional Council Office. If you have any questions about the proposal, please contact Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401.

The following persons may make a submission on the proposal:

- the local authority in its own area may make a submission; and
- any other person may make a submission but, if the person could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, then the person may do so only if the person is directly affected by an effect of the proposal that—
 - adversely affects the environment; and
 - does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

The submission form must be in form 5 and must state whether or not you wish to be heard on your submission. A submission form can be found at waikatoregion.govt.nz/healthyivers or at your local Waikato Regional Council office. You may make a submission by sending a written or electronic submission to Waikato Regional Council:

Email: healthyivers@waikatoregion.govt.nz

Mail: Chief Executive, 401 Grey Street, Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240

Deliver: Waikato Regional Council, 401 Grey Street, Hamilton East, Hamilton

Fax: (07) 859 0998

Submissions close on 23 May 2018.

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposal under the Act is as follows:

- after the closing date for submission, the Waikato Regional Council must prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where the summary and submissions can be inspected; and
- there must be an opportunity for the following persons to make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
 - any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest;
 - any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than
 - the general public has;
 - the local authority itself; and
- if a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- The Waikato Regional Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notifying the proposal and serve it on every person who made a submission at the same time; and
- any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on the proposal to the Environment Court if,—
 - in relation to a provision or matter that is the subject of the appeal, the person referred to the provision or matter in the person's submission on the proposal; and
 - in the case of a proposal that is a proposed policy statement or plan, the appeal does not seek the withdrawal of the proposal as a whole.

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Chief Executive

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