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Submission on Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments

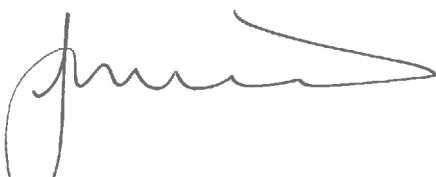
Thank you for the opportunity for Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) to provide a submission on the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments.

The following submission represents the views of ARPHS and does not necessarily reflect the views of the three District Health Boards it serves. Please refer to Appendix 1 for more information on ARPHS.

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Jurisdiction and scope of submission

1. Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) provides public health services for the three district health boards (DHBs) in the Auckland region (Counties Manukau Health and Auckland and Waitemata District Health Boards). As illustrated in Appendix B, part of this region extends into the Lower Waikato River catchment zone.
2. Therefore, ARPHS's comments on the Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipa River Catchments (proposed plan change) relate to this designated area within the Lower Waikato River catchment zone.

Support for the proposed plan change

3. For ARPHS contact recreation and drinking water source quality standards are two key concerns when considering how resources should be managed in the Lower Waikato River catchment zone.
4. ARPHS's main public health goals in relation to freshwater management are:
 - To minimise and prevent the risk of disease associated with the public use of recreational waters, and;
 - To optimise the safety and quality of all drinking water available for public consumption in the three DHB regions. In general, ARPHS considers smaller drinking water supplies (which generally have a lesser degree of treatment and monitoring) are at greater risk of being contaminated as a result of surrounding land use activities.
5. ARPHS notes the proposed plan change seeks to reduce key contaminants (nitrogen, phosphorus, sediment and microbial pathogens) entering water bodies in the Waipa and Waikato river catchments, with much of the emphasis on reducing contaminant losses from pastoral farm land, and better management of diffuse discharges to land and water. It sets out an 80 year timeframe for these entire river catchments and their tributaries to be swimmable and safe for food collection along their entire lengths.
6. Accordingly, ARPHS supports the overall intent of the proposed plan change to maintain and improve the overall quality of freshwater resources in the Waikato and Waipa river catchments. ARPHS considers effective implementation and compliance of the proposed provisions will be the key driver for water quality improvement in the region.
7. In particular, ARPHS supports the following principles and methods established by the proposed plan change:

- Supporting activities that discharge low levels of contaminants and/or demonstrate a commitment to reducing contaminant discharges;
 - Requirement for properties with an area greater than 2 hectares (excluding urban properties) to be registered with council;
 - The application of farm environment plans for farming activities requiring consent or registered to a Certified Industry Scheme.
 - Stock exclusion from water bodies;
 - Establishment and operation of a publicly available accounting system and monitoring in each Freshwater Management Unit.
8. Under the proposed stock exclusion provisions, ARPHS notes that farmers within priority 1 sub-catchments could effectively have until 2023 to exclude stock from water bodies. ARPHS considers that farming activities should be required to fence off water bodies much sooner, especially in light of the recent release of the 'Clean Water Package 2017'¹ consultation document, which is proposing stock exclusion from waterways for some forms of farm stock as earlier as 1 July 2017.

¹<http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/fresh-water/clean-water-90-of-rivers-and-lakes-swimmable-2040>

Appendix 1 - Auckland Regional Public Health Service

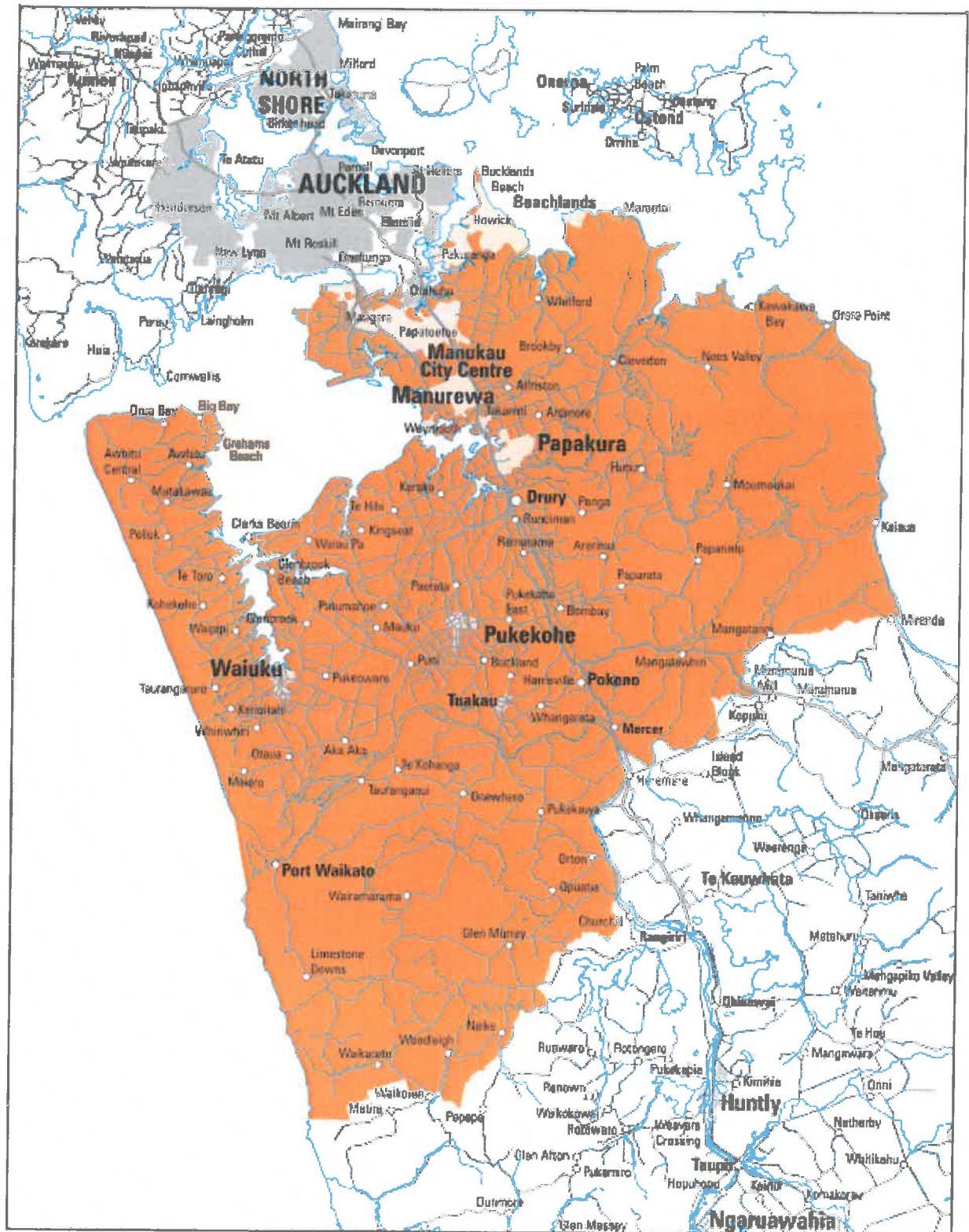
Auckland Regional Public Health Service (ARPHS) provides public health services for the three district health boards (DHBs) in the Auckland region (Counties Manukau Health and Auckland and Waitemata District Health Boards).

ARPHS has a statutory obligation under the New Zealand Public Health and Disability Act 2000 to improve, promote and protect the health of people and communities in the Auckland region. The Medical Officer of Health has an enforcement and regulatory role under the Health Act 1956 and other legislative designations to protect the health of the community.

ARPHS' primary role is to improve population health. It actively seeks to influence any initiatives or proposals that may affect population health in the Auckland region to maximise their positive impact and minimise possible negative effects on population health.

The Auckland region faces a number of public health challenges through changing demographics, increasingly diverse communities, increasing incidence of lifestyle-related health conditions such as obesity and type 2 diabetes, infrastructure requirements, the balancing of transport needs, and the reconciliation of urban design and urban intensification issues.

Appendix 2 – Counties Manukau Health boundary



Appendix 3: Submission form



PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL PLAN CHANGE 1 WAIKATO AND WAIPĀ RIVER CATCHMENTS



Submission form on publicly notified – Proposed Waikato Regional Plan Change 1 – Waikato and Waipā River Catchments.

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We need to receive your submission by 5pm, 8 March 2017.

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TRADE COMPETITION AND ADVERSE EFFECTS (select appropriate)

- I could / could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- 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.

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THE SPECIFIC PROVISIONS OF PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 THAT MY SUBMISSION RELATES TO

Please state the provision, map or page number e.g. Objective 4 or Rule 3.11.5.1 (Continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

I SUPPORT OR OPPOSE THE ABOVE PROVISION/S

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Support the above provisions
- Support the above provision with amendments
- Oppose the above provisions

MY SUBMISSION IS THAT

Tell us the reasons why you support or oppose or wish to have the specific provisions amended. (Please continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

See submission

I SEEK THE FOLLOWING DECISION BY COUNCIL

(Select as appropriate and continue on separate sheet(s) if necessary).

- Accept the above provision
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PLEASE INDICATE BY TICKING THE RELEVANT BOX WHETHER YOU WISH TO BE HEARD IN SUPPORT OF YOUR SUBMISSION

- I wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.
 I do not wish to speak at the hearing in support of my submissions.

JOINT SUBMISSIONS

- If others make a similar submission, please tick this box if you will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

IF YOU HAVE USED EXTRA SHEETS FOR THIS SUBMISSION PLEASE ATTACH THEM TO THIS FORM AND INDICATE BELOW

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Date:

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