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Decision sought

I wish to support the proposed Change 1 to the RPS for the Wellington region in its entirety.

I see places where additional actions could be beneficial. Please see the Reasons section below.

General comments and reasons to be considered:

1. Conservation first must lead all future resource use decisions.
2. The protection and restoration of the environment must take priority over human use
3. Local councils, through their Sustainability Strategy/Policy must 'teach', encourage and support conservation practices especially for land, water, energy.
4. Local and regional council must empower people to create and manage their own resources, especially water and energy. Include personal resource audits and other tools to raise awareness and use to create a PRMP (Personal Resource Management Plan). This can lead to greater resilience and sense of security if people know what they are currently doing, and what they can do to change their resource use profile.
5. Rain water harvesting and storage and renewable generation must be normalised.
6. Include mention of 'Limits to Growth'. Finite planet with finite resources = finite growth. Te Awa Kairangi is exhibiting symptoms of having reached its limit for extraction. This would logically mean that growth and development should be curtailed until the health of the awa is restored.
7. Central government is too slow to rein in carbon emitting agriculture. This means it is even more important for Regional and Local councils to implement carbon reduction plans.
8. Education: Work with Ministry of Education and NZQA to include Environmental Studies at all levels of schooling with standards for assessment on the qualifications framework.
9. Adopt the RAMSAR Convention definition for wetlands which incorporates peatlands. The Ramsar Convention's definition of wetlands (Article 1) is as "areas of marsh, fen, peatland or water, whether natural or artificial, permanent or temporary, with water that is static or flowing, fresh, brackish or salt, including areas of marine water the depth of which at low tide does not exceed six metres." By doing this, the Mangaroa Peatland would qualify for protection and restoration.
10. Humans have become humancentric, lazy, demanding, ignorant, greedy, all of which are learned behaviours imposed by civilization and society. What is learned can be un-learned or re-taught. This re-programming process of humans 'back to Nature' must be designed and implemented urgently.

11. UHCC Plan Change 47 includes the Mangaroa Peatland as unstable for development. Is this specifically included in this Change 1 for the RPS?
12. Local councils should create a new committee for Water Strategy in order to more easily draft policy at the local level.
13. Change the building code to require new builds to include rain water collection and storage tanks, meters for reticulated water, storm water for toilet flushing, on site renewable energy generation or community generation, and triple glazing in certain areas, and for ongoing WOF for all septic systems in rural areas.
14. Municipal swimming pools must have storm water collection and storage facility, in ground, under car parks to be used to fill the pool or as emergency water supply.
15. Municipal swimming pools must have roof top solar energy generation and/or solar hot water heating to reduce the high energy use for heating the water.
16. All appropriate council owned buildings must be considered as renewable energy generation sites.