

Proposed Natural Resources Plan:

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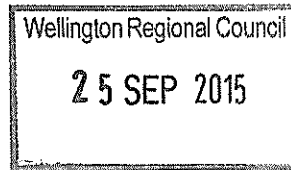
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Your submission

The specific provisions of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that this submission relates to are:

The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/ section number): SUBMISSION PROCESS - WORD FORM This form asks me to TICK boxes BUT PUTS X in when activated in computerised form. X means negative response - being the opposite to a tick being positive response.	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	Lack of understand of what GWRC want to be answered.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Ask a question for a tick please supply the option of putting a tick not a X ; or don't mention tick and say put a X in. Better still ask for YES NO

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The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/section number): MAPPING Item 1: River Class classifications in the GIS layer for this plan has streams that are ephemeral.	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	My land is incorrectly classified
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Part of a Class 1 river and all but 20m of a Class 3 river, on my property are incorrectly shown on Map 21d. on GIS system. They are in fact ephemeral.

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The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/section number): PLAN OMISSION Item 2: Why does this Plan ignore litter/rubbish/refuse as a pollutant to water systems?	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	United Nations recognises that "Marine Litter consists of items that have been made or used by people and deliberately discarded into the sea or rivers or on beaches; brought indirectly to the sea with rivers, sewage, storm water ..." The problem of plastic/human made product fouling/killing our aquatic ecosystems is growing. That this document has a complete lack of recognition that even the problem exists is startling.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	This Natural Resources Plan needs to cover the issue of litter/rubbish/refuse as a pollutant to water; and look at ways to mitigate/clean up the sources of these pollutants (litter/rubbish/refuse) in our waterways and flood zones (areas adjacent to our waterways).

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The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/section number): PLAN OMISSION Item 3: Why are flooding events that transport litter/rubbish/debris to sea/ocean not tackled by this plan?	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	A GWRC policy officer stated that "we are not interested in flood events within this Natural Resources Plan as we are unable to record them". My observation is that the large amounts waste enters the water system in raised water events. I realise it is a hard issue to tackle but more damaging pollutants are transported in a flood than at any other time and no recognition is given. No control/mitigation measures considered. (See also Item 2 of my submission).
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Some of the following could be considered: - Make rubbish tip fees free to the general public, so that people dispose of waste to a controlled area. (As Refuse tip fees increase so does illegal roadside/river dumpings). - Don't allow buildings, storage areas, in flood prone areas? (Floods happen regularly but the rubbish they wash out takes decades to degrade). - Encourage more community responsibility for our own environment. It is not just cow poo going down the river but also (as to date apparently unmeasured volumes) of baby nappies to plastic bottles, abandoned cars, flood damaged buildings - just any item a human has made will appear in the river as litter. Particularly plastics have very long term detrimental effects on the marine life, and also likely to be affecting humans further up the food chain also.

If you have more submissions you wish to make, please find more boxes at the bottom of this document

Attendance and wish to be heard at hearing(s)

- I/We do wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
 [Note: This means that you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing(s).]
- I/We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
 [Note: This means that you cannot speak at the hearing. However, you will still retain your right to appeal any decision made by the Wellington Regional Council to the Environment Court.]

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The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/ section number): 4: 5.1.13 Ground-based and aerial applications For all applications excluding residential areas and hand-held/knapsack applications: (d) there is no aerial spraying in residential areas, and may be in other locations	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	No definition within Natural Resources Plan as to where these "residential areas" boundaries are. My address in the Porirua City Council District Planning Zones is "rural" BUT in Statistics New Zealand map my address (and ALL of Porirua City) is "main urban area" (ie residential). One area with two different legal interpretations of land use.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Define "residential areas" either with maps or clarify where to find the legal map to be referred to.

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The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/ section number): 5: 5.1.13 Ground-based and aerial applications For all applications excluding residential areas and hand-held/knapsack applications: and may be in other locations	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	Is a spray unit on a quad motorbike that has a hand-held hose part of this?
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Perhaps "hand-held and/or knapsack applications" would better?

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	Reasons for my submission: →	Need clarification of what makes a "spray plan".
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Define where a "spray plan" form/template is located or describe what is need to be included in a "spray plan": perhaps refer to NZS8409:2004 from M4.

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The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/ section number): 7: 5.1.13 Ground-based and aerial applications Rule R36: Agrichemicals – permitted activity The discharge of agrichemicals into air or onto or into land where it may enter water is a permitted activity, provided the following conditions are met: (ii) notify adjacent neighbours that a spray plan is available on request at start of a spray season, or (iii) gain written agreement from adjoining neighbours that notification is not required, and may be in other locations in the plan	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	Need clarification of why all my neighbours need to be notified of spraying when only those directly adjacent/adjoining spray could be affected. Not those kilometers from the work site on the other side of my property.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	From: NZS8409:2004 M2.2 Application on private property Any person who is LIKELY TO BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED by the application of agrichemicals has a right to information about the operation. The owner or occupier of the property on which the spraying is to take place shall inform, at intervals of no more than once a year, any person who is LIKELY TO BE DIRECTLY AFFECTED by the application, that a spray plan (see M4) has been prepared and is available on request. More or less frequent information may be provided where mutually acceptable arrangements have been agreed to, and recorded on the spray plan. Notification shall also be in accordance with any regulatory requirements of the local authority. The NZ Standard covers this area of spraying but this Natural Resources Plan has mangled/bastardized the meaning of the Standard. Refer to Standard NZS8409:2004 and leave it at that.

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If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature: Heather Phillips



Date: 24 September 2015

[Person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission. NB. Not required if making an electronic submission]

Publication of details

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8. ERROR AND OMISSION Schedule I - Important trout fishery rivers and spawning waters plus Map 22	Reasons for my submission: →	"Whakatikei Stream" in Schedule I on Page 413 should be "Whakatikei River" as per Map 22 "Moonshine Stream" in Schedule I on Page 413 is missing in Map 22
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Correctly name "Whakatikei River" in Schedule I on Page 413 and Add "Moonshine Stream" to Map 22

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Additional Submission Items – Heather Phillips

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	Reasons for my submission: →	The Whakatikei River seems to be missing as an areas of trout spawning, ie the Duck Pond and the upper reaches and all the areas in between. Fish cannot fly from one area to the next, they swim up and down rivers. So if it is a spawning area all the river needs to be captured up to that point. Is this an overlook or perhaps the fact that the Whakatikei Dam will affect these area has led to these areas being left out.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Add Whakatikei River as trout spawning water. Trout spawning in the whole document- Look at all spawning rivers and the area should cover area spawning right down to the sea NOT just sections.

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	Reasons for my submission: →	The general public has a perception that it is the "farmer" causing the polluting of our waterway whereas in truth the majority of polluting comes from the urban (populated) areas.
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	A couple of simple diagrams (sedimentation and pollutants) showing the general quality of water and its change of state as it moves from native forest to exotic plantation, to hill country farm land, to lowland dairy/cropping and through to urban areas and on to the sea. Where the most sedimentation comes from (possibly farming and land development) but also showing pollutants with the vast majority of these coming from urban areas. This visual diagram would help people to own their problems and not pass it off as just a "farming" issue.

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	Reasons for my submission: →	Diagram on page 8 shows how may duplications and interpretation of our natural resources management there are - 10 plans . Yet each works in isolation to the other or duplicates each other- Please WHY? The Regional Coastal Plan is the only mandatory regional plan; other regional plans are prepared at the discretion of the regional council ... I would like just one set guidelines, if that is national regulations why is there a need to repeat (in altered states).
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Cut the excess out of the plan and don't repeat information/regulations that is covered in other plans. Has no one heard the saying "LESS IS MORE" - people might understand and comply with the essence of protecting our environment if we didn't have to continually wade through red tape.

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	Reasons for my submission: →	Registered Chemical Applicator Certification should not be limited to one provider
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	Refer to GROWSAFE® as an example of appropriate certification

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