

Summary of Decisions Requested on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region

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8. Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua

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Plan Provision	Submitter Name	Submission point number	Support /oppose	Summary of decision requested
8 Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Upper Hutt City Council	S107/008	Support	Support the establishment of the whaitua committees for management of catchment-based water resources.
8 Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Regional Public Health	S136/024	Support	Support for all policies
8 Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Roading, Parks and Gardens and Solid Waste departments of Hutt City Council and Upper Hutt City Council	S85/071	Amend	Make provision for minor takes as permitted or controlled activities [in the Whaitua chapters].
8 Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Wellington Civic Trust	S62/028	Not stated	Make sufficient resource available for the Whaitua for it to urgently advance its important work of ensuring water quality is generally improved.
8 Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Port Nicholson Block Settlement Trust	S305/001	Support	Formalise Wellington/Hutt Whaitua as soon as possible
8.1 Policies	Wellington Recreational Marine Fishers Association	S32/019	Amend	Record that the Wellington Harbour has a number of submarine freshwater springs from off Petone Beach to alongside Somes Island, into Evans Bay and around the Falcon Shoals. Include a management plan in Policies 8.1 that prevents any further artesian water loss in Wellington Harbour caused by ignorance of the water loss already escaping into the Harbour waters. [Refer to original submission for further details].
Policy WH.P1: Minimum flows and water levels in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Wellington Water Limited	S135/201	Support	Support

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Policy WH.P2: Core allocation in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Wellington Water Limited	S135/229	Amend	Tables 8.2 and 8.3 water allocations of policy WH.P2 and rule WH.R1 be amended to reflect the water takes already granted by existing resource consents.
Policy WH.P2: Core allocation in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua	Wellington Water Limited	S135/202	Amend	Correct the allocation amounts in Table 8.2 to 460 litres/sec for the Wainuiomata River and also for the Orongorongo River.
8.2 Rules	New Zealand Fire Commission and Wellington Rural Fire Authority	S142/015	Not stated	Add new rule for the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua chapter: <u>Rule RXXX: Take and use of water for Firefighter Training - permitted activity</u> <u>The take and use of water for firefighter training purposes is a permitted activity provided the following conditions are met:</u> <u>(a) Each water take shall not occur for longer than 2 hours within a 24 hour period, and</u> <u>(b) Surface water bodies shall only be utilised where there is a rate of flow that exceeds the rate of take from the water body, and</u> <u>(c) The water is not taken from a natural wetland, or from within 50m of a natural wetland, and</u> <u>(d) Fish are prevented from entering the intake.</u>
8.2 Rules	Wellington Recreational Marine Fishers Association	S32/020	Amend	Record that the Wellington Harbour has a number of submarine freshwater springs from off Petone Beach to alongside Somes Island, into Evans Bay and around the Falcon Shoals. All Rules in this section are inadequate and fail to describe the importance of this water supply to Wellington's water supply. Figure 8.2 and tables 8.2 and 8.3 have serious errors and are totally incorrect.

Rule WH.R1: Take and use of water in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua - restricted discretionary activity	Wellington Water Limited	S135/197	Amend	Table 8.1 Replace "Russ Bridge recorder" with "Truss Bridge recorder". Table 8.1 The minimum flow below the Kaitoke water supply intake should be able to be reduced to 400 L/s for special circumstances. In Table 8.2 increase the allocation amount for each of the Wainuiomata and the Orongorongo Rivers to 460 L/s each.
Rule WH.R1: Take and use of water in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua - restricted discretionary activity	Greater Wellington Regional Council	S133/020	Amend	Amend matter of discretion No. 8 to read "For a take and use in category B groundwater, whether the water is taken from groundwater directly connected to surface water or groundwater not directly connected to surface water"
Rule WH.R1: Take and use of water in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua - restricted discretionary activity	New Zealand Defence Force	S81/039	Amend	Amend the Plan to include separate rules for surface and groundwater takes to ensure clarity for users.
Rule WH.R1: Take and use of water in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua - restricted discretionary activity	Minister of Conservation	S75/198	Support	Retain
Rule WH.R2: Taking and using water in the Wellington Harbour and Hutt Valley Whaitua - discretionary activity	Wellington Water Limited	S135/198	Support	Support

Rule WH.R3: Take and use of water from outstanding rivers and lakes -non-complying activity	Wellington Water Limited	S135/199	Support	Support
Rule WH.R4: Take and use of water that exceeds minimum flows, lake levels or core allocation - prohibited activity	Wellington Water Limited	S135/200	Amend	Insert new footnote or text to Table 8.2 to give the effect of "For some parts of some rivers current allocations may exceed the default values shown in Table 8.2. This apparent over-allocation does not necessarily mean that the river ecological values or any other values are compromised or under threat. Rather, it indicates that the reach is likely to be fully allocated and that the effects of any applications for new consents or consent renewals should be carefully evaluated." Increase the allocation amounts to match Wellington Water current consents. In Figure 8.2. change the depth of Category A to 10m depth instead of 15m.
Rule WH.R4: Take and use of water that exceeds minimum flows, lake levels or core allocation - prohibited activity	Minister of Conservation	S75/201	Support	Retain
Rule WH.R4: Take and use of water that exceeds minimum flows, lake levels or core allocation - prohibited activity	New Zealand Defence Force	S81/038	Amend	Change the prohibited activity status to a non-complying activity. [Add a new rule to] include small and strategically important takes (for example for training activities) as permitted activities.