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S192.1	Objective WH.O8: Primary contact sites within Te Awa Kairangi/Hutt River, Pākuratahi River, Akatarawa River and Wainuiomata River are suitable for primary contact.	Support	Support to improve Wai TAS to acheive safe access and contact.	For our tamariki mokopuna and community.

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PLAN CHANGE 1 SUBMISSION

Sam Kahui

On behalf of Taranaki Whanui

We support the direction in Plan Change 1. Greater Wellington has shown courage to bring this plan change to the public, and I urge councillors to continue to support these changes through to their implementation.

For too long we have not cared for our wai, and the health of our harbours, estuaries, rivers, lakes, streams, wildlife and communities have suffered as a result. This is not good enough, and we must work together to right the wrongs of the past. Now is the time for action.

Local community groups across the region are already doing what they can, but we need Plan Change 1 to solve some of the biggest problems. Addressing matters like aging and leaky infrastructure, inappropriate urban development and poor land use practices takes a strong (and enforced) regulatory backbone.

Restoring the health of our wai will take generations but it can happen if we reset the regional plan so that it is driving improvement and no longer allows inaction, declining water quality or inefficient water use. We can look to Europe and the U.S.A. and Kapiti for examples of what's possible when change driven by valuing our Water and natural world is implemented.

We particularly support measures in Plan Change 1 that will, if implemented properly, see great things: an end to harmful wastewater entering directly into our streams and coastal waters, water sensitive urban design becoming the norm in towns and cities of our region, and our farms and plantation forests no longer harming our waterways and the wildlife that live in them.

We'll stop making things worse, and gradually the wildlife will start returning to places they have long ago left and our tamariki / mokopunu will be safe playing and learning in their local streams and beaches. These are the first steps on the journey to restoring Te Mana o Te Wai - the dignity, integrity, significance, power of water - and our water regaining its mauri.

You may hear from submitters that these measures are too expensive, will constrain development, or can't be achieved.

The true cost to our communities for not implementing these changes are huge, felt over multiple generations, and in some areas may become irreversible.

We urge you to stay the course and support these changes through to implementation. Yes, it will be expensive and we cannot continue to raise rates as we have in the recent past.

GWRC alone will not achieve the change required, but GWRC can lead the charge, provide the framework, and assist with the collaboration of , mana whenua, communities, and stakeholders in the restoration and celebration of our Wai and natural environments.

Mā whero, mā pango ka oti ai te mahi.

With red and black the work will be complete

New sources of funding can be found with the right leadership and collaboration new opportunities can be explored.

Development done right is possible; cities all over the world are demonstrating that our built environments can be weaved into the natural world.

We support aggressive timeframes for achieving the target attribute states set out in Plan Change 1, noting that in many cases these are only first step improvements to reverse the decline and get water quality above national bottom lines.

If we stay ambitious, solutions we cannot imagine today will help us on our journey.

Nāu te rourou, nāku te rourou, ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive.

Further detail will likely follow in the oral submission.