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## Raw submission points

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Raw sub point number	Provision	Support/oppose	Decision sought	Reasons
S117.1	Method M44: Supporting the health of rural waterbodies.	Oppose	Increase the water testing sites in the Makara river catchment areas	There is only one site in the Makara river, outside the dog kennels, that has been monitored over the years. This does not give a clear picture at all of where the sediment or contaminant if found would be coming from. Surely the Council if it is committed to improving water quality as they say would increase the monitoring sites to would give a much clearer true picture of where the water quality improvements could be made. Making assumptions that it comes from steep erosion prone land is not looking at the river banks that are washing away with each heavy rain or flood.
S117.2	Policy WH.P23: Achieving reductions in sediment discharges from farming activities on land with high risk of erosion.	Oppose	We disagree with the regulatory approach the GWRC seem to be taking under this proposed plan change.  Forcing us to fence of large areas of our land that Council deem to be erosion prone will be costly and takes away our own guardianship rights of the land.	Local communities know how to look after their land areas the best of all. This has been shown in many events where the local community have joined together to enhance the local environment making sound decisions to protect our area and environment that we are proud of. We are very aware of the need to protect water quality and this is something that we, as guardians of the land for future generations, have always kept in mind when making decisions on the land. We are proud of our family connections and our land. Our family trace back 7 generations in the Makara area and we have a deep connection and respect for this land and the environment. We have cared for our farm for the past 32 years, with ourselves and future generations in mind, and are committed to continuing to do so.  We have ourselves planted well over in excess of 3,000+ native trees and plants on our farm and have fenced off numerous areas to allow for bush to regenerate. We have planted stream and river banks to try combat erosion of the edges and to allow for shade in the streams.
S117.3	Whaitua	Oppose	Improved consultation process with the community.  Not sure where to put these comments as there doesn't seem to be a general comments area.	We are not happy with the consultation process. We only heard about the plan change through the local community, not the GWRC or WCC, and this was only approx 3 weeks before submissions close just over a week before Christmas! This Plan Change is a huge document and takes alot of reading. Surely this plan change could have been emailed or mailed to each property owner prior to this. This plan change will have a huge impact on the farms in Makara yet hardly any effort has been made by the council to notify affected property owners. It seems to us with the way this consultation process was carried out that the Council is not really interested in genuine feedback and consultation from the affected community.

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