

## Appendix 1: Submitters' recommended amendments to provisions – Objectives and Ecosystem Health and Water Quality policies

This document sets out only the provisions of the notified version of Plan Change 1 for which submissions were specifically received. Provisions as notified are shown in black text. Additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck through~~. Section 42A recommended amendments are shown in **red text**. Additions are **underlined** and deletions are **~~struck through~~**. Recommended amendments from submitters' evidence are shown in **blue text**. Additions are **underlined** and deletions are **~~struck through~~**.

### Objective O5

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	Retain objective and application to each whaitua section, due to importance to the source protection of drinking water

### Objective O6

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	The social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of: (a) taking and using water <del>are recognised, when managing water.</del> (b) <u>managing stormwater for the safety of people and property</u> (c) <u>disposing of wastewater to achieve public health outcomes</u> are recognised <u>and provided</u> for when managing water.

### Objective O18

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	Continues to apply until the issues with the TAS and CWO, as set out in section 7 of the evidence from Paula Hunter, is addressed and proven to be workable in consenting processes for wastewater network overflow and stormwater discharges.

### Objective O19

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	Continues to apply until the issues with the TAS and CWO, as set out in section 7 of the evidence from Paula Hunter, is addressed and proven to be workable in consenting processes for wastewater network overflow and stormwater discharges.

### Objective O25

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	Continues to apply until the issues with the TAS and CWO, as set out in section 7 of the evidence from Paula Hunter, is addressed and proven to be workable in consenting processes for wastewater network overflow and stormwater discharges.

### Objective O28

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	Continues to apply until the issues with the TAS and CWO, as set out in section 7 of the evidence from Paula Hunter, is addressed and proven to be workable in consenting processes for wastewater network overflow and stormwater discharges.

## Objective WH.01

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p>...</p> <p>In the wai ora state:</p> <p>Āhua (<b>natural form and character</b>) is restored <del>where deteriorated</del> degraded and freshwater bodies exhibit their natural <del>qualities</del> <u>form and character, rhythms, range of flows, form, hydrology and character</u> including biophysical, ecological, geological, geomorphological, and morphological aspects, natural movement of water and sediment, hydrological and fluvial processes, their natural location and courses, indigenous flora and fauna, culturally significant species, and colour and clarity of water.</p> <p>...</p>
Hutt City Council	<p>The health of <del>all freshwater bodies</del> <u>rivers and lakes and their margins, natural wetlands, groundwater</u> and the coastal marine area within <b>Whaitua</b> Te Whanganui-a-Tara is progressively improved and is wai ora by 2100.</p> <p><i>Note</i></p> <p>In the wai ora state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Āhua (<b>natural character</b>) is restored <del>where deteriorated</del> and freshwater bodies exhibit their natural quality, rhythms, range of flows, form, hydrology and character</li> <li>• All <del>freshwater bodies</del> <u>wetlands, rivers and lakes</u> have planted margins, <del>where practicable</del></li> <li>• All <del>freshwater bodies</del> <u>rivers and lakes and their margins, natural wetlands, groundwater</u> and coastal waters have healthy functioning ecosystems and their water conditions and habitat support the presence, abundance, survival and recovery of At-risk and Threatened species and <b>taonga species</b></li> <li>• <b>Mahinga kai</b> and kaimoana species are healthy, plentiful enough for long term harvest and are safe to harvest and eat or use, including for manuhiri and to exercise manaakitanga</li> <li>• <b>Mana whenua</b> are able to undertake customary practices <del>at a range of places</del> throughout the catchment; and</li> <li>• <del>Water is able to be used for social and economic use benefits, provided that the health and well-being of waterbodies, freshwater ecosystems and coastal waters is not compromised.</del></li> </ul> <p><del>Note: Objectives WH.02 to WH.09 set out what is needed to achieve progressive implementation of this long-term objective up to 2040. Therefore, resource consent applicants do not need to demonstrate their proposed activities align with this objective.</del></p>

Submitter	Recommended amendments
NZTA	<p><b>Inclusion of new note:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p><i>Note: Table [ 8.1] sets out targets to 2040. Therefore, resource consent applicants do not need to demonstrate their proposed activities comply with individual parameters of the Tables.</i></p>
Wellington Water	Amend new bullet specifying “ <i>water is able to be used for social and economic use benefits...</i> ” to include “public health” as well as social and economic benefits.
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	Delete the aim of riparian planting from the objective
Wellington International Airport	<p>The health of <del>all freshwater bodies rivers and lakes and their margins, natural wetlands, groundwater</del> and the coastal marine area within <b>Whaitua</b> Te Whanganui-a-Tara is progressively improved and is wai ora by 2100.</p> <p><i>Note</i></p> <p>In the wai ora state:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <del>Āhua (natural character)</del> is restored <del>where deteriorated</del> and freshwater bodies exhibit their natural quality, rhythms, range of flows, form, hydrology and character <u>to the extent practicable.</u></li> <li>• All <del>freshwater bodies rivers and lakes</del> have planted margins, <del>where practicable</del></li> <li>• <del>All freshwater bodies</del> <del>rivers and lakes and their margins, natural wetlands, groundwater</del> and coastal waters have healthy functioning ecosystems and their water conditions and habitat support the presence, abundance, survival and recovery of At-risk and Threatened species and <b>taonga species</b> <u>where naturally present in those environments.</u></li> <li>• <b>Mahinga kai</b> and kaimoana species are healthy, plentiful enough for long term harvest and are safe to harvest and eat or use, including for manuhiri and to exercise manaakitanga</li> <li>• <b>Mana whenua</b> are able to undertake customary practices <del>at a range of places</del> throughout the catchment.</li> <li>• <del>Water is able to be used for social and economic use benefits, including by providing for the operational and functional requirements of Regionally Significant Infrastructure, provided that the health and well-being of waterbodies, freshwater ecosystems and coastal waters is not compromised.</del></li> </ul>

Submitter	Recommended amendments
	<u>Note: Objectives WH.02 to WH.09 set out what is needed to achieve progressive implementation of this long-term objective up to 2040. Therefore, resource consents and Notice of Requirements applicants do not need to demonstrate their proposed activities align with this objective.</u>
Winstone Aggregates	Question whether it would be more efficient and effective to use the broader term of ‘surface water body’ (rather than ‘rivers, lakes, natural wetlands and groundwater’) as defined in the NRP.

## Objective WH.02

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	... (b) <del>natural form and character is maintained, or where degraded, improvement has been made to</del> the hydrological and fluvial processes of rivers; biophysical, ecological, geological, geomorphological and morphological aspects, natural movement of water and sediment, natural location and course of rivers, the extent of indigenous flora and fauna, the presence of culturally significant species and the colour and clarity of water <del>and erosion processes, including bank stability, are improved and sources of sediment are reduced to a more natural level,</del> and the extent and condition of indigenous riparian vegetation is increased and improved, supporting ecosystem health, and ...
NZTA	... (a) water quality, habitats, aquatic life, water quantity and ecological processes are at a level where the state of aquatic life ecosystem health is maintained, or where degraded, meaningful progress has been made towards improvement where degraded in accordance with WH.09, and ...
Upper Hutt City Council	... (b) <del>natural form and character is maintained, or where degraded;</del> (i) improvement has been made to the hydrology of rivers; and erosion processes, including bank stability, are improved and (ii) sources of sediment are reduced to a more natural level, and

Submitter	Recommended amendments
	<p>(iii) <del>the extent and condition of indigenous riparian vegetation is increased and improved, supporting ecosystem health, and</del></p> <p>...</p> <p>Remove cross-reference to Objective WH.O9 in Clause (a) due to 2040 timeframe being unachievable</p>
Wellington Water	<p>Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060</p> <p>Amend Clause (i) to include “public health” as well as social and economic benefits</p>
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	<p>...</p> <p>(b) <del>natural form and character is maintained, or where degraded, improvement has been made to the hydrology of rivers, and erosion processes, including bank stability, are improved and sources of sediment are reduced to a more natural level, and the extent and condition of indigenous riparian vegetation is increased and improved; supporting ecosystem health, and</del></p> <p>...</p> <p>(i) <del>people and communities can provide for social and economic use benefits, and reliability of freshwater supply for primary production is supported, provided that the health and well-being of waterbodies and ecosystems is not compromised.</del></p>
Wellington International Airport	<p>...</p> <p>(i) <del>people and communities can provide for social and economic use benefits, including by providing for the operational and functional requirements of Regionally Significant Infrastructure, provided that the health and well-being of waterbodies and ecosystems is not compromised.</del></p> <p>...</p>
Wellington City Council	<p>Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060</p>

**Objective WH.03**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington International Airport	<p><b>Inclusion of new clause:</b></p> <p>...</p> <p>(j) <u>people and communities can provide for social and economic use benefits, including by providing for the operational and functional requirements of Regionally Significant Infrastructure, provided that the health and well-being of waterbodies and ecosystems is not compromised</u></p>
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Table 8.1**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Hutt City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Objective WH.05**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	<p><b>Amend Clause (a):</b></p> <p>(a) <u>water quality, habitats, water quantity and ecological processes are at a level where the state of aquatic life is maintained, or meaningfully improved where degraded, to achieve the target attribute states in Table 8.2 are not met, and</u></p> <p>Delete Clause (d) or amend to be made more certain.</p>

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Recommended amendments</b>
	Develop timeframes in a more iterative way through the freshwater action plan process
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Table 8.2**

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Recommended amendments</b>
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Objective WH.08**

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Recommended amendments</b>
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060
Wellington Water	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Table 8.3**

<b>Submitter</b>	<b>Recommended amendments</b>
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060



Objective WH.09

Submitter	Recommended amendments
China Forestry Group	<p>...</p> <p>(a) where a target attribute state in Table 8.4 is not met, the state of that attribute is improved <u>sufficiently where required within throughout in all rivers and river reaches in</u> the <b>part Freshwater Management Unit</b> so that the target attribute state is met within the timeframe indicated within Table 8.4</p> <p>...</p>
Winstone Aggregates	<p>...</p> <p>(c) where any attribute in any river or river reach is in a better state than the target attribute state <u>based on long term monitoring data</u>, that attribute is <u>at least</u> maintained at the better state <u>in every river or river reach</u>, and</p> <p>...</p>
Wellington Water	<p>...</p> <p>(a) where a target attribute state in Table 8.4 is not met, the state of that attribute is improved <u>throughout in all rivers and river reaches in</u> the <b>part Freshwater Management Unit</b> so that the target attribute state is met within the timeframe indicated within Table 8.4 <u>or ongoing progress towards meeting the target has been demonstrated.</u></p> <p>...</p> <p>Include prioritisation as a plan method rather than in a plan objective</p>
Upper Hutt City Council	<p>Amend for consistency regarding references to ‘rivers and river reaches’ i.e. it is deleted in Clause (a) but not in Clauses (b) or (c)</p> <p>Additionally, amend as follows:</p> <p>...</p> <p>(a) where a target attribute state in Table 8.4 is not met, the state of that attribute is improved <u>throughout in all rivers and river reaches in</u> the <b>part Freshwater Management Unit</b> so <u>that it contributes towards achieving the target attribute state is met</u> within the timeframe indicated within Table 8.4, and</p>

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	<p>...</p> <p>(e) <del>the targets in Table 8.4 are managed and monitored at a <b>part Freshwater Management Unit</b> level, by the Council on behalf of mana whenua and the wider community, and, where specific policies and rules are included in this chapter of the plan to manage an activity, and:</del></p> <p><del>(i) when the specific policies and rules are fully satisfied, then the target attribute states can be considered to be consistent with this objective; or</del></p> <p><del>(ii) when the specific policies and rules are not satisfied, then an assessment of the impact of an activity or discharge on the achievement of the target attribute states will be required; or</del></p> <p><del>(iii) where policies and rules are not included in this chapter to manage the proposed activity, then an assessment of the impact of an activity or discharge on the achievement of the target attribute states will be required.</del></p>

**Table 8.4**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Hutt City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060
Upper Hutt City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060, including any consequential amendments within objectives or additional provisions required to reflect the 2060 date
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Objective WH.O10**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p><b>Objective WH.O10</b></p> <p><del>By 2030, there is no further decline of the health and wellbeing of Te Whanganui-a-Tara's lakes and rivers groundwater, rivers, lakes and natural wetlands, and their margins.</del></p>

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Upper Hutt City Council	Amend to a 2040 date to reflect the interim phase while still being cognisant of the lag time likely to be needed to see results in monitoring, or delete entirely

### Policy WH.P1

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p><b>Aquatic ecosystem health</b> will be <del>maintained where not degraded and improved, where deteriorated degraded, improved</del> by:</p> <p>...</p>
Wellington International Airport	Appears to support changes to WH.P1 and not seek further changes but is a little unclear [10.4] – [10.5].
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	Provide accurate baseline states

### Policy WH.P2

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p>Supports deletion, however if retained:</p> <p><u>Target attribute states and coastal water objectives will be achieved by regulating discharges and land-use activities in the Plan, and non-regulatory methods, including Freshwater Action Plans, by:</u></p> <p>(a) prohibiting <b>unplanned greenfield development</b> and for other greenfield developments <u>minimising applying the effects management hierarchy to manage</u> adverse effects from stormwater <u>the</u> contaminants <u>in rivers and natural inland wetlands,</u></p>

Submitter	Recommended amendments
	<p><u>and after applying the effects management hierarchy, if aquatic compensation is appropriate, requiring financial contributions as to in accordance with Schedule 30 offset adverse effects from residual <b>stormwater</b> contaminants, and to manage adverse effects on water in the coastal environment from stormwater contaminants, take steps to avoid where practicable or otherwise remedy cross contamination of sewage and stormwater systems, reduce contaminant and sediment loadings at source through treatment and controls on land use activities, and</u></p> <p>...</p>

#### Policy WH.P4

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

#### Table 8.5

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

#### Objective P.O1

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	Amend new bullet specifying “ <i>water is able to be used for social and economic use benefits...</i> ” to include “public health” as well as social and economic benefits.

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	Replace the aspiration of attaining ‘natural state’ by 2100 in Objective P.O1 with the phrase ‘reduce the sedimentation rate in the harbour to a more natural level’

### Objective P.O2

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	... (b) <del>limit erosion processes, including bank stability, are improved to significantly reduce the sedimentation rate in the harbour to a more natural level</del> <u>natural form and character is maintained, or where degraded, improvement has been made to</u> <u>hydrological and fluvial processes, biophysical, ecological, geological, geomorphological and morphological aspects, natural movement of water and sediment, natural location and course of rivers, the extent of indigenous flora and fauna, the presence of culturally significant, and the extent and condition of indigenous riparian vegetation is increased and improved, supporting ecosystem health, and</u> ...
Wellington Water	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060 Amend Clause (i) to include “public health” as well as social and economic benefits
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

### Objective P.O3

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Table 9.1**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Objective P.O6**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington Water	<p>...</p> <p>(a) where a target attribute state in Table 9.2 is not met, the state of that attribute is improved <del>throughout in all rivers and river reaches in</del> the <b>part Freshwater Management Unit</b> so that the target attribute state is met within the timeframe indicated within Table 9.2 <u>or ongoing progress towards meeting the target has been demonstrated.</u></p> <p>...</p> <p>Include prioritisation as a plan method rather than in a plan objective</p>
Winstone Aggregates	<p>...</p> <p>(c) where any attribute in any river or river reach is in a better state than the target attribute state <u>based on long term monitoring data</u>, that attribute is <del>at least</del> maintained at the better state <del>in every river or river reach</del>, and</p> <p>...</p>
China Forestry Group	As with WH.O9

**Table 9.2**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Objective P.O7**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p data-bbox="465 555 654 582"><u>Objective P.O7</u></p> <p data-bbox="465 608 2110 671"><u>By 2030, there is no further decline of the health and wellbeing of Te Awarua-o-Porirua's rivers groundwater, rivers, lakes and natural wetlands, and their margins.</u></p>

**Policy P.P1**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p data-bbox="465 954 2047 981"><b>Aquatic ecosystem health</b> will be <u>maintained where not degraded and improved, where deteriorated degraded, improved by:</u></p> <p data-bbox="465 1034 495 1054">...</p>
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	Provide accurate baseline states

**Policy P.P2**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Forest & Bird	<p>Supports deletion, however if retained:</p> <p>Target attribute states and coastal water objectives will be achieved by regulating discharges and land-use activities in the Plan, and non-regulatory methods, including Freshwater Action Plans, by:</p> <p>(a) prohibiting <b>unplanned greenfield development</b> and for other greenfield developments <b>minimising applying the effects management hierarchy to manage</b> adverse effects from stormwater <del>the</del> contaminants in rivers and natural inland wetlands, and after applying the effects management hierarchy, if aquatic compensation is appropriate, requiring financial contributions <del>as to</del> in accordance with Schedule 30 <del>offset adverse effects from residual</del> <b>stormwater</b> contaminants, and to manage adverse effects on water in the coastal environment from stormwater contaminants, take steps to avoid where practicable or otherwise remedy cross contamination of sewage and stormwater systems, reduce contaminant and sediment loadings at source through treatment and controls on land use activities, and</p> <p>...</p>

**Table 9.3**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060

**Table 9.4**

Submitter	Recommended amendments
Wellington City Council	Amend timeframe from 2040 to 2060