Kia ora Councillors

I am submitting as a Porirua resident who works in Wellington. I have a keen interest in the environment and have explored many parts of the Wellington region. I have no business/commercial interests that would be affected by the proposed plan.

I have no doubt that the proposed PC1 will put in place rules and incentives that will make development more sustainable. It is not acceptable to allow developments that pollute the water or degrade the land, or for associated costs to be socialised and/or passed on to future generations.

While those who profit from our current, unsustainable development practices will resist PC1, I would implore you to stand by your proposals because they will help change development practices and make them more sustainable.

Like the rest of New Zealand (and the world), our region is facing numerous social, economic and environmental challenges. PC1 will help address not just the environmental challenges such as water quality, climate change and biodiversity: I have no doubt that PC1 will induce innovation will have unexpected social and economic benefits and spill overs, which may well have impacts beyond the Wellington region.

It will be important to ensure compliance with PC1 and monitor for impacts and outcomes. It is therefore important that compliance teams are adequately resourced. I would also suggest the use of participatory approaches that encourage and support members of the public to contribute. This might be through the education system, citizens science, participatory evaluation or re-purposed Whaitua committees.

I'd like to speak to my submission.

Ngā mihi, nā

Simon Wright