

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

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Owen Butcher	S394/001	Category A groundwater	Amend	Amend [definition of directly connected]: <u>Ground water in the bore is at the same level as the water in the river and moves up and down with the level of the river.</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/002	Regionally significant infrastructure	Amend	Add after treatment plants: water race networks and facilities for the irrigation of pasture and crops.
Owen Butcher	S394/003	Unused water	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/004	Objective O8: Allocation regime	Amend	Amend Objective O8: "the social, <u>agricultural, industrial,</u> cultural and environmental benefits of taking and using water for current uses and also for future needs are recognised and provided for within the Plan's allocation framework"
Owen Butcher	S394/005	Objective O25: Aquatic ecosystem health and mahinga kai	Amend	Remove [Objective 25(c)] Amend Table 3.6 to state the numerical amount: "nitrate in groundwater should not exceed human drinking water standards, i.e. 11.3".
Owen Butcher	S394/006	Objective O52: Efficient allocation	Amend	Amend Objective O52 to read "the efficiency and allocation and use of water is improved and maximised <u>the amount is increased</u> through time, including by means of..." Add <u>(f) enabling storage within the bed of a river</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/007	Policy P7: Uses of land and water	Amend	Add "diffuse contaminants" to (b). Retain (h).
Owen Butcher	S394/008	Policy P11: In-stream water storage	Support	Retain.

Owen Butcher	S394/009	Schedule P: Classifying and managing groundwater and surface water connectivity	Amend	[Amend Policy P107]: "(a) the groundwater connectivity described in Schedule P needs verifying and GW have a significant part to play in establishing the evidence"Insert (d) when Schedule P changes; "-ve effect on consent holders - 10 year lead in time to reflect cost, +ve effect - the water availability should be released immediately."
Owen Butcher	S394/010	Policy P107: The framework for taking and using water	Amend	[Amend]: "(a) the groundwater connectivity described in Schedule P needs verifying and GW have a significant part to play in establishing the evidence" Insert (d) when Schedule P changes; "-ve effect on consent holders - 10 year lead in time to reflect cost, +ve effect - the water availability should be released immediately."
Owen Butcher	S394/011	Policy P109: Lapse dates affecting water takes	Support	Support Policy P109.
Owen Butcher	S394/012	Policy P111: Water takes at minimum flows and water levels	Amend	<u>Category A groundwater which shall be required to reduce take by 50% of the amount consented above minimum flows following a period of 10 days of continuous river levels at minimum flow.</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/013	Rule R135: General rule for taking, use, damming and diverting water - discretionary activity	Amend	Make Rule R135 restricted discretionary.
Owen Butcher	S394/014	Policy P115: Authorising takes below minimum flows and lake levels	Amend	Amend Policy P115 (d) category A groundwater which shall be required to reduce take by 50% of the amount consented above minimum flows <u>following a period of 10 days of continuous river levels at minimum flow.</u> Delete (c)(i)
Owen Butcher	S394/015	Policy P116: Reallocating water	Support	Retain.

Owen Butcher	S394/016	Policy P117: Supplementary allocation amounts at flows above the median flow	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/017	Policy P118: Reasonable and efficient use	Amend	Amend Policy P118 to read "while existing users replacing existing resource consents have a period of four years from the date of the plan being made operative <u>renewal of consent to meet the criteria.</u> "
Owen Butcher	S394/018	Policy P119: Unused water	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/019	Policy P120: Taking water for storage	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/020	Policy P128: Transfer of resource consents	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/021	Rule R137: Farm dairy washdown and milk-cooling water - permitted activity	Amend	Amend Rule R137 clause (b) by deleting words after "property...".
Owen Butcher	S394/022	Rule R143: Temporary water permit transfers - controlled activity	Amend	Amend Rule R143 to be a permitted activity and not a controlled activity.
Owen Butcher	S394/023	Rule R144: Transferring water permits - restricted discretionary activity	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/024	Method M13: Wairarapa water races	Amend	Insert after cultural values " <u>and economic values</u> of the Wairarapa water races..."

Owen Butcher	S394/025	Method M18: Water use groups	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/026	Methods 19: Water management	Amend	Amend Method 19 (d) <u>quantify costs and benefits of water races and explore alternatives.</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/027	Method M28: Development of good management practice guidelines.	Support	Retain.
Owen Butcher	S394/028	Policy R.P3: Cumulative effects on river reaches of allocating water	Support	Insert after adverse effects: <u>that are measured</u> on aquatic...
Owen Butcher	S394/029	7 Ruamahanga Whaitua	Oppose	Do not include Figures 7.3-7.8 in the plan until categories have been verified. Change the allocation amounts in Tables 7.3-7.5 to what is currently allocated or more if spare water has been identified.
Owen Butcher	S394/030	Schedule P: Classifying and managing groundwater and surface water connectivity	Oppose	Needs empirical calibration by GW.
Owen Butcher	S394/031	Schedule Q: Reasonable and efficient use criteria	Oppose	Remove sentence "the model must reliably predict annual irrigation volume within an accuracy of 15%"Add after field validated model: <u>for Wairarapa conditions</u> In (a) add after 80%: <u>where practicable</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/032	Schedule R: Guideline for stepdown allocations	Amend	Add after health needs of people: <u>stock drinking water and rootstock protection.</u> [Acknowledge Table R1 is interim; consult with water users on further changes]
Owen Butcher	S394/033	Category A groundwater	Amend	<u>Groundwater will be categorised A or B or C once GW has field verified its connectivity with surface water and performed an empirical calibration of the model.</u>

Owen Butcher	S394/034	Category 2 surface water body	Oppose	Exclude water races and drains from [definition of] Category Two [2 surface water body].
Owen Butcher	S394/035	Schedule I: Important trout fishery rivers and spawning waters	Oppose	Specify criteria for "important" trout spawning rivers; delete those that don't meet the criteria.
Owen Butcher	S394/036	Map 22: Trout fishery rivers and trout spawning waters (Schedule I)	Oppose	Specify criteria for "important" trout spawning rivers: delete those that don't meet the criteria.
Owen Butcher	S394/037	Rule R97: Access to the beds of surface water bodies by livestock - permitted activity	Oppose	Extend the timeframes, e.g. Category 1 surface water bodies by 2020, category 2 surface water bodies by 2025. Exclude sheep from Category 1 surface water bodies. Delete requirement for dairy cow exclusion from hill country rivers >1 metre wide. Specify that stock exclusion from inanga or trout spawning sites is during the spawning season. Allow for stock drinking points. Ensure that alternative stock water supplies are available and rules don't apply until they are.
Owen Butcher	S394/038	Stock crossing point	Oppose	Amend the definition of "stock crossing" to match hill country practicalities and effects.
Owen Butcher	S394/039	Natural wetland	Oppose	Amend definition to exclude intermittent and ephemeral water bodies and clarify these do not include hill country seeps or paddocks subject to regular ponding, dominated by cultivated pasture, whether or not associated with sedge, raupo or rush species.
Owen Butcher	S394/040	Significant natural wetland	Oppose	Re-prioritise to focus efforts on the highest value sites; change minimum size from 0.1ha to 1.0ha.
Owen Butcher	S394/041	Rule R105: Planting and pest plant control in natural wetlands, significant natural wetlands and outstanding natural wetlands - permitted activity	Oppose	Allow for planting introduced species for bees or ducks

Owen Butcher	S394/042	Schedule F3: Identified significant natural wetlands	Oppose	Re-prioritise to focus efforts on the highest value sites; change minimum size from 0.1ha to 1.0ha.
Owen Butcher	S394/043	Rule R106: Restoration of natural wetlands, significant natural wetlands and outstanding natural wetlands - controlled activity	Oppose	Amend to provide for restoration or enhancement of wetlands to be a permitted activity, with plans prepared as a non-regulatory partnership.
Owen Butcher	S394/044	Rule R107: Activities in natural wetlands and significant natural wetlands - discretionary activity	Oppose	Amend to provide for restoration or enhancement of wetlands to be a permitted activity, with plans prepared as a non-regulatory partnership.
Owen Butcher	S394/045	Rule R108: Activities in natural wetlands and significant natural wetlands - non-complying activity	Oppose	Allow diversion of water as part of a restoration plan.
Owen Butcher	S394/046	Rule R104: Structures in natural wetlands and significant natural wetlands - permitted activity	Oppose	Allow use of machines rather than just hand held

Owen Butcher	S394/047	Rule R83: Discharge of collected animal effluent onto or into land - controlled activity	Oppose	Undertake more rigorous regional cost-benefit analysis of pond storage and sealing requirements. Provide reasonable timeframes and a stepped approach for the installation of storage (eg 3-5 years). Clarify the definition of ponding; and exclude extreme weather events, breakdowns out of manager's control, be consistent with urban conditions. In groundwater protection areas, undertake a risk analysis to support a controlled rule rather than discretionary. Extend consent timeframe to 20 years to reflect investment made.
Owen Butcher	S394/048	Rule R93: All other discharges to land - discretionary activity	Oppose	[Regarding discharge of collected animal effluent rule R83] In groundwater protection areas, undertake a risk analysis to support a controlled rule rather than discretionary.
Owen Butcher	S394/049	Map 27a: Groundwater community drinking water supply protection areas - Wairarapa (incorporates Schedule M2)	Oppose	[Regarding discharge of collected animal effluent rule R83] In groundwater protection areas, undertake a risk analysis to support a controlled rule rather than discretionary.
Owen Butcher	S394/050	Map 27b: Groundwater community drinking water supply protection areas - Hutt Valley (incorporates Schedule M2)	Oppose	[Regarding discharge of collected animal effluent rule R83] In groundwater protection areas, undertake a risk analysis to support a controlled rule rather than discretionary.
Owen Butcher	S394/051	Map 27c: Groundwater community drinking water supply protection areas - Kapiti Coast (incorporates Schedule M2)	Oppose	[Regarding discharge of collected animal effluent rule R83] In groundwater protection areas, undertake a risk analysis to support a controlled rule rather than discretionary.
Owen Butcher	S394/052	Silage	Oppose	Change definition to specify this does not include baleage.

Owen Butcher	S394/053	Rule R90: Manufacture and storage of silage and compost - permitted activity	Oppose	Delete requirement for impermeable lining; retain condition that there be no discharge to water. Delete requirement for location not allowed within 20m of a surface water body.
Owen Butcher	S394/054	Rule R94: Cultivation or tilling of land - permitted activity	Oppose	Delete condition requiring a 5m setback.
Owen Butcher	S394/055	Rule R95: Break-feeding - permitted activity	Oppose	Delete condition requiring a 5m setback.
Owen Butcher	S394/056	Highly modified river or stream	Oppose	Change definition to include all streams that have been modified by human activity - straightening, deepening, channeling.
Owen Butcher	S394/057	Rule R121: Maintenance of drains - permitted activity	Oppose	[Condition (j)] Provide maps clearly showing drains and highly modified streams that are covered by Rule R121. Provide direction to landowners about the type of waterways on their land. Extend timeframe for implementation of new conditions from 2017 to 2020.
Owen Butcher	S394/058	Rule R122: Removing vegetation - permitted activity	Oppose	[Condition l] Provide direction to landowners about the type of waterways on their land.
Owen Butcher	S394/059	Method M14: Maintenance of drains	Oppose	Fast-forward Method M14 to develop agreed good practice for drain clearing prior to the hearing.
Owen Butcher	S394/060	Earthworks	Oppose	Amend definition and Rule R99 to allow construction of farm tracks as permitted as well as maintenance.
Owen Butcher	S394/061	Rule R99: Earthworks-permitted activity	Oppose	Amend definition and Rule R99 to allow construction of farm tracks as permitted as well as maintenance.
Owen Butcher	S394/063	Erosion prone land	Oppose	Change definition to increase the slope and exclude stable substrate, e.g. greywacke.

Owen Butcher	S394/064	Vegetation clearance	Oppose	Change definition to exclude hand clearance, hand or aerial spraying and roller crushing.
Owen Butcher	S394/065	Rule R100: Vegetation clearance on erosion prone land - permitted activity	Oppose	See submission point on definition of "erosion prone" and "vegetation clearance".
Owen Butcher	S394/066	Rule R101: Earthworks and vegetation clearance - discretionary activity	Oppose	Change rule to controlled or restricted discretionary with clear conditions.
Owen Butcher	S394/067	Rule R114: River crossing structures - permitted activity	Oppose	Change the 50ha catchment restriction to 200ha (or clarify rationale for the difference). Increase the size for fords and bridges.(20m2 too small). Undertake proper assessment of restrictions proposed for mana whenua sites [Condition (h)] - not leaving this to a consent process at landowner cost.
Owen Butcher	S394/068	Rule R115: Culverts - permitted activity	Amend	Delete condition [(h)(ii)] restricting culvert diameter. retain condition that culvert be constructed to allow for 20 year flood. Provide advice to landowner of appropriate culvert sizes. Undertake proper assessment of restrictions proposed for mana whenua sites [Condition (f)] - not leaving this to a consent process at landowner cost.
Owen Butcher	S394/069	Rule R125: Structures within a site identified in Schedule C (mana whenua) - restricted discretionary activity	Oppose	Undertake proper assessment of restrictions proposed for mana whenua sites [Condition (h)] - not leaving this to a consent process at landowner cost.
Owen Butcher	S394/070	Rule R89: Farm refuse dumps - permitted activity	Oppose	Increase size from 50m3 to 100m3. Heavily prune the fourteen other conditions to focus on clear effects.
Owen Butcher	S394/071	Rule R91: Offal pit - permitted activity	Oppose	Retain condition (a) and condition (h). Heavily prune the seven other conditions to focus on clear effects.

Owen Butcher	S394/072	Rule R36: Agrichemicals - permitted activity	Oppose	Change condition (g) [spray plan] to more reasonably reflect practicalities and risks. [Regarding condition (e) community drinking water supply protection area] undertake a risk analysis to support condition for a controlled rule rather than discretionary.
Owen Butcher	S394/073	Rule R82: Application of fertiliser from ground-based or aerial application - permitted activity	Oppose	Amend condition (a) to reflect the practicalities of aerial fertiliser application.
Owen Butcher	S394/074	Rule R48: Stormwater from an individual property - permitted activity	Oppose	Delete condition (a). Delete condition (e). Retain condition (g).
Owen Butcher	S394/075	Entire Plan	Not stated	Support Wairarapa Federated Farmers submission [S352].
Owen Butcher	S394/076	Policy P6: Synchronised expiry and review dates	Support in part	Retain and add (c) "consents will run for a period of 25 years"
Owen Butcher	S394/077	5.6.3 Transferring water permits	Amend	[Make transferring water a permitted activity]
Owen Butcher	S394/078	Category B groundwater (not directly connected)	Amend	<u>Groundwater will be categorised A or B or C once GW has field verified its connectivity with surface water and performed an empirical calibration of the model.</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/079	Category B groundwater (directly connected)	Amend	<u>Groundwater will be categorised A or B or C once GW has field verified its connectivity with surface water and performed an empirical calibration of the model.</u>
Owen Butcher	S394/080	Category C groundwater	Amend	<u>Groundwater will be categorised A or B or C once GW has field verified its connectivity with surface water and performed an empirical calibration of the model.</u>