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Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission to this process.

I am grateful to Eugene Doyle, Lyn Cadenhead & Neil Deans for being able to use some of their submissions content.

I support the thrust of PC1, especially the excellent work done on the Whaitua process for Porirua and Whanganui-a-Tara which PC1 seeks to support and deliver on, at least in part. Furthermore, to be successful, this regional plan change needs to be well integrated with the related functions and initiatives from the respective statutory parties, including the regional council, territorial councils and Wellington Water as the local 3-waters entity. It also requires effective community engagement.

As part of the Papawai Stream Group, I have been extremely disappointed by the disengagement of GWRC & WWater & WCC from our community restoration & monitoring work for this partly unpiped tributary of Waitangi Stream during the three plus years of the Omāroro Reservoir.

I thus strongly support Eugene Doyle's view about 'The need for better structures and processes that support communities, particularly catchment groups and their leaders, to participate in the oversight/scrutiny of work undertaken by Greater Wellington, the councils and the key agencies, such as Wellington Water.'

Regarding Chapt 8 **Whanganui-a-Tara**

The objectives WH.01-WH.09 are supported, but specific interim milestones are also required to be set to ensure the long-term objective will be achieved. This must be supported by numerical objectives and monitoring programmes to ensure actions are effective to meet the desired outcomes.

I support the numerical requirements for the lakes being accompanied by the equivalent for running waters; particularly the Hutt River catchment such as in Table 8.3. In all cases, human health for contact recreation should be the standard where the water bodies are used for that purpose. The desired target attribute states in Table 8.4 are supported.

Policies WH.P1 to WH.P33 are all supported, including the associated target attribute states and flow requirements.

Rules WH.R1 to WH.R36 are all supported. Note that, wherever possible, water sensitive urban design should be required to minimise increased runoff intensity due to increasing hard surfaces.

Ngā mihi,

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