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To whom it may concern

Please find a submission to the proposed changes in Greater Wellington's Regional Policy Statement of 2022 below, that I wish to speak to.

On behalf of a mandated iwi organisation, Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa, I, Rawiri Smith, an Environmental Manager for Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa would like to express our support for the iwi expressions of Te Mana o Te Wai in the proposed Regional Policy Statement of Greater Wellington 2022. I do this because it follows the process set out in regulation, namely the Resource Management Act and the key policies in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management. By being in line with these two statutes we can recognise that the proposed Te Mana o Te Wai sections fulfill the intent of both regulations.

The purpose of the Resource Management Act (1991) as outlined in Section 5, subsection 2 of the act is to ensure **sustainable management** means *managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources in a way, or at a rate, which enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural well-being and for their health and safety while—*

*(a) sustaining the potential of natural and physical resources (including water) to meet the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations; and
(b) safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of air, water, soil, and*

ecosystems; and

(c) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.

This purpose of is met by including aspects of national importance as outlined in this act, especially Section 6, subsection *(e) that reads In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall recognise and provide for the matters of national importance including: the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga. Another aspect of this act is to the relationship of Maori and their culture and traditions with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu, and other taonga*

In the iwi expressions of Te Mana o Te Wai iwi are supporting section 7 of the the Resource Management Act, where it states:

all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall have particular regard to

1. *kaitiakitanga:(aa) the ethic of stewardship (b) the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources: (ba) the efficiency of the end use of energy:*

© the maintenance and enhancement of amenity values:(d) intrinsic values of ecosystems:

(f) maintenance and enhancement of the quality of the environment: (g) any finite characteristics of natural and physical resources: (h) the protection of the habitat of trout and salmon: (i) the effects of climate change:

The iwi depictions of te mana o te wai following the tenets of section 8 of the Resource Management Act or the Treaty of Waitangi section where it states:

In achieving the purpose of this Act, all persons exercising functions and powers under it, in relation to managing the use, development, and protection of natural and physical resources, shall take into account the principles of the [Treaty of Waitangi](#) (Te Tiriti o Waitangi).

Nga mihi

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