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Te Pane Matua Taiao

Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region

For Hearing 2 commenced on 10 July 2017

Second response to Hearing Panel Minute 3

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Purpose of this document

- 1 The purpose of this document is to respond to the direction made by the Hearing Panel in its Minute 3. Specifically, to provide an assessment of the objectives covered by the Hearing Stream Two topics. This Table is supplementary to the Response to Minute 3 Table dated 2 June 2017.¹


Table 1 assessment

- 2 As directed by the Hearing Panel, the s42A reporting officers, coordinated by me have considered the material they were directed to in Minute 3 and undertaken an assessment of the objectives to determine whether they require a change to ensure they contain outcome statements, a goal or a specified desired outcome. Table 1 to this document summaries that assessment process.

Table 2 - assessment of amended objectives

- 3 Following the exercise of applying the criteria set out in my previous response, only Objective O44 in the 'Land use in Riparian margins and stock access to surface water bodies and the CMA' topic does not meet the criteria in Table 1. Objective O44 has been revised in Table 2, to be drafted as close as possible to an outcome statement without changing the intent of the Objective. This approach follows the instruction in Minute 3.
- 4 The RMA s42A report prepared by Mr Loe recommends a revised version of Objective O44, that addresses the submissions and which necessarily differs from that in Table 2 below.




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¹ <http://pnrp.gw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/GWRC-Response-to-Minute-3-2-June-2017.pdf>

Table 1: Assessment of Objectives O27, O44 and O45 dealt with in Hearing Stream 2: Minute 3 outcome requirement

Objective addressed in Hearing Stream Two	Addresses the issue	Clearly states the outcomes intended (end point)	Provides targets that policies seek to achieve and outcomes can be monitored	A Process objective - identified in EIC of Mr Percy as a “management principle”
Objective O27  Vegetated riparian margins are established and maintained.	Yes ²	Yes ³	Yes	
Objective O44  The adverse effects on soil and water from land use activities are minimised.	Yes	Partial ⁴	No ⁵	
Objective O45  The adverse effects of livestock access on surface water bodies are reduced.	Yes ⁶	Yes	Yes	

² RMA s.42A report prepared by Mr Loe is that the Objective should also include 'restore'

³ RMA s.42A report prepared by Mr Loe is that a definition for 'riparian margin' would improve clarity of outcome

⁴ Where the term 'minimise' is used in a policy then proposed Policy P4 which sets out what is intended by 'minimise' is relevant;

⁵ RMA s.42A report prepared by Mr Loe is that Objective O44 should be amended to be more focused on the issue

⁶ Duplicates O44 (RMA s.42A report prepared by Mr Loe recommends O45 is deleted and recommends amendment to Objective O44)

Table 2: Proposed amendments to Objectives

Amendments to the notified version of the objectives are shown in *italics and underlined*; deletions are shown in ~~strike-out~~.

Table 2 version does not include all changes as recommended in the RMA s.42A officer's reports. Table 2 only contains amendments where the assessment in Table 1 (above) is that the Objective is not drafted as an outcome.

Revised Objective O44	Addresses the issue	More clearly states the outcomes intended	Does it change the intent	Is a change needed to Policies that implement the objective and outcomes can be monitored	Scope to amend as drafted in this table
<p>Objective O44</p> <p>The adverse effects on soil and water from land use activities are <i>reduced to the smallest amount practicable</i>. minimised.</p>	Yes	Yes	Partial ⁷	No	Submissions made by: Powerco (S29/008), The Oil Companies (S55/007), Java Trust Limited (S120/008), Holcim (New Zealand) Limited (S276/008), Wellington International Airport Limited (S282/019), Fertiliser Association of New Zealand (S302/023), Rangitāne o Wairarapa (S279/054), Horticulture New Zealand (S307/026) and Ravensdown Limited (S310/017) ⁸

⁷ the intent is not changed but the change goes beyond what might have been anticipated by a submitter

⁸ A recommendation to amend Objective O44 is made in the RMA s.42A report prepared by Barry Loe