

Proposed Natural Resources Plan:

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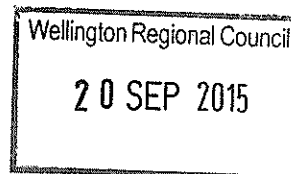
**Wellington Fish and Game Association
(Wairarapa)**

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Your details

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Electronic communication

Wellington Regional Council has a preference for providing information about the Proposed Natural Resources Plan via email. We will send you updates on the process, information and provide you with details of any meetings and the hearing. Please tick here if you do not agree to receive communication via email.

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Trade competition

I/we **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission. [Go straight to **Your Submission**]

I/we **could** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

If you **could** gain an advantage please complete one of the following:

I/we **are** directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of my submission that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition.

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Your submission

The specific provisions of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that this submission relates to are:

The specific provision of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan that my submission relates to is (please specify the provision/ section number): Schedule 5 Sites of significance specifically the Kourarao Dam and the inlet stream. Rule 97	My submission on this provision is: →	<input type="checkbox"/> I support the provision <input type="checkbox"/> I oppose the provision <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> I wish to have the specific provision amended
	Reasons for my submission: →	I am writing on behalf of our club of 40 members to support the landowners surrounding the dam and inlet stream. Our club members have fished the Dam for the last 60 years and have gained acces to fish the Dam with the consent of the landowners. As a club we have a small boathouse situated on Mr Blackwoods farm where the club dingy is stored for the benefit of club members. The dam is an unique and renown trout fishery and also contains perch and tench which are targetted at different times by our members. The fishery is the only still water fishery with good shoreline fishing for good quality rainbow trout available in the southern North Island and as such is visited by anglers from the Wellington region and further afield. It is also

		<p>used as a competition anglers as avenue for competition and our local club have run childrens fishing competitions there in the past. The inlet stream is sourced by a number of springs which provides a constant supply of cool clear water and the inlet stream also provides the only spawning area for the fish. The water is high quality and is a significant factor in maintaining the fishery. The most common method of fishing for our members is flyfishing and for this to be effective the banks of the dam should be free from casting restrictions such as the proposed fence. Since the Trust have taken over the management of the dam and the water levels have been maintained at a higher level the Dam has improved as a fishery and is well on the way to returning to the trophy fishery it was in the 80,s and 90's. As a club we are concerned that the Dam remains accessible for recreational purposes and that the water quality is maintained for the aquatic and considerable bird life that currently exists.</p>
	<p>I seek the following decision from WRC (give precise details): →</p>	<p>The club supports the proposal to fence the inlet stream. In our view this can only improve the spawning habitat and water quality and much of the stream is already fenced. Our club currently keeps the bottom end of the stream open where it enters the dam as it has a tendency to choke and could stop spawning fish passage up the stream</p> <p>We would like the dam perimeter to remain free from the fencing requirement as this would significantly restrict the ability to flyfish from the shore and restrict the ability to use the boathouse. The Dam has significant usage as a recreational facility from our club members and the general public and the requirement to fence would compromise this recreational amenity. I have personally fished the Dam for the last 35yrs and during that time have never seen cattle grazing near the Dam with the exception of the southern tip of the waterway. It is my understanding that Mr Blackwould would undertake not to graze the land surrounding the Dam with cattle and we would support this undertaking on his behalf.</p>

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If you have more submissions you wish to make, please find more boxes at the bottom of this document

Attendance and wish to be heard at hearing(s)

- I/We do wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
[Note: This means that you wish to speak in support of your submission at the hearing(s).]
- I/We do not wish to be heard in support of my/our submission
[Note: This means that you cannot speak at the hearing. However, you will still retain your right to appeal any decision made by the Wellington Regional Council to the Environment Court.]
- If others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at a hearing.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

[Person making submission or person authorised to sign on behalf of person making submission. NB: Not required if making an electronic submission]

Publication of details

Wellington Regional Council is legally required to notify a summary of submissions, including your name and address for service as provided on this submission form. Your name and address are included so that a person making a further submission is able to serve you with a copy of it.

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