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Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / General NATC	Heidi Snelson, Aman Hunt, Chia Hunt, Ela Hunt	276.16	Amend	Considers that protection of the biodiversity and ecology is important.  These SNA's risk encroachment upon and destruction if not specifically protected given the planned development of the site, shows an urban road being built across an area marked SNA.	Seeks absolute protection of the Significant Natural Areas present at 395 Middleton Road.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / General NATC	Tawa Community Board	294.12	Amend	Considers that the PDP relies on GWRC requirements which WCC officers have been unclear on, which appear to have been reduced since the above report was written, and which do not adequately take into account the impact of historical development on current and probable future stream bank erosion.	Seeks that the Proposed District Plan provides adequate setback distances from stream edge for new structures.  [inferred decision requested]
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / General NATC	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.213	Oppose	Considers the Introduction is uncertain and mainly says what this chapter doesn't manage. Considers the scope of this chapter is very unclear, particularly in regard to the coastal environment. It says areas of natural character within the coastal environment are identified and managed in the Coastal Environment Chapter but needs to be explicit about whether the coastal environment is therefore excluded from this chapter. Amend to say this chapter applies outside the coastal environment and recognise that activities landward of the coastal environment may have downstream effects which are recognised in the activity focussed chapters having regard to the policy direction in this chapter and the Coastal Environment Chapter. Furthermore, the introduction mentions NES-F and NRP regulations manage vegetation removal, earthworks, natural hazards works, infrastructure and public access structures within 10 metres of natural wetlands as well as earthworks within 5 metres of surface water bodies but doesn't mention where in the Plan these are managed. As this chapter applies outside the coastal environment, we suggest NES-F and NRP regulations should be given effect to through the NATC policies to ensure integration of the policy direction across the Plan. Seek amendment accordingly.	Amend NATC - Introduction:  Clarify scope of chapter and amend give effect to NES-F and NRP through the NATC policies.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / General NATC	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.76	Support in part	Supports the general direction of chapter, with amendments.	Retain Natural Character chapter with amendments.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / General NATC	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.77	Oppose	Opposes the zoning and extent of overlays proposed over Te Motu Kairangi / Miramar Peninsula, Mount Crawford.  Submitter supports the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation as well as landscapes that have cultural, historical, spiritual and traditional significance to Taranaki Whānui, the identification and protection of environmental overlays in previously developed areas is of concern to Taranaki Whānui.  Concerns there is potential for these overlays to significantly restrict future development and opportunities for Taranaki Whānui to exercise tino rangatiratanga over their ancestral lands.	Seeks that any other relief to enable Taranaki Whānui to exercise tino rangatiratanga over their properties in Te Motu Kairangi.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / New NATC	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.158	Amend	Considers that WCC needs to identify natural character ratings, at both site and area scales, in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment, as required by section 6(a) of the RMA. This work has not yet been undertaken and is necessary to managing adverse effects on natural character in riparian margins.	Include a new process policy as follows: <u>Identification of natural character ratings in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment</u>

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Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / New NATC	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.159	Amend	Considers it appropriate to insert a policy in the PDP to direct this work to commence. This policy should also direct Council officers to work with resource consent applicants to determine whether a natural character assessment is required in the meantime. This will indicate to Plan users that this mapping work has not yet been undertaken, and ensure that the natural character in riparian margins is appropriately preserved and protected in the interim.	Include a new process policy as follows: <u>Until natural character ratings in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment are mapped in this Plan, an assessment may be required as to whether an activity is within an area of high or outstanding natural character. Wellington City Council officers will assist resource consent applicants in determining whether an assessment is required. The need for such an assessment will depend on the level or scale of potential effects and the sensitivity of the receiving environment. Any assessment shall be commensurate with the scale and significance of the effects that the use or development may have on the environment.</u>
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / New NATC	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.160	Amend	Considers it appropriate to identify natural character ratings of riparian margins is consistent with the approach taken by Greater Wellington in Method M24(a) of the Natural Resources Plan, to identify natural character ratings in the beds of lakes and rivers, and wetlands landward of the coastal environment.	Include a new process policy as follows: <u>Identify in the Plan natural character ratings in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment.</u>
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O1	Tyers Stream Group	221.51	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-O1 (Natural character) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.214	Support in part	Considers natural character within riparian margins should also be focussed on maintaining or enhancing the ecological functions of riparian margins to give effect to policy 43 of the RPS but also to contribute to flood management and improve water quality to give effect to the NPS-FM and provide for Te Mana o Te Wai. Considers riparian margins should be protected from stock via fencing to protect their natural character in the rural zone and to allow for protection and enhancement.	Amend NATC-O1 (Natural character):  The natural characteristics and qualities that contribute to the natural character within riparian margins are preserved and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development, and <u>the ecological functions of riparian margins</u> maintained or enhanced where appropriate
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O1	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.161	Support in part	Supports the inclusion of an objective to manage the potential effects of activities on natural character in riparian margins.	Retain provision, subject to amendments, as outlined other submission points.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O1	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.162	Amend	Considers it is unclear as to whether the scope of the objective relates to riparian margins both inside and outside of the coastal environment. Greater Wellington requests that amendments are made as necessary to provide clarity to plan users on which objectives apply to riparian margins in the coastal environment (CE-O1 or NATCO1). These objectives set out the outcomes sought which the remaining provides then contribute to achieving, so it should be clear where they apply.  Also notes that the outcomes of NATC-O1 cannot be achieved by plan provisions, given natural character values in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment have not been identified by WCC (or mapped or scheduled in the PDP), nor is there any indication that natural character assessments will be required as part of resource consent and restoration processes, to give effect to the outcomes in which NATC-O1 seeks to achieve. Please refer to reasons and decision sought on a new process policy for riparian margin natural character mapping to commence.	Seeks to Amend NATC-O1 (Natural character) as is necessary to clarify which objective applies to riparian margins in the coastal environment, or any other amendments to the same effect.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O1	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.163	Amend	Considers that consistent terminology should be used across the PDP when referring to restoring and rehabilitating natural character, both within and landward of the coastal environment	Amend NATC-O1 (Natural character) to reflect the terminology recommended elsewhere in this submission, as follows: The natural characteristics and qualities that contribute to the natural character within riparian margins are preserved and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development, and <u>restored or rehabilitated</u> maintained or enhanced where appropriate.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O1	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.135	Support	Considers Wellington's natural waterways are a valuable, and seriously compromised part of the city, and need considerable work to be restored both in terms of quality and amenity. The focus on maintaining and enhancing is particularly important in this objective.	Retain NATC-O1 (Natural Character) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O2	Tyers Stream Group	221.52	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-O2 (Customary Harvesting) as notified.

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Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.215	Support	Supports the objective.	Retain NATC-O2 (Customary Harvesting) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O2	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.136	Support	Considers this objective helps redress the imbalance that has existed, compromising the ability of tangata whenua to exercise customary harvesting.	Retain NATC-O2 (Customary Harvesting) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-O2	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.78	Not specified	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission].	Not specified [please refer to original submission].
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P1	Tyers Stream Group	221.53	Amend	Considers that these matters should be provided for, rather than their non-provision be avoided. In other words, matters such as good riparian management and public access to and along water bodies should be an active duty in development, not something to avoid adverse effects to. This is not achieving, for example section 6(d) of the RMA or the Council's own objective PA – 01.	Amend NATC-P1 (Appropriate use and development) as follows:  <del>Provide for</del> <u>Protect natural character, avoid natural hazards and provide for biodiversity and public access to and along water bodies by only allowing</u> use and development within riparian margins which <u>are</u> :  1. <del>It</del> <u>protects</u> the natural character and integrates with the landform <u>AND</u> ;  2. <del>It</del> <u>provides</u> for planned natural hazard mitigation works where undertaken by Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council or their nominated agents <u>AND</u> ;  3. <del>It</del> <u>has</u> a functional or operational need to be located within the riparian margin; and  4. <del>It does not limit or prevent</del> <u>Improves practical</u> public access to, along or adjacent to waterbodies.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.216	Oppose in part	Considers activities within riparian margins should be provisional on meeting these policy requirements, to ensure their natural character values and ecological functions are maintained	Amend NATC-P1 (Appropriate use and development):  <u>Only provide</u> for use and development within riparian margins where: 1. It protects the natural character and integrates with the landform; 2. It provides for planned natural hazard mitigation works where undertaken by Wellington City Council, Greater Wellington Regional Council or their nominated agents; 3. It has a functional or operational need to be located within the riparian margin; <del>and</del> 4. It does not limit or prevent public access to, along or adjacent to waterbodies; <u>and</u> 5. <u>It maintains or enhances the ecological functions of the riparian margin.</u>
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P1	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.137	Support	Considers Wellington's natural waterways are a valuable, and seriously compromised part of the city, and need considerable work to be restored both in terms of quality and amenity. The focus on maintaining and enhancing is particularly important in this objective.	Retain NATC-P1 (appropriate use and development) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P2	Tyers Stream Group	221.54	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-P2 (Restoration and enhancement) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.217	Support in part	Supports the intent of this policy and suggest amending 1. to be consistent with the definition in the plan, subject to our submission point on the definition,	Amend NATC-P2 (Restoration and enhancement):  <del>Provide for</del> restoration and enhancement of natural character within riparian margins <del>where appropriate</del> including: 1. The replanting of riparian margins with indigenous <u>vegetation species</u> ; 2. The removal of pest plant and animal species; and 3. The removal of redundant buildings or structures in riparian margins.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P2	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.138	Support	Considers Wellington's natural waterways are a valuable, and seriously compromised part of the city, and need considerable work to be restored both in terms of quality and amenity. The focus on maintaining and enhancing is particularly important in this objective.	Retain NATC-P2 (Restoration and enhancement) as notified.

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Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P3	Tyers Stream Group	221.55	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-P3 (Customary harvesting) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.218	Support	Supports the policy.	Retain NATC-P3 (Customary Harvesting) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P3	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.139	Support	NATC-P3 is supported as it helps redress the imbalance that has existed, compromising the ability of tangata whenua to exercise customary harvesting.	Retain NATC-P3 (Customary harvesting) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-P3	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.79	Not specified	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission].	Not specified [please refer to original submission].
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R1	Tyers Stream Group	221.56	Amend	Considers that this rule needs to be amended to meet the submitted requirements of NATC-P1.	Seeks Amendment to NATC-R1 (Activities within riparian margins) to meet the submitted requirements of NATC-P1.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.219	Support	Supports the rule.	Retain NATC-R1 (Activities within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R1	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.140	Support	NATC-R1 is supported as it gives effect to the objectives and policies and is therefore supported.	Retain NATC-R1 (Activities within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R2	Tyers Stream Group	221.57	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-R2 (Restoration and enhancement activities within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.220	Support	Supports the rule.	Retain NATC-R2 (Restoration and enhancement activities within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R2	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.164	Oppose in part	Considers it is likely that not all restoration activities will restore natural character ratings.	Retain provision, subject to amendments, as outlined other submission points.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R2	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.165	Amend	Considers that the construction of a structure (provided it is blocked off from human interference) in the coastal environment may provide roosting area for birds and thus improve the biotic values, but it may also have an impact on the abiotic and experiential values, thus may not restore the overall natural character rating of the wider character area.	Seeks to include permitted activity conditions to clarify which restoration activities are permitted.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R2	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.141	Support	NATC-R2 is supported as it encourages efforts to restore and enhance waterways, and is strongly supported.	Retain NATC-R2 (Restoration and enhancement activities within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R3	Tyers Stream Group	221.58	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-R3 (Customary harvesting within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.221	Support	Supports the rule.	Retain NATC-R3 (Customary harvesting within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R3	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.142	Support	NATC-R3 is supported as it helps redress the imbalance that has existed, compromising the ability of tangata whenua to exercise customary harvesting.	Retain NATC-R3 (Customary harvesting within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R4	Tyers Stream Group	221.59	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-R4 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings or structures for natural hazard mitigation purposes where carried out within riparian margins by a Regional or Territorial Authority, or an agent on their behalf) as notified.

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Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R4	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.143	Support	NATC-R4 is supported as it is necessary for practical purposes in helping safeguard life and property.	Retain NATC-R4 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings or structures for natural hazard mitigation purposes...) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R4	Zealandia Te Māra a Tāne	486.3	Amend	Considers that NATC-R4 should be amended with an additional clause that enables Zealandia operations to continue as per other areas in the plan.  Considers that NATC-R4 may prevent maintenance and management work of bridges and associated infrastructure within Zealandia.	Amend NATC-R4 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings or structures for natural hazard mitigation purposes where carried out within riparian margins by a Regional or Territorial Authority, or an agent on their behalf) to list the Karori Sanctuary Trust as an approved operator.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R5	Tyers Stream Group	221.60	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain NATC-R5 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings and structures within riparian margins) as notified.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R5	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.223	Oppose	Considers construction of new buildings should be non-complying within riparian margins.	Amend NATC-R5 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings and structures within riparian margins):  1. Activity status: <del>Restricted Discretionary</del> <u>Non-complying</u>
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R5	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.224	Oppose	If relief for a non-complying activity status is not accepted, considers the matters of discretion should be widened to include policies from ECO chapter.	Amend NATC-R5 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings and structures within riparian margins):  1. Activity status: Restricted Discretionary  Matters of discretion are: 1. The matters in NATC-P1, PA-P1, PA-P2 and PA-P3 <u>[add appropriate ECO policy references]</u> ; and 2. Any measures proposed to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects. This rule does not apply to agricultural fences used to separate livestock from rivers and streams.
Natural and Environmental Values / Natural Character / NATC-R5	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.144	Support	NATC-R5 is supported as it gives effect to the objectives and policies and is supported.	Retain NATC-R5 (Construction, addition or alteration of buildings and structures within riparian margins) as notified.