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Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / General NE	Yvonne Weeber	340.9	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission].	Retain the 'Natural Environment' chapter as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / General NE	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.20	Oppose in part	As written, the natural environment strategic objectives fail to address the issues identified in the introduction. Furthermore, there is a lack of clear strategic direction to protect and maintain biodiversity values, in accordance with s6, 31, and the RPS.	Amend the NE chapter to address issues identified in the Introduction and clarify strategic direction to protect and maintain biodiversity values in alignment with S6 and S31 of Greater Wellington Regional Policy Statement.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / General NE	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.21	Support in part	Considers the Introduction does not recognise council's function for integrated management, particularly with respect to the maintenance of indigenous biological diversity, the protection of wetlands and Te Mana o Te Wai.	Amend NE - Introduction to recognise council's function for integrated management, particularly with respect to the maintenance of indigenous biological diversity, the protection of wetlands and Te Mana o Te Wai.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / General NE	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.57	Support in part	Supports the Natural Environment Strategic objectives except as noted below.	Retain Natural Environment Objectives, subject to amendments.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / General NE	Guardians of the Bays	452.8	Support	Supports the Strategic Direction provisions in Natural Environment chapter.	Retain the Natural Environment Chapter as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / New NE	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.58	Amend	Considers it appropriate to have regard to Proposed RPS Change 1, the use and development of land needs to be undertaken in an integrated manner recognising the many interconnections between the natural and physical resources. The interconnectedness of the whole environment should be recognised at the strategic level to guide all development in a holistic way.	Add a new Objective to the 'Natural Environment' chapter as follows: <u>Natural and physical resources are managed in an integrated manner recognising the importance of ki uta ki tai and the interconnectedness between ecosystems, natural processes and freshwater.</u>
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.22	Support in part	Considers the objective fails to protect and maintain biodiversity values, in accordance with s6, s31 of the RMA and the RPS. Natural character, features, landscapes and ecosystems are not just of value because they contribute to the City's identity, they include matters of national importance. We seek amendment of the strategic objective to give effect to council's responsibilities under s6 and functions under s31.	Amend NE-O1: The natural character, landscapes and features, <u>indigenous biodiversity and ecosystems, including wetlands, that contribute to the City's identity of the District, including those that and have significance for mana whenua as kaitiaki are identified, recognised, protected, and, where possible, enhanced.</u>
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.17	Support	Considers there is insufficient focus on the cultural heritage of mana whenua compared with European history and culture: this strategic objective helps to re-balance this.	Retain Objective NE-O1 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Director-General of Conservation	385.15	Support	Supports proposed Objective NE-O1.	Retain objective NE-O1 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.46	Support in part	Support the acknowledgment of Taranaki Whānui connection with environment and water and of the Taranaki Whānui tikanga and mātauranga in the management of the natural environment.	Retain NE-O1 with amendments.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.47	Amend	Support the acknowledgment of Taranaki Whānui connection with environment and water and of the Taranaki Whānui tikanga and mātauranga in the management of the natural environment.	Seeks amendment to: a) include role of Taranaki Whānui as ahi kā and primary mana whenua or b) that is most appropriate to address the submission.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities	391.61	Support	Objective NE-O1 is generally supported.	Retain Objective NE-O1 (The natural character, landscapes and features,...) as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Wellington International Airport Ltd	406.62	Support in part	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - see original submission.]	Supports NE-O1 (Natural character that contributes to city identity and has significance for mana whenua) with amendment.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Wellington International Airport Ltd	406.63	Amend	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - see original submission.]	Amend NE-O1 (Natural character that contributes to city identity and has significance for mana whenua) as follows: The natural character, landscapes and features, and ecosystems that contribute to the City's identity and have significance for mana whenua as kaitiaki are identified, recognised, <u>protected-maintained</u> and, where possible, enhanced.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Willis Bond and Company Limited	416.26	Support	Supports the intent of NE-O1.	Retain NE-O1 (The natural character, landscapes and features, and ecosystems that contribute ...)as notified.

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Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O1	Paul M Blaschke	435.4	Support	NE-O1 is supported.	Retain Strategic Objective NE-O1 (he natural character, landscapes and features, and ecosystems that contribute to the City's identity and have significance for mana whenua as kaitiaki are identified, recognised, protected, and, where possible, enhanced) as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.23	Support in part	Considers the objective fails to give effect to the NPS-FW which requires territorial authorities to provide for Te Mana o Te Wai through integrated management ki uta ki tai from mountains to sea. The strategic direction of this plan should recognise the interactions between freshwater, land, water bodies, ecosystems, and sensitive receiving environments. Water quality is not only threatened by future development; poor water quality has resulted from historic development and inadequate investment in infrastructure upgrades. The effects of which also need to be managed. We seek amendment to give effect to the NPS-FW.	Amend NE-O2: Future subdivision, <u>land use</u> and development contributes to an improvement in the quality of the City's <u>fresh water</u> , water bodies, <u>ecosystems and sensitive receiving environments</u> and recognises mana whenua and their relationship to water (Te Mana o Te Wai)
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.59	Support in part	Supports the objective to recognise the relationship of to water as this aligns with Policy FW.3 of Proposed RPS Change 1	Retain Objective NE-O2, subject to amendments.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.60	Amend	Considers that this objective should more widely address the values of tangata whenua and seek that those values are protected and enhanced. These amendments will ensure Policy FW.3 is more wholly given regard to.	Amend Objective NE-O2 as follows: Future subdivision and development contributes to an improvement in the quality of the City's water bodies, <u>protects and enhances Māori freshwater values</u> and recognises mana whenua and their relationship to water (Te Mana o Te Wai).
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Waka Kotahi	370.55	Amend	Considers that improving water quality is an extremely high threshold, though Waka Kotahi agrees that gradual improvement is necessary not all works, specifically maintenance activities, can improve water quality. Instead, the submitter seeks that all works shall not worsen water quality.	Amend Strategic Objective NE-O2 (Future subdivision and development contributes...) as follows: Future subdivision and development contributes to an improvement in <u>maintains</u> the quality of the City's water bodies, and recognises mana whenua and their relationship to water (Te Mana o Te Wai).
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.18	Support	The submitter understand that about 80% of Freshwater bodies within Wellington City have unacceptable pollutant levels: it is important that use and development in natural and rural areas is done in a way that sees us improve water quality, as is being recommended for similar activities in the urban parts of the city. Recognising the relationship of mana whenua to water is an important aspect of this, as it sees water quality put first in terms of importance.	Retain Objective NE-O2 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Director-General of Conservation	385.16	Support	Supports proposed Objective NE-O2.	Retain objective NE-O2 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.48	Support in part	Support the acknowledgment of Taranaki Whānui connection with environment and water and of the Taranaki Whānui tikanga and mātauranga in the management of the natural environment.	Retain NE-O1 with amendments.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.49	Amend	Support the acknowledgment of Taranaki Whānui connection with environment and water and of the Taranaki Whānui tikanga and mātauranga in the management of the natural environment.	Seeks amendment to: a) include role of Taranaki Whānui as ahi kā and primary mana whenua or b) that is most appropriate to address the submission.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities	391.62	Support	Objective NE-O2 is generally supported.	Retain Objective NE-O2 (Future subdivision and development contributes...) as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Willis Bond and Company Limited	416.27	Support	Supports the intent of NE-O2.	Retain NE-O2 (Future subdivision and development contributes to an improvement in the quality...)as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira	488.21	Support in part	Supports the intention behind NE-O2	Retain NE-O2 (Future subdivision and development contributes to an improvement in the quality of the City's water bodies...) in the Natural Environment chapter as notified, subject to the amendments below.

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Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O2	Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira	488.22	Amend	Considers NE-O2 can be strengthened so that subdivision and earthworks would not only 'contribute' but 'maintain and protect' the values the submitter has for water resources.	Amend NE-O2 (Future subdivision and development contributes to an improvement in the quality of the City's water bodies...) to: Future subdivision and development play a key role improving water quality and they support protecting and enhancing freshwater values contributes to an improvement in the quality of the City's water bodies by recognizing mana whenua values and their relationship to water (Te Mana o Te Wai).
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	Kilmarston Developments Limited and Kilmarston Properties Limited	290.23	Support	Considers that it is important for Council to provide appropriate open space connections across the city where enabling residential development of the Submitters land will contribute to creating these connections.	Retain NE-O3 (The City retains an extensive open space network across the City that...) as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.24	Support in part	Considers the objective would be clearer with specific use of the words Significant Natural Areas to give effect to s6 and reference to maintenance of indigenous biodiversity to give effect to council's functions under s31. Furthermore, wetlands need to be included to give effect to the RPS	Amend NE-O3: The City retains an extensive open space network across the City that: 1. Is easily accessible; 2. Connects the urban and natural environment; 3. Supports <u>Protects significant natural areas, wetlands and</u> ecological, cultural, and landscape values; and 4. <u>Maintains indigenous biodiversity; and</u> 5. Meets the needs of anticipated future growth.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.19	Amend	Considers this should be amended to include the concept of protection.	Add an extra point to NE-O3 (The city retains an extensive open space network...) as follows: ... <u>5. Is protected and gazetted under the Reserves Act.</u>
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.20	Support	Considers that as the population grows, preserving, and where possible, adding to the open space network across the city is increasingly important. Research increasingly shows the importance of access to natural areas, and 'biophilic' environments as keys to human health and well-being, as well as helping reduce crime, and of course being a critical part of protecting biodiversity. On this matter, Wellington as a city is playing a critical role in providing refuge for formerly at risk native birds, e.g. kaka, and with efforts such as the Halo Project and Predator Free initiatives being undertaken by thousands of Wellingtonians, it is important our city's district plan provides legal and policy support to this.	Retain Objective NE-O3 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	Wellington Civic Trust	388.9	Support in part	Supports the intention of NE-O3, as it relates to the city's green network, however as currently worded it suggests that the network is satisfactory and all that is needed is to "retain" the network.	Retain Amend Natural Environment Objective NE-O3 with amendment.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	Wellington Civic Trust	388.10	Amend	Considers NE-O3 should be amended to clarify that the open space network can and should be expanded, as well as retained. The current wording suggests that the network is satisfactory and all that is needed is to "retain" the network. As currently written, NE-O3 does not suggest that the City intends to add to the amount of open space accessible and available to City residents, workers and visitors. It is essential that the need for more open space is signalled at the strategic level if the Council is to actively pursue the acquisition of more public open space and that it is going to ensure that new development contributes to this provision.	Amend Natural Environment Objective NE-O3 as follows: The City retains <u>expands its open space network so that</u> an extensive open space network is <u>provided and retained</u> that:"

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Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O3	Willis Bond and Company Limited	416.28	Support	Supports the intent of NE-O3.	Retain NE-O3 (The City retains an extensive open space network across the City...)as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O4	Royal Forest and Bird Protection Society	345.25	Support	Supports the objective.	Retain NE-O4 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O4	WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.21	Support	Considers there is insufficient focus on mana whenua and their ability to exercise kaitiaki following their own mātauranga: this strategic objective helps to re-balance this.	Retain Objective NE-O4 as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O4	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.50	Support in part	Support the acknowledgment of Taranaki Whānui connection with environment and water and of the Taranaki Whānui tikanga and mātauranga in the management of the natural environment.	Retain NE-O1 with amendments.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O4	Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika	389.51	Amend	Support the acknowledgment of Taranaki Whānui connection with environment and water and of the Taranaki Whānui tikanga and mātauranga in the management of the natural environment.	Seeks amendment to: a) include role of Taranaki Whānui as ahi kā and primary mana whenua or b) that is most appropriate to address the submission.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O4	Kāinga Ora Homes and Communities	391.64	Support	Objective NE-O4 is generally supported.	Retain Objective NE-O4 (Mana whenua are able to exercise their...) as notified.
Strategic Direction / Natural Environment / NE-O4	Willis Bond and Company Limited	416.29	Support	Supports the intent of NE-O4.	Retain NE-O4 (Mana whenua are able to exercise their customary responsibilities ...)as notified.