

Proposed Natural Resources Plan:

Submitter:

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Form 5: Submission on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region
 This is a submission on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region pursuant to Clause 6 of Schedule 1, Resource Management Act 1991

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Electronic communication

Wellington Regional Council has a preference for providing information about the Proposed Natural Resources Plan via email. We will send you updates on the process, information and provide you with details of any meetings and the hearing. Please tick here if you do not agree to receive communication via email.

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Trade competition

I/we **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. [Go straight to **Your Submission**]

I/we **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
 If you **could** gain an advantage please complete one of the following:

- I/we **are** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of my submission that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.
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Your submission

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

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	Reasons for my submission: →	The Kourarau Dam(reservoir) is owned by Trust House and we, the combined submitters, are the adjacent landowners. The dam has multiple values to the community. It is a man made structure, built in the late 1920s as part of the Kourarau Hydro Electric Power Scheme. It provided the first electricity in the Wairarapa and is still operational today. The dam is a major recreational facility in the Wairarapa with users including fisherman, non-motorised boat use and picnickers. At present there is little public access at the north eastern end of the dam. As landowners we allow controlled public access on our properties.The inclusion of the Reservoir in Schedule 5 restricting stock access will mean fencing as the only practical way to
Schedule C5: Kourarau Steam and Reservoir		

		implement this. Due to the closeness of farm access roads next to the dam, building and maintaining a fence will be very difficult. The land adjacent to the dam, on the western side, is a farm laneway and, as such, is used mainly for stock transit. Also on the western side there are two houses and a full range of farm buildings close to the dam. Of concern, should the dam be fenced off from stock, would be the uncontrolled rank grass and weeds that would grow and the fire risk this poses, especially with continued public access. As landowners we would have to seriously consider banning public access. Naturally, we are very concerned with maintaining a high standard of water quality in the stream and dam. We would welcome working with local iwi and the Regional Council on a management plan for the stream and will happily fence off remaining sections of the stream that are, at present, not fenced. Including the Reservoir in Schedule C5, severely restricts the multiple amenity values of this Wairarapa asset.,
	I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →	We seek the WRC to amend Schedule C5 "Kourarau Stream & Reservoir" to exclude the Reservoir and to read only the Kourarau Stream.

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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.]

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

Signature: _____

Date: _____

[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

Wellington Regional Council is legally required to notify a summary of submissions, including your name and address for service as provided on this submission form. Your name and address are included so that a person making a further submission is able to serve you with a copy of it.

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