

**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Claire Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Streamlined Planning Process and next steps (in confidence)  
**Date:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019 2:46:07 pm  
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All good – I hadn't replied as I was checking internally to see if anyone else would be attending with me. Haven't heard back yet so I will accept and let you know if anyone else will be with me. I think a phone call at this stage is fine, I know Stewart is keen to meet in person either Monday or Tuesday next week so if you are able to check your calendar and let me know if there is a day/time that suits we can come in to you.

Thanks

Mary

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**From:** Claire Gregory [mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019 1:16 PM  
**To:** Mary Barton  
**Subject:** RE: Streamlined Planning Process and next steps (in confidence)

Hi again Mary – sorry just realised it was unclear from below that we will ring you at this time tomorrow – alternatively, happy to meet in person if that works, or we can subsequently do that after our initial conversation.

Regards  
Claire

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Claire Gregory  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019 12:24 PM  
**To:** Mary Barton; Abbie Bull  
**Subject:** Streamlined Planning Process and next steps (in confidence)  
**When:** Wednesday, 27 February 2019 2:00 PM-3:00 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.  
**Where:** Meetingroom EH 2A Video Conference

Hi Mary, nice to hear from you and it sounds like a good idea to have a chat.

Would this time work for you tomorrow afternoon? I have also invited Abbie Bull who manages

RMA Statutory Functions here at MfE.

Regards

**Claire Gregory – Senior Policy Analyst**

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**From:** Mary Barton <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019 12:06 PM

**To:** Liz Moncrieff <[xxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>; Claire Gregory <[xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: Streamlined Planning Process and next steps (in confidence)

Thanks – that's great. I have prepared an internal memo for the wider leadership team on the SPP and have found the MfE guidance really helpful in terms of setting out the steps (and therefore managing expectations around resourcing and timing). Obviously there is a lot of work at the front end to get an application considered before the second stage where the proposed plan change is submitted to the Minister.

Claire – it would be great to have a quick chat. Could you please give me a call on 027 702 8650 when you are available.

Thanks

Mary

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019 12:01 PM

**To:** Mary Barton; Claire Gregory

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**Subject:** RE: Streamlined Planning Process and next steps (in confidence)

Hi Mary,

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I've copied in Claire now so will let you both get in touch about this. Also, for the record, in case you don't have it, is the email I send Stewart about the SPP.

Take care,

Liz

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**From:** Mary Barton <[xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, 26 February 2019 11:52 AM

**To:** Liz Moncrieff <[xxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>

**Subject:** Streamlined Planning Process and next steps (in confidence)

Hi Liz

Hope all good with you. Things at PCC are working out really well – lots of interesting work and the 10 minute commute is saving me hours a week which is fantastic.

I understand that Stewart had a chat with you a few weeks ago re. PCC seeking approval from the Minister to utilise the SPP to allow for rezoning of land for residential development in the Northern Growth Area. The Council has now approved the request to allow us to continue down this path and we are keen to discuss next steps. FYI the decision has yet to be publicly released – we are currently working on some comms around this

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Could you please pass on the contact details for the right person for me to talk to at MfE. I can give a brief background on where we are currently at and then hopefully we can arrange a meeting from there.

Thanks heaps

Mary

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Claire Gregory](#)  
**Cc:** [Stewart McKenzie](#)  
**Subject:** Porirua - SPP  
**Date:** Thursday, 28 February 2019 2:15:02 pm  
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Hi Claire,

Thanks for your time today – it was good to be able to give you a bit of an overview of the proposal ahead of next week’s meeting. As you can probably tell we are trying to get a gauge on how much time the process is likely to take and what resources we will need to dedicate to it. We have some internal meetings scheduled ahead of our meeting with you next week so will be able to talk to some of your questions in more detail then.

As discussed here are some links that will give you additional background:

**Draft Growth Strategy**

Hearings were held last week – with over 40 submitters presenting to Council. Council is scheduled to deliberate and agree to changes on 6 March with the final Growth Strategy to be adopted 20 March.

<https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/growth-strategy/>

A full copy of the submissions to the Draft Growth Strategy

[https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/2321/ATT\\_3\\_-\\_Full\\_set\\_of\\_submissions\\_2.pdf](https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/2321/ATT_3_-_Full_set_of_submissions_2.pdf)

**Plimmerton Farms Concept Plan**

- This is the high level information that has been released to the public together with the Draft Growth Strategy. I have some more detailed plans that I will be able to share at our meeting on Monday.

[https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/2232/Plimmerton\\_Farm\\_Concept\\_Plan.pdf](https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/2232/Plimmerton_Farm_Concept_Plan.pdf)

**Growth Projections**

These growth projections may end up being revised but were the figures used and referenced in the Draft Growth Strategy.

[https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/2229/Porirua\\_population\\_and\\_housing\\_projections.pdf](https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/2229/Porirua_population_and_housing_projections.pdf)

**Porirua Northern Growth Structure Plan**

Adopted in 2014 – this introduced the Plimmerton Farms land as an area for future residential growth.

[https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/512/Northern\\_Growth\\_Area\\_Structure\\_Plan\\_-\\_November\\_2014.pdf](https://porirua.govt.nz/documents/512/Northern_Growth_Area_Structure_Plan_-_November_2014.pdf)

Happy to answer questions on this. If you are able to flick me through the names of the best people to talk to at Hastings and BOP that would be fantastic.

Thanks

Mary

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haylock](#); [Claire Gregory](#)  
**Cc:** [Abbie Bull](#)  
**Subject:** URE: Eastern Porirua potential SPP application  
**Date:** Monday, 6 May 2019 4:20:49 pm  
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Hi Kathleen and Claire,

The Council met today and resolved that we are able to progress discussions with MfE (which will also involve Wendy Walker our CEO meeting with the Minister) with the intent of determining whether the streamlined planning process is an appropriate tool to enable the Eastern Porirua Regeneration Project (EPRP).

Together with the Plimmerton Farm proposal (which would comprise a separate application) we consider that progressing a plan change under SPP for the EPRP shows a coordinated response to Porirua City's diverse housing needs. The offerings provided under each of these projects will cater for the full spectrum of Porirua's current and future residents by providing a range of housing choices. The sequencing of these proposals under SPP will be central to the implementation of the Growth Strategy as it seeks to address our obligations under the NPS-UDC.

The upfront consultation required to support an application to use the SPP will enable Council to target the Eastern Porirua community in a way that is difficult to achieve through a standard RMA process. Public participation through extensive and informal engagement will allow more people to be involved in developing a plan change than could be expected through the standard District Plan Review process. We are looking at ways to engage with the community that allow them to not only contribute to the Masterplan being developed by HLC for Eastern Porirua, but also how this vision is realised through the planning framework. We believe we will achieve better outcomes through using an SPP process to enable focus on the regeneration of Eastern Porirua and what this means for the community.

With the District Plan Review now deferred until March 2020 for notification of the proposed plan the timeframes do not align with those required by HLC to progress the EPRP at the pace and scale necessary to achieve the outcomes the regeneration project is looking to achieve for the community, the targets set out under the Treasury Business case for the EPRP or those of the Council as they relate to meeting NPS-UDC obligations for providing feasible housing capacity (of which the EPRP is a core component of). We realise this will be complex but on consideration of alternatives, which includes ad hoc resource consents, we feel that there is real benefit in using the SPP and are committed to working with HLC to ensure our community has the best opportunity to be involved in planning for the change the EPRP represents.

I appreciate it is late notice but I will be in the city tomorrow afternoon for a meeting at 2pm and am happy to come up to have a discussion about next steps if you are available. I can do either before 2 (I have to be on the Terrace at 2 for my meeting with QEII re. Plimmerton Farm) or could do after that meeting – which would be around 3:15 at your office.

If tomorrow doesn't suit no problem – I am happy to find a time that works for you. Clearly there will be quite a bit to discuss!

Thanks

Mary

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**Mary Barton**  
Consultant Planner

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**From:** Kathleen Haylock [mailto:xxxxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 16 April 2019 2:01 PM  
**To:** Mary Barton  
**Cc:** Abbie Bull  
**Subject:** Eastern Porirua potential SPP application

Hi Mary,

As we discussed on the phone, given that the Eastern Porirua plan change and potential SPP application would be council owned and driven, we don't think there would be issues with it being a HLC project. As we talked about, it would need to be applied for and considered separately to the Plimmerton Farms one.

It would be good to set up a meeting to talk through this one in more detail, maybe after Easter/Anzac? Or if more urgent than that I'm around during the Easter break except for the 25 April, just let me know.

Thanks,  
Kathleen

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**From:** Mary Barton  
**To:** [Claire Gregory](#); [Kathleen Haylock](#)  
**Subject:** Plimmerton Farm Media Release for Open Day  
**Date:** Wednesday, 29 May 2019 11:14:17 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi both,

Thanks again for your time today and apologies for the somewhat confusing conversation. If it is any consolation Nicky said she found it very helpful and for me it cemented getting a clear comms and engagement plan prepared early to ensure we are aligned and can get some key messages out without detracting from the Master Plan process.

In terms of Plimmerton Farm I thought you might be interested in seeing the media release for the open days:

<http://www.scoop.co.nz/stories/AK1905/S00632/open-days-for-plimmerton-farm-district-plan-change.htm>

I will let you know how it goes (and the meeting with QEII earlier in the day).

Thanks

Mary

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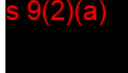
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**To:** [Claire Gregory](#); [Kathleen Haylock](#)  
**Subject:** Plimmerton Farm - first open day  
**Date:** Friday, 7 June 2019 10:16:52 am  
**Attachments:** s 9(2)(a)  
  
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Hi Claire and Kathleen

We had our first open day yesterday 2:30 - 7:30pm and it went really well. We had between 50 - 60 people through all with a range of different things they wanted to talk about from concerns about construction effects, how the values of Taupo Swamp will be protected, through to wanting to know how quickly it can happen. I think everyone left with a better understanding of the proposal and I think more comfortable with it than when they arrived. We had all the Plimmerton Farm specialists there to answer questions which worked really well - they have been living and breathing the project for so long so were able to give really comprehensive responses when required. A great example of how the partnership approach to the plan change can work to achieve better outcomes (in this case around community engagement). We talked about SPP to those people who wanted to know about it and had some really good responses. Those I spoke to thought it was a great tool to enable housing supply to come on line faster.

We had an activity table for the kids and had frames made up for them to draw: "my dream park", "what a future town should look like" and "how we will travel in 10 years time". We had some great pictures (a few of which are attached).

Also a few pics from the open day. This was just after we opened before I got busy talking to people! There was a constant stream of people through until about 7:15.

We also had another meeting with QEII yesterday, including a site visit. It was a very busy day!

Our next open day is Saturday 29 June - we have had a few people mention that others who will be attending this one so hope for another successful and busy day then.

Have a great weekend

Mary

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From: Mary Barton [<mailto:marybartonwork@gmail.com>]  
Sent: Friday, 7 June 2019 9:42 AM  
To: Mary Barton  
Subject: Pics

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Kathleen Haylock](#)  
**Cc:** [Sarah McCarthy](#); [Claire Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Plimmerton Farm - first open day  
**Date:** Wednesday, 3 July 2019 4:08:50 pm

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Hi Kathleen,

Lots of updates - we have just had our second open day on Saturday and had around 200 people through. Lots of great conversations and feedback that we are currently collating and considering as we continue to work on the proposed plan change. Some interesting meetings with key stakeholders, particularly QEII and interest groups (Porirua Harbour Trust, Friends of Taupo Swamp, Forest and Bird, Guardians of Pauatahanui). I think it would be worth me meeting with Sarah and Claire soon to discuss these meetings and our responses as it is ultimately affecting our timeline.

Feedback forms are starting to come in too.

Sarah / Claire what is your availability early next week? I can come in Monday - Wednesday any time.

Good luck with the new role Kathleen, looking forward to catching up with you in your new role soon.

Thanks

Mary

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** SPP question  
**Date:** Monday, 22 July 2019 11:05:31 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Sarah,

Just wanted to double check when we lodge our (draft) SPP application (and then full application) do you expect to see a copy of the draft plan change and associated s32? It will be a very large document so just want to double check what the requirements are around this. I had previously considered that the application was on the merits of progressing the plan change through SPP and that while this would include a lot of material that is contained within the s32 it was not required to have the document submitted as part of the application, which is more about demonstrating that it meets the criteria and satisfies the requirements of the application as set out on the MfE website.

Hope that makes sense!

Thanks

Mary

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**To:** [Matthew Hickman](#); [Stewart McKenzie](#); [Rebecca Lloyd](#); [Nathan Geard](#); [xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](#); [James McKibbin](#); [Sue Southey](#); [xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](#); [Matt Muspratt](#); ["xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx"](#); [Russell O'Leary - Group Manager Planning and Environment](#); ["xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx"](#); [Michael Oates](#)  
**Cc:** [Angela Bell](#); [Godwell Mahowa](#); [Tim Johnstone](#)  
**Subject:** Agenda for RPMG meeting  
**Date:** Monday, 22 July 2019 11:31:13 am

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23 July 2019

## Agenda

1. Porirua Streamlined Planning Process – experience from PCC Mary Barton
2. NPS UDC assessment report update – Tim Johnstone and Josh. NPS- UDC workshop in Auckland – who is going?
3. Ministry for the Environment – National Planning Standards (Rebecca Lloyd) and Michael Oates including SNA and the NPS-IB update
4. Discussion on options for implementing the National Planning Standard for the RPS (brief paper to follow)
6. Regional Update
5. Regional Growth Framework and the regional housing/spatial planning process and agreed terms of reference –update from Kim Kelly (about 3.15)
7. PNRP - timing for a decision version briefing ( sorry no details on changes !)
8. Transport Planning - Request for joint meeting with TAG (Transport Advisory Group)

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-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Matthew Hickman <[xxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx](#)>

**Sent:** Thursday, 27 June 2019 7:38 AM

**To:** Matthew Hickman; Stewart McKenzie; Rebecca Lloyd; Nathan Geard; john.mcsweeney@wcc.govt.nz; Lucy Harper; James McKibbin; Sue Southey; [xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](#); Matt Muspratt; ['xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx'](#); Russell O'Leary - Group Manager Planning and Environment; ['xxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx'](#); Michael Oates

**Cc:** Angela Bell; Godwell Mahowa; Tim Johnstone

**Subject:** RPMG meeting

**When:** Tuesday, 23 July 2019 12:00 PM-5:00 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.

**Where:** GWRC - meeting room 21

Agenda to follow on Monday

Thanks,

Matt

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Plimmerton Farm - first open day  
**Date:** Monday, 12 August 2019 4:19:18 pm

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Hi Sarah,

Trying to get the draft finalised at the moment! I am hoping to have this with you by the end of the week but that will be subject to internal review timing. I may touch base with you later this week with a couple of questions if that is OK? I will wait until I have everything in final draft before asking as I don't want to have to bother you multiple times!

A paper went to GWRC last week with a recommendation that a letter of support be drafted to include with our application. This was passed which is great. Another milestone!

Thanks for checking in

Nga mihi,

Mary

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From: Sarah McCarthy [<mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>]  
Sent: Monday, 12 August 2019 4:13 PM  
To: Mary Barton  
Subject: RE: Plimmerton Farm - first open day

Hi Mary

Just checking in with you again on timing for the Plimmerton Farms application - last time we checked in you were planning for 'mid August'. Is this still the case? Asking because we are updating the Minister's office on pending SPP applications.

Any update would be appreciated!

Thanks so much  
Sarah

-----Original Message-----

From: Mary Barton <[xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.nz](mailto:xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.nz)>  
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 10:12 AM  
To: Sarah McCarthy <[xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>  
Subject: RE: Plimmerton Farm - first open day

Hi Sarah,

Sounds like things are getting busy for you! Yes the intent is that we have a draft application to you by mid August. It would be good to know what the turnaround time is like for receiving feedback so we can map that into our works programme. We would be hoping to get a formal application in as soon as we get confirmation our

application is looking complete.

Wish we had this weather for the weekend - I feel so cheated coming into work when it is sunning outside after raining all weekend!

Happy to discuss timings if that is easier. Feel free to give me a call on mobile.

Cheers

Mary

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sarah McCarthy [<mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.x>]  
Sent: Monday, 22 July 2019 10:06 AM  
To: Mary Barton  
Subject: RE: Plimmerton Farm - first open day

Hi Mary

Hope you had a nice weekend.

Just thought I would touch base given you had a number of meetings and things happening over these past couple of weeks since we last met.

At our meeting you were talking about sending in a draft SPP for Plimmerton Farms mid-August. So I wanted to check in with you on your timeframes as to whether that was still looking likely so we can start to organise our resourcing at this end.

Thanks!  
Sarah

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From: Mary Barton <xxxx.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.nz>  
Sent: Wednesday, 3 July 2019 4:09 PM  
To: Kathleen Haylock <xxxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.nz>  
Cc: Sarah McCarthy <xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>; Claire Gregory <Claire.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>  
Subject: RE: Plimmerton Farm - first open day

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**From:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**Subject:** RE: SPP Draft application query  
**Date:** Thursday, 15 August 2019 5:02:50 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Mary

No worries at all – as I said happy to receive multiple emails.

I don't think we need to see copies of all of the reports at the draft stage. Yes they would be subject to OIA tests if the application was OIA-ed.

If when we receive the application we think something crucial is missing, I am happy to just call or liaise with you on it also.

Cheers

Sarah

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**From:** Mary Barton <~~xx@xxx~~>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 15 August 2019 4:07 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <~~xx@xxx~~>  
**Subject:** SPP Draft application query

Hi Sarah,

My first (probably not last!) question re. the draft application. I am still waiting on a couple of reports that I intend to append to be finalise. I would rather not include the drafts as do not want to cause confusion, particularly if these become publicly available (which I assume they would through an OIA). Do you need for the draft to include all referenced documents or is it sufficient for me to have these referenced (and summarised in the application) for now and then submitted with the final application?

We are in the same position with consultation. We have a number of meetings occurring next week to tie up some loose ends that will be detailed in the final but not in the draft.

Thanks!

Mary

Nga mihi,

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**From:** [Claire Gregory](#)  
**To:** [Mary Barton](#); [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: FW: Opportunity for a chat about the Streamlined Planning Process  
**Date:** Friday, 16 August 2019 1:22:33 pm

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Sounds good Mary. Just to let you know, amending SPP is not within the scope of the Stage 1 Bill. I hope that helps a bit but will be good to discuss how councils are responding to the government's intentions around reform – short term and in the more comprehensive review.

Out of Scope

Seems like a good time for a bit of a collective catch up on SPP.

Look forward to seeing you on the 27<sup>th</sup> (if not before if you lodge in person).

Regards  
Claire

-----Original Appointment-----

**From:** Mary Barton <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Friday, 16 August 2019 12:22 PM  
**To:** Claire Gregory; Sarah McCarthy  
**Subject:** Accepted: FW: Opportunity for a chat about the Streamlined Planning Process  
**When:** Tuesday, 27 August 2019 2:30 PM-4:00 PM (UTC+12:00) Auckland, Wellington.  
**Where:** MfE Rooms 2B and 2C

Thanks Claire

A great idea – I will definitely be in a position to share a lot of learnings!

We are finalising our draft now and will be lodging it with MfE early next week. The draft will have a few gaps as we wait for final versions of reports to come through. On this basis I think it would be good to be able to submit this in person. I will touch base with Sarah separately to confirm a day/time. Just wanted to give you a heads up ☺

There has been a bit of concern post EDS conference and the Minister's speech there about whether the SPP will make it through the upcoming RMA amendments. There was a lot of talk about reinstating public participation into the RMA – I know it is a wait and see situation but it will be good to have a round table with others in a similar position to ourselves to discuss.

Cheers  
Mary

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Plimmerton Farm Plan Change SPP  
**Date:** Monday, 26 August 2019 1:06:17 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Sarah

Apologies for the late response – I have just had confirmation about tomorrow morning if that works for you still? Happy to do as early as suits for you.

Also I have been working on the SPP and included in some of the additional material we discussed. I have also prepared some draft statement of expectations to be included with the application. I will be sending through the revised material tomorrow but if you are able to make it out on site can talk you through some of it then. If you have had a chance to look at what I left with you I would be keen to get some feedback if you have any.

Let me know if tomorrow works – I would say allow a couple of hours all up. We will probably be on site for an hour and a half max. If there is anything we want to discuss not on the top of a hill in a southerly we can either head back to PCC or to a café.

Thanks

Mary

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy [mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx]  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 August 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** Mary Barton  
**Subject:** RE: Plimmerton Farm Plan Change SPP

Hi Mary

Thanks for your email and apologies for taking all day to get back to you.

**s 9(2)(f)(iv)** . It would be great to see the final wording when you send through the draft. The key thing I think is to ensure that they are measurable - so they can be clearly assessed and achieved.

I'm free Monday or Tuesday morning. Earlier in the day would be better (but I can work from home in the morning) so I can come straight out to you with my gumboots on!

Sarah

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**From:** Mary Barton <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 22 August 2019 12:14 AM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** Plimmerton Farm Plan Change SPP

Hi Sarah,

Thanks for your time on Tuesday – it was great to have the opportunity to talk through our application with you and Claire. It was hugely valuable! Apologies the application isn't complete. There are a lot of moving parts I am trying to coordinate at the moment!

In terms of an update – we have worked through a revised proposed timeframes schedule. I just need

to have this reviewed then will send it onto you. s 9(2)(f)(iv)

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In terms of a site visit next week how would either Monday or Tuesday morning suit? Either day up until midday suits (I think – I will need to check with a few others).

And apologies for the late email – suspect you will be getting a few of these over the course of the next week!

Nga mihi,

Mary Barton  
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**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Cc:** [Melissa Buist](#)  
**Subject:** Draft SPP application as at 3 September (Plimmerton Farm)  
**Date:** Tuesday, 3 September 2019 3:31:37 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
[Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change SPP application 1 September 2019.docx](#)  
[Appendix A Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change Overview.docx.pdf](#)  
[Appendix B Demographics Overview.docx.pdf](#)  
[Appendix C Letter of support GWRC.pdf](#)  
[Appendix D Letter of support Ngati Toa.pdf](#)  
[Appendix K Kakaho Special Amenity Landscape.pdf](#)  
[Appendix M Erosion and Sediment Control Principles.pdf](#)  
[Appendix L Te-Awarua-o-Porirua-WIP Assessment.pdf](#)  
[Appendix X PFPC Stormwater Management Assessment.pdf](#)  
[Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change SPP application 1 September 2019.docx.pdf](#)

Hi Sarah,

Please find attached a Word vision of our final draft of the SPP application for Eastern Porirua (to allow for mark-ups/ comments). I have also included a PDF version. There are a couple of appendices missing that will be forwarded through to you separately.

Note that we intend to provide some commentary on further national direction in the final draft, including the NPS-HPL and any other material released over the course of the next couple of weeks.

Apologies for the lack of formatting. It still needs tidying up and the appendices numbers checked.

I will arrange Melissa to send you two hard copies of all the material I have emailed (and additional information to come as per above) so you don't have to print it out.

	Description	Provided
Appendix X	Precinct Plan Overview	Yes
Appendix X	Council Resolution	To follow
Appendix X	GWRC letter of support	Yes
Appendix X	Ngati Toa letter of support	Yes
Appendix X	Porirua Demographics and Key Features	Yes
Appendix X	Council's Housing and Business Capacity Assessment (HBA)	To follow
Appendix X	Public and Stakeholder Consultation	Yes (sent)
Appendix X	Freshwater/ Stormwater Principles and commentary	Yes
Appendix X	Assessment of Medium Density Residential Zone	To follow
Appendix X	Kakaho Special Amenity Landscape	Yes
Appendix X	WIP Review	Yes

Thanks

Mary

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[Appendix H Consultation and Engagement Overview 3 September 2019.pdf](#)  
[Attachment A Plimmerton Farm Concept Plans from Draft Growth Strategy Engagement .pdf](#)  
[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)  
[Attachment C Growth Strategy Engagement Document.pdf](#)  
[s 9\(2\)\(a\)](#)  
[Attachment E Open Day Material.pdf](#)  
[Attachment E Open Day Material 2.pdf](#)

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Hi Sarah,

I hope your inbox is prepared! Please find attached the draft consultation and engagement appendix for our SPP application for Plimmerton Farm. Due to the size restrictions on my email this will come through as multiple emails. I will be getting a couple of copies of the final document printed and sent to you.

Thanks

Mary

Nga mihi,

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**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Plimmerton Farm draft SPP application  
**Date:** Tuesday, 3 September 2019 11:15:53 am

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Oh no! you poor thing!

There is a lot of material so definitely check in with Drew if you have any questions. I am honestly happy you taking your time to review so that I can make the amendments (planning on including a section on the draft NES when it is released – assuming imminently) on my return. If you include me on your emails to Drew that would be great.

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I will provide some more commentary when I send the information through. I will also get two hard copies sent through to you to save you having to print what I sent out!

Thanks and I hope you feel better soon!!

Mary

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy [mailto:[x@xx](#)]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 September 2019 11:08 AM  
**To:** Mary Barton  
**Subject:** Re: Plimmerton Farm draft SPP application

Hey Mary.. I'm back home on the couch with another vomiting bug... So I won't be able to discuss with you.

I will work my way through it though, so send it through and I can speak with Drew or whoever in your absence.

I hope you have a wonderful time away with your family!

Sarah

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**From:** Mary Barton <[x@xx](#)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 3 September 2019 10:51:24 AM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[x@xx](#)>  
**Subject:** Plimmerton Farm draft SPP application

Hi Sarah,

Heads up – it's massive! I think you might need all the time I am away to actually get through it! I thought it would be good to have a call before I send it through so I can double check a few things. What time works for you? (I am walking out the door at 3pm today so will need to be before then!).

Thanks

Mary

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I'd appreciate your thoughts on whether any other Ministers should receive the draft especially given the requested SPP process.

Regards

[Drew Cumming](#)

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**To:** [Andrew Cumming](#)  
**Subject:** RE: draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change`  
**Date:** Monday, 16 September 2019 10:17:31 am  
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Hi Drew

Here are my thoughts – in addition to those agencies listed below: MHUD and TPK.  
Ministers of: conservation, environment, transport, urban development.

These are just my thoughts. MfE will do a more thorough assessment and this list doesn't preclude any other relevant Minister or department we think should be consulted through the SPP process.

Thanks  
Sarah

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**From:** Andrew Cumming <[Andrew.Cumming@poriruacity.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Cumming@poriruacity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 September 2019 9:32 AM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)>  
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**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change`  
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I'd rather take it too wide than miss someone relevant

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy [mailto:[x@xx](#)]  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 September 2019 10:53 AM  
**To:** Andrew Cumming  
**Subject:** RE: draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change`

No worries.

I know the SPP draft application states that there are no proposed designations within the site but there is the indicative school site.

I have spoken with Mary about some engagement she has had with education but I'm not sure how that landed – so up to you if you thought education and the Minister of education are relevant.

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**From:** Andrew Cumming <[x@xx](#)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 16 September 2019 10:32 AM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[x@xx](#)>  
**Subject:** RE: draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change`

Hi Sarah

Thanks, that's helpful.

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Thanks  
Sarah

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**Sent:** Monday, 16 September 2019 9:32 AM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change`

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Hi Sarah

Here are the last 2 attachments to the SPP application. The HBA is attached to this email. The Medium Density Feasibility Report is too big to email – I'll send it shortly as a dropbox transfer.

Cheers

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**To:** [x.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xx](mailto:x.xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxx.xx)  
**Cc:** [Info at MFE - Sarah McCarthy](mailto:Info.at.MFE@Sarah.McCarthy)  
**Subject:** Draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change – Consultation in Accordance with Clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991  
**Date:** Friday, 20 September 2019 2:42:44 pm  
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Dear Minister Parker

**Draft Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change – Consultation in Accordance with Clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991**

Porirua City Council is preparing the Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change to the Operative Porirua District Plan. The purpose of the plan change is to rezone the 384 hectare property known as Plimmerton Farm from its existing rural zoning to enable urban development.

The Proposed Plan Change will meet key Council requirements for housing growth, freshwater management, partnership with Ngati Toa Rangatira and integration with the full District Plan review and the National Planning Standards.

In accordance with Clause 3, Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991, a draft of the proposal is available on the Council website for your consideration and comment – please refer to the Council agenda of 18 September 2019 **Item 9** at <https://porirua.govt.nz/your-council/mayor-councillors/meetings-minutes-and-agendas/>.

Council has applied to the Minister for the Environment to use the Streamlined Planning Process. Subject to the Minister's response, the proposal is anticipated to proceed to public notification in November 2019.

If you anticipate providing comments on the draft, I would appreciate you letting me know as soon as practicable. Any comments would be of most assistance if received by Friday 18 October 2019.

Nga mihi

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**To:** [Andrew Cumming](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Informal feedback on Porirua City Council's draft SPP application  
**Date:** Monday, 30 September 2019 2:13:37 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Drew

We are providing an update to Minister Parker on timeframes for the SPP applications that are expected to come in soon.

Could you please give me an indication/your best guess for now on when you think PCC might formally lodge?

Thank you  
Sarah

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**From:** Andrew Cumming <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 September 2019 12:01 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: Informal feedback on Porirua City Council's draft SPP application

6 hard copies – no problemo.

And yes, we'll send electronically too.

cheers

**Drew Cumming**

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 September 2019 11:59 AM  
**To:** Andrew Cumming  
**Subject:** RE: Informal feedback on Porirua City Council's draft SPP application

PS please! ☺

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**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 September 2019 11:59 AM  
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6 hard copies would be good – so we can send them to the Minister's office and for Ministerial consultation.

You'll also send the electronic copies too right?

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**Subject:** Re: Informal feedback on Porirua City Council's draft SPP application

Hi  
Please call at 11.00am

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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**Date:** 24/09/19 9:30 AM (GMT+12:00)  
**To:** Andrew Cumming <[Andrew.Cumming@poriruacity.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Cumming@poriruacity.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Informal feedback on Porirua City Council's draft SPP application

Hi Andrew  
Im in a meeting until 10.30 but free after that... so is there another time?  
No worries to include Tom

Thanks  
Sarah

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**From:** Andrew Cumming <[Andrew.Cumming@poriruacity.govt.nz](mailto:Andrew.Cumming@poriruacity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 24 September 2019 8:59 AM  
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Thanks for the feedback.

Give me a call on 027 461 0364. Between 9.30 and 10.00am would work well but suggest another time before 2pm if that doesn't suit.

Tom Anderson for Plimmerton Farm Developments Ltd is here with me so I'll include him in the call if that's ok by you.

Cheers

**Drew Cumming**  
Environment and City Planning: Major Projects

**From:** Sarah McCarthy [<mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx>]  
**Sent:** Monday, 23 September 2019 4:57 PM  
**To:** Andrew Cumming; Mary Barton  
**Cc:** Abbie Bull; Ministerials; Kim Rupp-Gregory  
**Subject:** Informal feedback on Porirua City Council's draft SPP application

Kia ora Mary and Drew

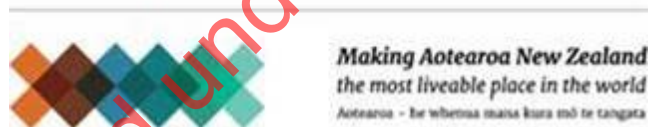
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Drew – I’m keen to talk you through this feedback, so let me know when suits you for a chat (and the best number to call you on).

Kind regards  
Sarah

**Sarah McCarthy – Senior Analyst, National Direction – Hub**

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**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** Checking in  
**Date:** Friday, 11 October 2019 2:38:47 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Let me know if you need any more copies of anything or want to have a chat, either over the phone or if you need me to pop in in person.

Have a great weekend

Cheers

Mary

Nga mihi,

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**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** Background information that might be helpful  
**Date:** Thursday, 17 October 2019 12:11:08 pm  
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[SNAs Plimmerton Farm database.xlsx](#)

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Hi Sarah,

I thought that the attached information may be helpful in terms of providing some context to show how the Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change aligns with the (draft) Proposed District Plan with respect to the protection of significant stands of indigenous vegetation. There are 9 identified significant natural areas (SNAs) on the property that have been identified using the methodology set out in the below report:

[https://porirucity.govt.nz/documents/1635/Wildlands\\_Draft\\_Assessment\\_of\\_Ecological\\_Site\\_Significance\\_in\\_Porirua\\_City\\_M\\_Ah9Gtzw.pdf](https://porirucity.govt.nz/documents/1635/Wildlands_Draft_Assessment_of_Ecological_Site_Significance_in_Porirua_City_M_Ah9Gtzw.pdf)

The maps showing the location of the SNA's (which correspond with the areas shown on the Plimmerton Farm Precinct Plan) are on the PCC website:

<https://porirucity.govt.nz/your-council/city-planning-and-reporting/district-plan/reviewing-our-district-plan/ecology-and-landscapes/#significant-natural-areas-snas>

The attached spreadsheet includes all the analysis for the Plimmerton Farm SNAs setting out the criteria and why they have been included.

If you have any questions on the methodology or how the proposed plan change provisions apply to these areas please let me know and we would be happy to come in and have a chat.

Thanks

Mary

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**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in  
**Date:** Friday, 18 October 2019 4:20:50 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thanks Sarah,

We are expecting to have some commentary around the disputed Taupo Swamp catchment area on Monday – have had a few issues getting hold of the material so have continued without it. I will send this through to Claire ni your absence.

Have a good break – I hope the weather improves for you!

Cheers

Mary

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy [mailto:[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)]  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 October 2019 4:16 PM  
**To:** Mary Barton  
**Subject:** RE: Checking in

Hi Mary

I just wanted to let you know that I am on leave from Monday 21 October, back in the office on Thursday 31 October.

If you needed to speak with someone during that time about SPP then please could you contact Claire Gregory [Claire.Gregory@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Claire.Gregory@mfe.govt.nz).

Kind regards  
Sarah

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**From:** Mary Barton <[Mary.Barton@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:Mary.Barton@porirua.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Friday, 11 October 2019 2:39 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Checking in

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**To:** [Lucy Harper](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Porirua City Council SPP  
**Date:** Friday, 18 October 2019 2:43:35 pm

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Hi Lucy

I'm actually on leave from Monday until 1 November.

What I am keen to understand is how the PNRP manages Taupo Swamp in Porirua. I have looked through the plan and I think that it is classified as a wetland with outstanding indigenous biodiversity values.

I am also keen to understand where GWRC considers the Taupo Swamp is (and therefore the extent of it).

Other than those queries I will be in touch when I am back.

Thanks so much  
Sarah

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy <[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 17 October 2019 7:11 AM  
**To:** Lucy Harper <[Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Re: Porirua City Council SPP

Hi Lucy  
Thank you so much for offering to speak with me on your day off.  
Monday is absolutely fine, I'll call you then  
Have a good day off

Sarah

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**From:** Lucy Harper <[Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 16 October 2019 3:50:45 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Porirua City Council SPP

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Until then

**Lucy Harper** | Team Leader, Environmental Policy

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy <[xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 15 October 2019 5:11 PM  
**To:** Lucy Harper <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** Porirua City Council SPP

Hi Lucy

Wondering if you have time to have a chat with me on Thursday (I don't work tomorrow) about Porirua City Council's proposed application to use the streamlined planning process under the RMA?

I understand you have been having conversations with Mary Barton at PCC, so given your existing knowledge, thought you would be the right person to contact?

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Thanks so much  
Sarah

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**From:** [Lucy Harper](#)  
**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Porirua City Council SPP  
**Date:** Monday, 21 October 2019 11:16:28 am

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So are you at work today?

Briefly

Yes it is now an outstanding wetland in the decision version of the PNRP. The rules are in section 5.5 and there is a list of rules in the table at the start of that section.

And as to extent I know that our scientists have been working with the ecologist for Plimmerton Farms to define the extent, but not sure where they have got to. I can check for when you come back ...

Regards

**Lucy Harper** | Team Leader, Environmental Policy  
**M: 027 451 6487**

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**From:** Sarah McCarthy <xxxxx.xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Friday, 18 October 2019 2:44 PM  
**To:** Lucy Harper <xxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** RE: Porirua City Council SPP

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**From:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [Mary Barton](#); [Claire Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment  
**Date:** Thursday, 31 October 2019 10:31:28 am  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Hi Mary

Thank you for your email and this information.

Kind regards  
Sarah

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**From:** Mary Barton <Mary.Barton@porirua.govt.nz>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 30 October 2019 1:27 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz>; Claire Gregory <Claire.Gregory@mfe.govt.nz>  
**Subject:** FW: Taupo Swamp Catchment

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Hi Sarah and Claire,

For your information we have finally had confirmation and acceptance from QEII with respect to the representation of the Taupo Swamp catchment as per information prepared for the Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change. This is included in the email below from Jo Haigh, and in the attached email from their in-house solicitor Malcom Lucas. The email from David (also attached) provides commentary on the methodology used to identify the catchment and confirmation that this has been checked with Wellington Water. I have also passed this information onto GWRC and it has not been disputed (the only response received was in relation to the extent of the Taupo Swamp Complex as represented in the decisions version of the PNRP. This does not alter the catchment boundaries).

The extent of Plimmerton Farm that falls within the Taupo Swamp catchment is significantly less than that represented on the maps attached to correspondence QEII tabled with Greater Wellington Regional Council (and, we understand the Minister for the Environment and Minister of Conservation). Rather, much of the land falls within the Taupo Stream sub-catchment as shown on the map included with David's email. I am not sure whether QEII has (or intends to) update it's comments to the Ministers. In any case, we hope that this information assists you with providing context around this matter, we thought it would be helpful to close the loop so to speak.

We are happy to provide you with any further background or commentary if required. Feel free to give me a call or email if you have any questions.

Thanks

Mary

Nga mihi,

[Mary Barton](#)

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**From:** David Wilson [<mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 9:44 AM  
**To:** Joanna Haigh  
**Cc:** Jane Strachan; Jess Stevens; Mary Barton  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment

Kia ora Jo,

Thanks for your reply and I am glad we have sorted the labelling issue.

I will call you tomorrow to confirm which files you need and in which format.

Nga mihi

David Wilson  
Principal Engineer/Director  
The Urban Engineers  
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**From:** Joanna Haigh <[xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 October 2019 4:42 PM  
**To:** David Wilson <[xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Jane Strachan <[xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx)>; Jess Stevens <[xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>; Mary Barton <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment

Hello David,

Thank you for your email explaining the discrepancy that you found with the catchment map I produced. You are quite right that it is a labelling issue.

My intention was to depict the whole catchment within which the Taupo Swamp Wetland Complex lies, not just the area you have shown as 'Taupo Swamp Sub-catchment', as the map was concerned with the wetland complex as a whole, not just the QEII National Trust property. However, I should have labelled this in the map title and the legend as **'Taupo Swamp Wetland Complex Catchment'**. Unfortunately I abbreviated it to 'Taupo Swamp Catchment', which I accept is not an accurate description.

Please accept my apologies for the omission, and any confusion caused.

I would be grateful if you would be able to share your catchment and sub-catchment spatial data

with QEII for us to use in any future maps or analysis of the area, to ensure we are using the same catchment data and thus avoid any future discrepancies with regard to the catchment extent.

I am available in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays should you need to call me.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,

Jo.

**Joanna Haigh | Senior Advisor Geospatial Services | QEII National Trust | Nga Kairauhi Papa**

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**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 10:44 AM

**To:** Joanna Haigh <[xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment

Hi Jo,

Called the office but understand that you are working remotely today.

Just wanted to follow up regarding the Taupo Swamp catchment boundaries. Having looked them in more detail I think that what we have is labelling issue.

Basically both catchments are the same there are some minor difference, in the rural areas from simplification and in the urban due to influence of urban drainage network. The only significant difference that I can see is what I have called Taupo swamp catchment is more accurately called "Taupo Swamp KNE Catchment" and the catchment shown on the QEII plans as Taupo Swamp Catchment could be more accurately called "Estimated Pre-Human Taupo Swamp Catchment" or maybe Taupo Stream Catchment. I have attached a couple of rough plans where I have overlaid out catchments onto you catchment plan.

Could you please call me when you get a chance as I have been asked to prepare a brief statement for MfE to clarify the differences between the areas shown on our maps.

David Wilson  
Principal Engineer/Director  
The Urban Engineers  
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**To:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**Cc:** [Andrew Cumming](#); [Tom Anderson \(xxx@xxxxxx.xx.xx\)](#) [Brendan Hogan](#)  
**Subject:** Taupo Swamp Catchment Review  
**Date:** Monday, 21 October 2019 12:24:51 pm  
**Attachments:** [image002.png](#)  
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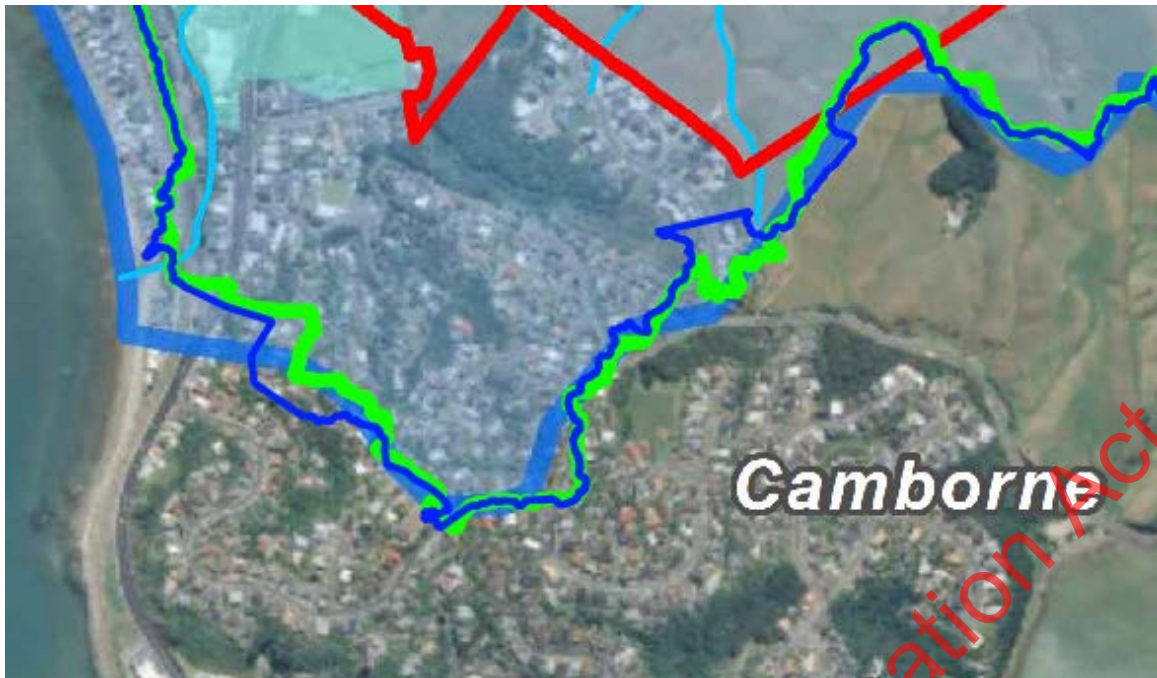
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Kia ora Mary,

As requested, we have compared the QEII trust Taupo Swamp catchment plan (attached) against our catchment boundaries. We have also sourced the Wellington Water catchment boundaries used in their hydraulic model of the Plimmerton Catchment, which Ben Fountain of Wellington Water has confirmed is their most accurate catchment boundaries. We have imported the QEII Trust plan into a GIS package and then overlaid onto their plan both the Wellington Water and our catchment boundaries.

Essential all the catchments are the same with some minor differences, in the rural areas from simplification and in the urban areas from the influence of the urban drainage network (see attached catchment comparison plot). Examples of these shown in the two screen grabs below, the Wellington Water catchment is shown in bright green and our catchment is shown as a thinner bright blue.





The only significant difference appears to be in the sub-catchments, see attached sub-catchment comparison plot. We have defined the Taupo Swamp sub-catchment as all the area that drains into the Greater Wellington Regional Council's Taupo Swamp Complex Key Natural Ecosystem (hatched green on plot). We have labelled the remaining catchment area Taupo Stream mouth sub-catchment.

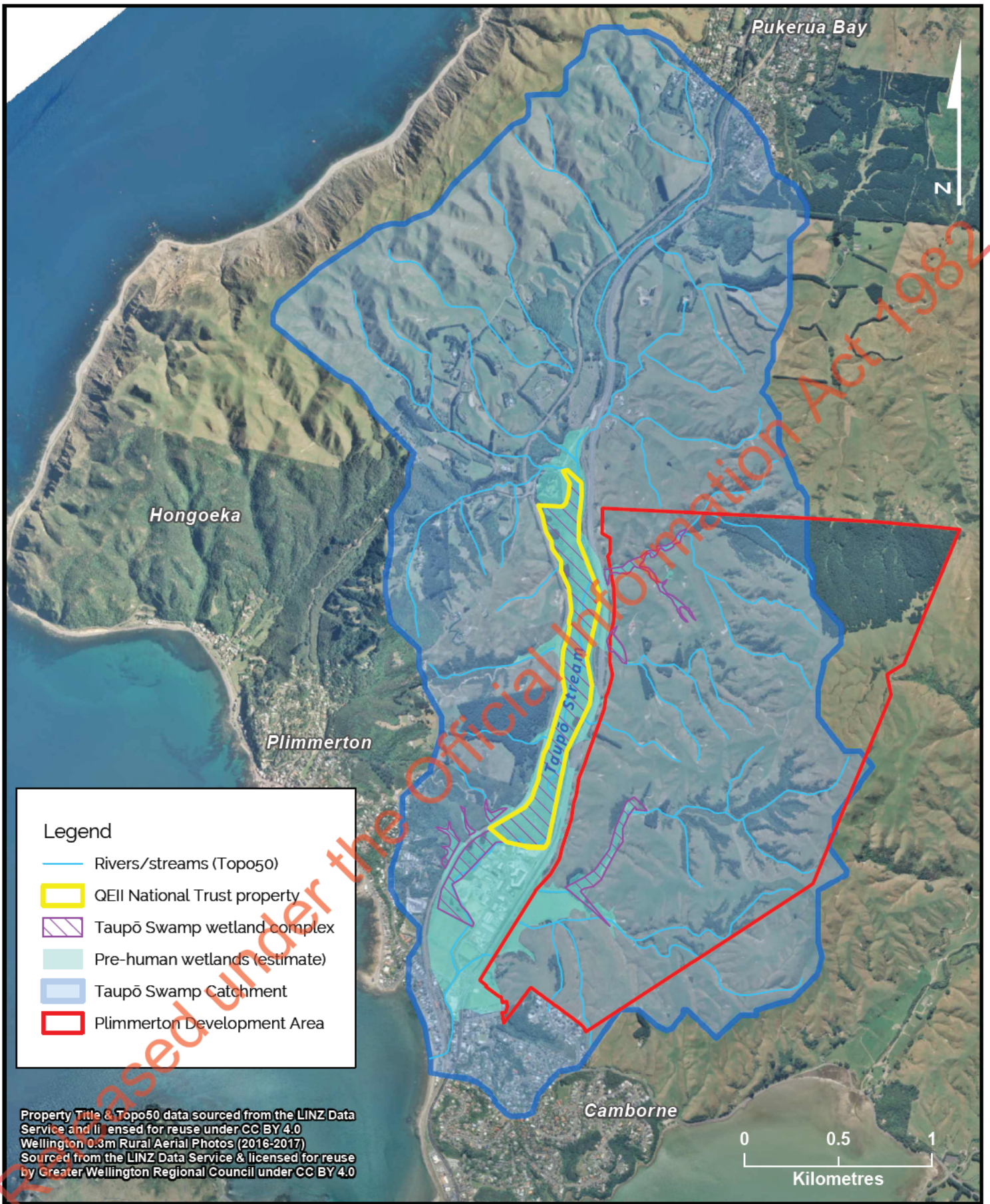
It appears that QEII Trust have estimated a "Pre-human wetlands" extent and then labelled all the area that drains into this area as Taupo Swamp Catchment.

A more accurate label for the area we called Taupo Swamp Catchment would be "Taupo Swamp KNE Catchment" and the area QEII trust called Taupo Swamp Catchment could be more accurately called "Estimated Pre-Human Taupo Swamp Catchment".




Please contact me if you require any further clarification.

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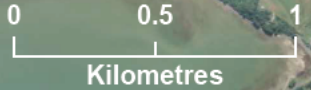
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**Legend**

-  Rivers/streams (Topo50)
-  QEII National Trust property
-  Taupō Swamp wetland complex
-  Pre-human wetlands (estimate)
-  Taupō Swamp Catchment
-  Plimmerton Development Area

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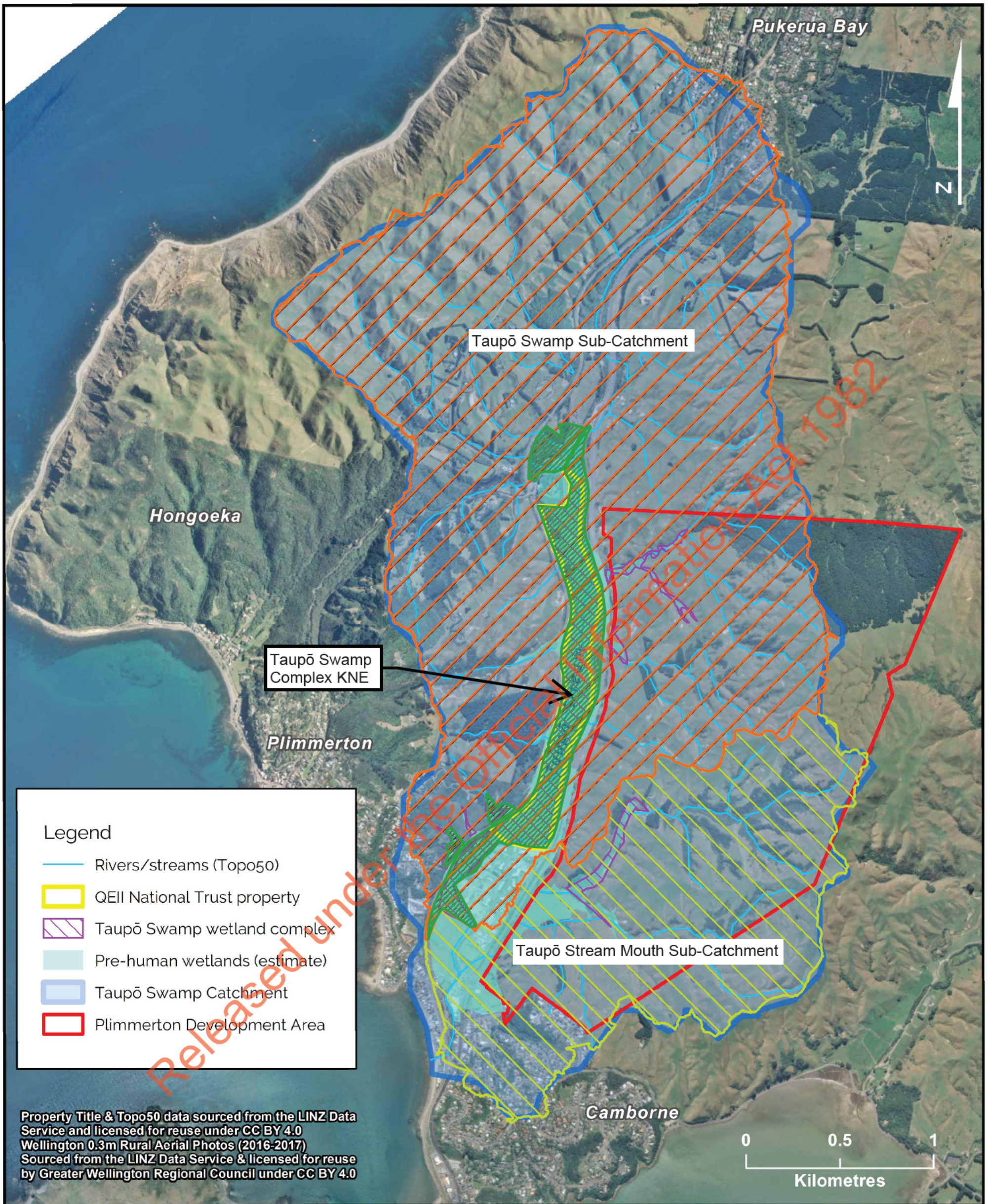


### Taupō Swamp - Map 3

Plimmerton development area relative to the Taupō Swamp catchment area





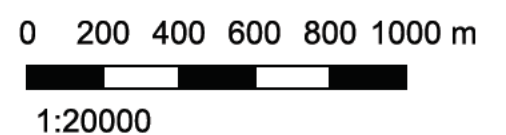


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### Taupō Swamp - Map 3

Plimmerton development area relative to the Taupō Swamp

### Sub-catchment Comparison



**From:** [Malcolm Lucas](#)  
**To:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**Cc:** [Jess Stevens](#); [Jane Strachan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Taupo Swamp information  
**Date:** Tuesday, 29 October 2019 4:43:37 pm  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Kia ora ano Mary

Evidently the message was too large and was rejected by the PCC server, so I have **attached** the first report and will follow with the three others. Let me know if any don't arrive.

Nga mihi

**Malcolm Lucas - Solicitor / Roia | QEII National Trust - Nga Kairauhi Papa**

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**From:** Malcolm Lucas

**Sent:** Tuesday, 29 October 2019 4:16 PM

**To:** Mary Barton <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx>

**Cc:** Jane Strachan <xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xx>; Jess Stevens <xxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.nz>

**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp information

Kia ora Mary

Jess and Jane asked me to get back to you regarding your request. I have **attached** the reports that I believe Paul was after. We note that:

- These reports were prepared for QEII to help inform our management actions within Taupo Swamp. We are providing these reports in good faith and for your interest.
- We do not consider the reports appropriate to inform the Assessment of Environmental Effects or any other assessment required for the Plimmerton Farm development as they were not commissioned or written for that purpose.
- As with any survey, temporal and seasonal variation plays a large role. We will be looking at repeating these surveys in the future to help build our knowledge of Taupo Swamp.

Regarding the map issue that Jo and David were discussing, I can confirm that this is resolved. Jo has asked David for a copy of his catchment and sub-catchment spatial data so we can avoid this type of situation in the future, and we're still waiting on that, but otherwise yes I imagine you could close this issue.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Nga mihi

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**From:** Mary Barton <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Friday, 25 October 2019 10:10 AM

**To:** Jess Stevens <[xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>; Jane Strachan <[xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Subject:** FW: Taupo Swamp information

Kia ora Jess and Jane

Paul has just brought to my attention that he didn't get a response to the email request below. He is trying to finalise his report before the Proposed Plan Change is notified (still awaiting Minister's decision but trying to get prepared) and has asked that I follow up on the material that he had requested. There is some urgency in terms of getting this material now if it is going to form part of his report – my understanding was that Robyn was happy to provide it on the basis that it would complement work being undertaken for Plimmerton Farm and would therefore be to the benefit of Taupo Swamp.

Also I note the material David sent through and the acknowledgement from Jo re. the Taupo Swamp catchment. Do you require any more material from us around this – my reading is that Jo and David had reached agreement on the discrepancies. I would appreciate it if you were able to confirm whether you would like further clarification on this matter so I can close it out.

Thanks

Mary

Nga mihi,

**Mary Barton**

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**From:** Paul Blaschke

**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 July 2019 8:30 AM

**To:** Robyn Smith <[xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp information

Thank you Robyn

Paul

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**From:** Robyn Smith <[xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, 17 July 2019 8:13 AM

**To:** Paul Blaschke <[xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx)>

**Subject:** Taupo Swamp information

Morena Paul

I have passed this on to Jess Stevens who is the contact person for Taupo swamp.

Nga mihi

**Robyn Smith | Senior Advisor Land Protection | Queen Elizabeth II National Trust**

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**From:** Paul Blaschke <[xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 16, 2019 10:14 PM

**To:** Robyn Smith <[xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxx@xxx.xx.xx)>

**Cc:** Stephanie Blick <[xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx)>

**Subject:** Taupo Swamp information

Kia ora Robyn

At one of our recent meetings, you mentioned some of the relatively recent surveys you had commissioned for the Taupo Swamp. I think you said you would be prepared to make these reports available to us. Sorry I have not chased these up earlier, but they would be invaluable as we start to put together various reports for Plimmerton Farm. I think these three were the most relevant and would fill some information gaps.

- Wildlands Consultants 2016. Assessment of vegetation change in Taupo Swamp 1949-2016
- Bird survey
- Freshwater fish survey

Is this kind offer still standing? If so I'd be grateful if you could confirm and let me know how best to get them.

We've commissioned a freshwater aquatic survey including fish and MIV in a number of representative streams and wetlands on the farm.

Regards

Paul

Dr Paul Blaschke

Environmental and ecological consultant

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**From:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**To:** [Lucy Harper](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment maps  
**Date:** Monday, 4 November 2019 12:14:34 pm

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Hi Lucy – sorry no not attached..

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**From:** Lucy Harper <[Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Monday, 4 November 2019 12:14 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <[Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz](mailto:Sarah.McCarthy@mfe.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** Fw: Taupo Swamp Catchment maps

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Hope the map is actually attached- let me know  
Lucy

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**From:** Mary Barton <[Mary.Barton@poriruacity.govt.nz](mailto:Mary.Barton@poriruacity.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 1:10 PM  
**To:** Lucy Harper <[Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Cc:** Alastair Smaill <[Alastair.Smaill@gw.govt.nz](mailto:Alastair.Smaill@gw.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment maps

Thanks Lucy – I have forwarded this onto David and asked him to comment whether this changes anything. I have assumed that it doesn't change anything in terms of where water drains but have asked David to confirm this is the case. will let you know his response.

Cheers

Mary

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**From:** Lucy Harper [<mailto:Lucy.Harper@gw.govt.nz>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 12:00 PM  
**To:** Mary Barton  
**Cc:** Alastair Smaill  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment maps

Hi Mary

We have double checked our maps and have attached the shape file and a map showing the outstanding wetland in the decision version of the PNRP , and what was identified as a separate significant wetland. The extent of the Taupo swamp wetland complex shown in David Wilson's map (based on QEII map) is not the PNRP outstanding waterbody extent. Note that the significant wetland extent shown on Plimmerton Farm land has changed as a result of the pre-application work with Plimmerton farms to describe the wetlands in detail.

Let me know if there is any difficulty using the shape file

Regards

**Lucy Harper** | Team Leader, Environmental Policy  
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**From:** Mary Barton <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 9:57 AM  
**To:** Lucy Harper <[xxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx)>; Alastair Smail <[xxxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx.xxxxxx@xx.xxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** FW: Taupo Swamp Catchment

FYI

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**From:** David Wilson [<mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 23 October 2019 9:44 AM  
**To:** Joanna Haigh  
**Cc:** Jane Strachan; Jess Stevens; Mary Barton  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment

Kia ora Jo,

Thanks for your reply and I am glad we have sorted the labelling issue.

I will call you tomorrow to confirm which files you need and in which format.

Nga mihi

David Wilson  
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**From:** Joanna Haigh <[xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 22 October 2019 4:42 PM  
**To:** David Wilson <[xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx)>  
**Cc:** Jane Strachan <[xxxxxx.xx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx.xx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>; Jess Stevens <[xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>; Mary Barton <[Mary.Barton@poriuaact.govt.nz](mailto:Mary.Barton@poriuaact.govt.nz)>  
**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment

Hello David,

Thank you for your email explaining the discrepancy that you found with the catchment map I produced. You are quite right that it is a labelling issue.

My intention was to depict the whole catchment within which the Taupo Swamp Wetland Complex lies, not just the area you have shown as 'Taupo Swamp Sub-catchment', as the map was concerned with the wetland complex as a whole, not just the QEII National Trust property. However, I should have labelled this in the map title and the legend as **'Taupo Swamp Wetland Complex Catchment'**. Unfortunately I abbreviated it to 'Taupo Swamp Catchment', which I accept is not an accurate description.

Please accept my apologies for the omission, and any confusion caused.

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I would be grateful if you would be able to share your catchment and sub-catchment spatial data with QEII for us to use in any future maps or analysis of the area, to ensure we are using the same catchment data and thus avoid any future discrepancies with regard to the catchment extent.

I am available in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays should you need to call me.

Thank you for your help.

Kind regards,

Jo.

**Joanna Haigh | Senior Advisor Geospatial Services | QEII National Trust | Nga Kairauhi Papa**

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**From:** David Wilson <[xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx)>

**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2019 10:44 AM

**To:** Joanna Haigh <[xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxx@xxxx.xxx.xx)>

**Subject:** RE: Taupo Swamp Catchment

Hi Jo,

Called the office but understand that you are working remotely today.

Just wanted to follow up regarding the Taupo Swamp catchment boundaries. Having looked them in more detail I think that what we have is labelling issue.

Basically both catchments are the same there are some minor difference, in the rural areas from simplification and in the urban due to influence of urban drainage network. The only significant difference that I can see is what I have called Taupo swamp catchment is more accurately called "Taupo Swamp KNE Catchment" and the catchment shown on the QEII plans as Taupo Swamp Catchment could be more accurately called "Estimated Pre-Human Taupo Swamp Catchment" or maybe Taupo Stream Catchment. I have attached a couple of rough plans where I have overlaid out catchments onto you catchment plan.

Could you please call me when you get a chance as I have been asked to prepare a brief statement for MfE to clarify the differences between the areas shown on our maps.

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**From:** [Mary Barton](#)  
**To:** [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
**Cc:** [Claire Gregory](#)  
**Subject:** Taupo Swamp Memo November 2019 FINAL.pdf  
**Date:** Wednesday, 6 November 2019 9:30:55 am  
**Attachments:** [Taupo Swamp Memo November 2019 FINAL.pdf](#)

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Hi Sarah

Not sure if I mentioned I was working on this memo to provide some internal overview of the evolution of how the Taupo Swamp Complex was identified as part of the PNRP and then how the Plimmerton Farm Plan Change responds to the identified ecological features on the site. It also covers the options considered for the future management of these areas.

I thought this could give you some further background / understanding of how the plan change responds to Taupo Swamp.

Happy to discuss if you have any questions

Thanks

Mary

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## Memo

From:	Mary Barton
Subject:	Taupō Swamp Complex Extent and Management – Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change

The purpose of this memo is to:

- Clarify the extent of the Taupō Swamp Complex, as it is identified in the Greater Wellington Regional Council Proposed Natural Resources Plan (decision version); and
- Identify how those parts of the Taupō Swamp Complex that are located within Plimmerton Farm are to be protected through the Precinct Plan and associated provisions of the Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change.

### **Extent of Taupō Swamp Complex**

The Taupō Swamp is a wetland located between State Highway 1 and the North Island Main Trunk Line, between Plimmerton and Pukerua Bay. Under the notified version of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan (PNRP) Taupō Swamp was included in Schedule F3: Identified Significant Natural Wetlands.

### QEII Evidence

The submission of QEII to the PNRP sought that Taupō Swamp be included in Schedule A3: Wetlands with outstanding indigenous biodiversity values. This was supported by evidence at the hearing prepared on behalf of QEII by Astrid van Meeuwen-Dijkgraaf (Wildland Consultants Ltd)<sup>1</sup>.

In response to a request by the Independent Hearing Panel supplementary evidence was prepared as a legal submission on behalf of QEII<sup>2</sup>. This response sought to address the panel's question: "Where is the Taupō Swamp Complex?" The legal submission referred to Ms van Meeuwen-Dijkgraaf's evidence where she refers to the Taupō Swamp Complex as comprising:

- A main body owned by QEII (29.72ha) and Porirua City Council (6.09ha)
- Two arms to the west of the Northern Main Trunk Railway Line ((0.73ha and 0.70ha); and
- Three arms to the east of SH1 (2.3ha, 0.81ha and 3.31ha).

These were shown on a map included as an attachment to Ms van Meeuwen-Dijkgraaf's evidence (see map in Attachment A to this memo).

### GWRC Evidence and Right of Reply

Evidence was also provided by GWRC's ecologist, Dr. Philippa Crisp<sup>3</sup>. This evidence supports the inclusion of Taupō Swamp in Schedule A3 – with the assessment confirming that the wetland meets the criteria necessary to be considered a wetland with outstanding indigenous biodiversity values. The recommendation of Dr. Crisp included a map indicating the Taupō Swamp Complex to be included in Schedule A3 (refer Attachment B to this memo).

The Taupō Swamp Complex shown in Dr. Crisp's evidence includes two branches of Taupō Swamp located on the Plimmerton Farm site, being those areas identified as hydrologically connected to Taupō Swamp. The Taupō Swamp Complex does not include the third, southernmost, portion of wetland (comprising 3.314ha) that was identified in QEII's evidence. There is no commentary that provides any reasoning for this exclusion however it is noted that work undertaken by PDL's consultants has determined that this wetland is not hydrologically linked to Taupō Swamp.

<sup>1</sup> <http://pnrp.gw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/HS5-S157-QE-II-National-Trust-Evidence-Astrid-van-Meeuwen-Dijkgraaf-26-March-2018.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <http://pnrp.gw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/HS5-S157-QE-II-National-Trust-Legal-Submissions-26-March-2018.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <http://pnrp.gw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/HS5-Appendix-Expert-evidence-Wetlands-P-Crisp.pdf>

In the Reporting Officer's right of reply GWRC Senior Policy Advisor Pam Guest has provided a response to the Panel's request for clarification of the boundaries of Taupō Swamp and recommended that the Swamp be upgraded to Outstanding (through inclusion in Schedule A3)<sup>4</sup>. Ms Guest references the work undertaken by Dr Crisp in her assessment of the wetland. On this basis she recommended that the entire Taupō Swamp Complex as assessed using the RPS criteria and shown in Appendix H: Map 1 of her statement be added to Schedule A3. A copy of this Schedule is included as Attachment C to this memo. The Attachment C map shows the two northern wetland areas on Plimmerton Farm as being included within the Taupō Swamp Complex, but does not include the southern wetland that is not hydrologically linked to Taupō Swamp.

#### Panel Decision

The Independent Hearing Panel decision accepted the submission of QEII to the extent that it sought:

*The status of Taupō Swamp complex is elevated to Outstanding*

The Decision report<sup>5</sup> states:

*the Taupō Swamp Complex has been added as a new entry. QEII Trust sought the relocation of the Taupō Swamp Complex from Schedule F3 (significant natural wetlands), to Schedule A3. Ms Guest recommended, and we accept, its addition on the basis of an evaluation against the relevant criteria by Dr Crisp and on the grounds that it meets the criteria for representativeness and rarity. It has been subsequently deleted from Schedule F3.*

#### Appeals

No appeals were lodged with respect to either:

- The identification/ representation of the Taupō Swamp Complex as identified in Dr Crisp and Ms Guest's evidence
- The inclusion of the Taupō Swamp Complex in Schedule A3

The Taupō Swamp Complex is identified on Council's GIS maps<sup>6</sup> as shown in Attachment D to this memo. The GIS map is consistent with the map of the wetland included in Dr Crisp's evidence and includes the two sections of Taupō Swamp located within the Plimmerton Farm property.

#### ***Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change: Protection of wetlands***

The Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change incorporates a number of measures to ensure that identified areas of ecological value are protected as the site is developed. It also identifies those areas where there is an opportunity to enhance existing ecological areas through restoration planting and ongoing management.

#### Significant Natural Areas

There are 9 significant natural areas (SNAs) on the Plimmerton Farm property that have been identified as part of the District Plan Review. The locations of these SNAs are shown on the Plimmerton Farm Precinct Plan and include the wetland areas that form part of the Taupō Swamp Complex (as identified in the PNRP). It also includes the 3.31ha "E" identified in the QEII evidence that does not form part of Taupō Swamp. The total area of these identified sites is approximately 32.8 ha, or 8.5% of the total farm area. The Proposed Plan Change seeks to afford the same level of protection over these areas as is proposed to be applied under the (Draft) Proposed District Plan.

The Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change approach to indigenous biodiversity goes beyond the requirements of the (Draft) Proposed District Plan by introducing a requirement for restoration planting to provide a buffer and extension to existing, identified SNAs and other areas identified to have ecological value.

#### Other sites of ecological value

<sup>4</sup> <https://pnrp.gw.govt.nz/assets/Uploads/HS5-Right-of-Reply-Report-Wetlands-and-Biodiversity-18-July-2018.pdf>

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Proposed-Natural-Resources-Plan/Web-update-docs/Decisions-on-Submissions-to-the-Proposed-Natural-Resources-Plan-Part-2.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> [https://mapping.gw.govt.nz/GW/GWpublicMap\\_Mobile/?webmap=85393478ca2847f4a37079037e1d79ea](https://mapping.gw.govt.nz/GW/GWpublicMap_Mobile/?webmap=85393478ca2847f4a37079037e1d79ea)

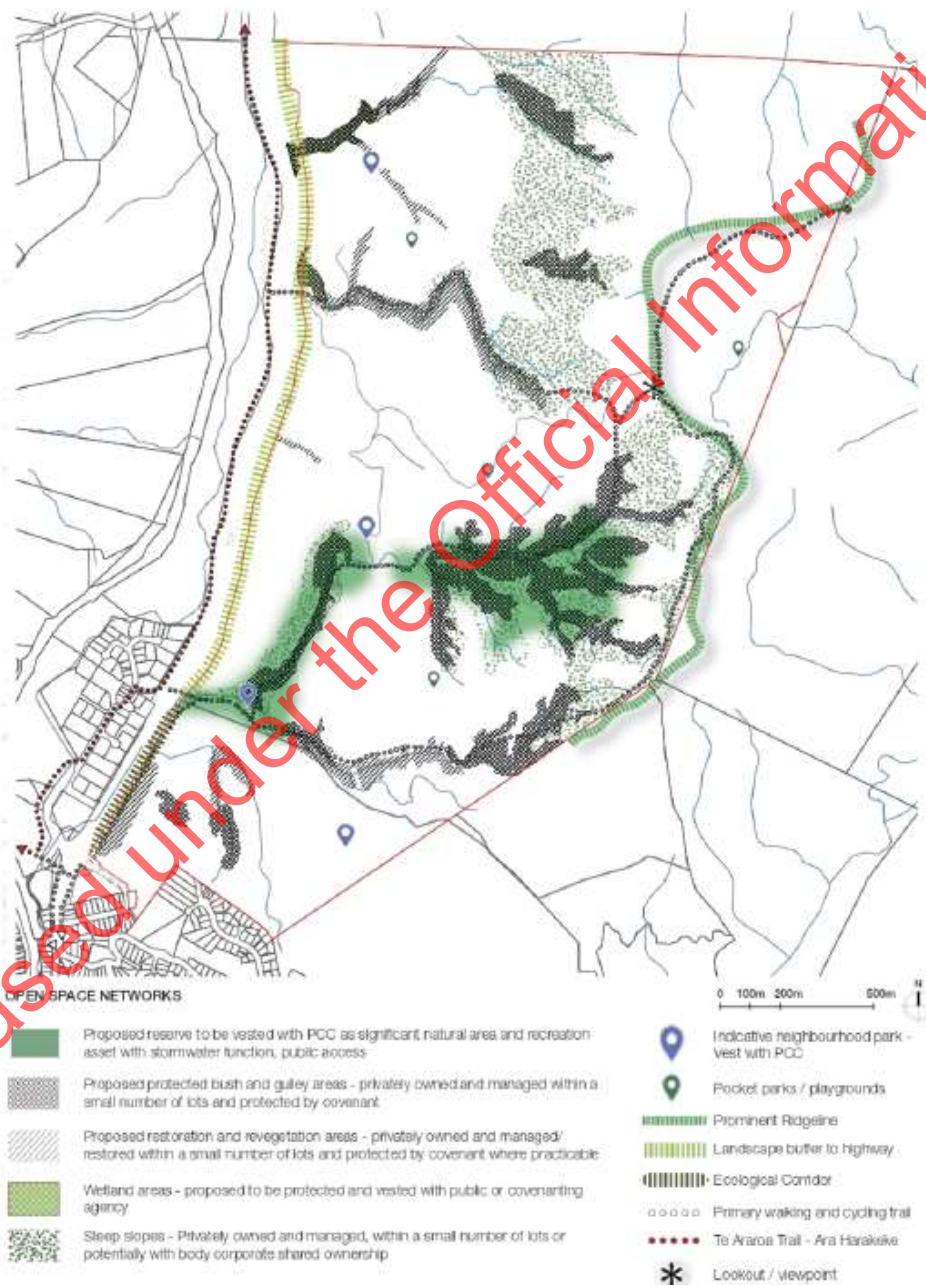
Through further site investigations, PDL's ecologist Dr Paul Blaschke has identified an additional 11 sites within Plimmerton Farm that have some ecological value and provide opportunities for ecological protection and enhancement. These sites are also identified on the Precinct Plan and are afforded protection under the Proposed Plan Change provisions. .

**Ecological Report**

The ecological report prepared to inform the Precinct Plan and Proposed District Plan provisions recognises the Taupō Swamp Complex as a Greater Wellington Regional Council Key Native Ecosystem (KNE) and an Outstanding Natural Wetland. Taupō Stream is also recognised as a River with Significant Indigenous Ecosystems. The report sets out recommendations on how development can be managed to ensure that the values of these features are protected and where possible enhanced. These recommendations have been incorporated into the Proposed Plan Change.

**Precinct Plan**

The Plimmerton Farm Precinct Plan (see Figure 1 below) has been based on a detailed assessment of site constraints and opportunities and sets out appropriate responses to these.



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**Figure 1: Plimmerton Farm Precinct Plan: Open Space**

The Open Space Plan sets out those parts of the site that comprise areas of ecological value that are to be retained as either public or private open space. The Proposed Plan Change provisions have been designed to require subdivision and land use activities to proceed in general accordance with the Precinct Plan thereby ensuring that the identified areas are protected (and where appropriate enhanced).

Land identified on the Open Space Precinct Plan to be protected and/or restored is proposed to be managed either through vesting to public ownership (Porirua City Council) or by way of covenant (when held in private ownership). While the large (southern) wetland is identified as a future Porirua City Council asset the Precinct Plan has not prescribed whether remaining areas of ecological value be held in public or private membership. This will be determined at the time of subdivision. The Precinct Plan does, however anticipate and require that one of these mechanisms will be applied to ensure these areas are protected in perpetuity. The Proposed Plan Change has been drafted with a policy framework that requires restoration management plans and ecological management plans to be submitted at the time of subdivision. Ongoing compliance with the approved plans will be achieved through consent notices on Records of Title issued at the time of subdivision.

Ownership of wetlands hydrologically linked to Taupō Swamp

A letter from the developer of Plimmerton Farm, Malcolm Gillies (on behalf of Plimmerton Developments Ltd), was sent to the CEO of QEII on 12 July 2019 proposing a meeting to discuss possible ownership or management arrangements of the two wetland areas located in the northwest portion of Plimmerton Farm. Specifically the letter:

- Notes that these two wetlands have been identified by PDL’s specialists as being outliers of Taupō Swamp and that they were physically part of the Swamp until construction of State Highway 1.
- Acknowledges these wetlands form part of the Taupō Swamp Complex.
- Identifies that PDL’s ecologist has suggested that vesting these wetland areas with QEII would allow for them to be managed collectively / together with Taupō Swamp which, in his opinion, provides a number of ecological benefits.

The letter reiterates an earlier offer made by PDL to discuss ownership (or management) opportunities for these wetland areas. This offer was formally declined by QEII.

Outcome of Clause 3 Consultation

A copy of the draft Proposed Plan Change was sent to a number of statutory authorities as part of Clause 3 consultation. The feedback received through this consultation has further refined and informed Proposed Plan Change provisions resulting in a stronger policy and rule framework around the protection and enhancement of ecological areas of value.

In particular feedback provided by the Department of Conservation (DOC) has resulted in changes at the policy and rule level to ensure that the Proposed Plan Change is robust and that ecological areas of value are appropriately recognised, protected and enhanced. A summary table of the DOC feedback and the response to this is provided below:

SW-O1 & O2 – We support these strong objectives seeking to achieve hydraulic neutrality and maintenance/enhancement of downstream water quality. These are important for ensuring the subdivision does not have adverse effects on the significant values of the Taupō wetland.	Noted
SW-P1 – We support this policy but have some concerns at the wording, particularly clauses 3 and 4 which read like excuses not to achieve hydraulic neutrality.	Reworded policy to address concerns.
SW-P2 – We support the policy requiring water sensitive design but query the threshold of 11 dwelling. Given the sensitive downstream values in this catchment, a lower threshold may be sensible.	Reconsidered policy and strengthened it to provide more direction and certainty. Also removed the threshold to 11 dwellings, which had been to do with locating water treatment devices in public land (11 dwellings being the threshold to require a public road).
ECO-O1 – As commented above on the draft Plan, this objective should not be qualified by the phrase “inappropriate subdivision, use and development”. Protection of significant indigenous vegetation and habitat is not qualified in this way in section 6 of the RMA.	Agreed and reworded to address the concern.
ECO-O2 – We support this objective.	Noted.

ECO-O3 – As commented above, it is unclear why plantation forestry is singled out. SNAs should be protected from adverse effects from all activities.	Agreed. Objective removed.
ECO-P1 – Clause 1 of this policy should not be qualified by both “significant” and “as far as practicable” when it applies to SNAs. It would be appropriate to avoid all significant effects on SNAs, or to avoid all effects as far as practicable, or apply a two-tier approach of avoiding significant effects, and avoiding other effects as far as practicable. This would be consistent with ECO-P2.	Agreed. The policy has been aligned with national direction under the draft NPS Indigenous Biodiversity.
ECO-P2 – This policy is supported but it is considered that the avoid option should also apply to other adverse effects, not just remedy or mitigate (“...avoid significant adverse effects and <u>avoid</u> , remedy or mitigate other adverse effects...”).	Agreed. The policy has been reworded to strengthen and clarify.
ECO-P3 – As commented above. ECO-P3 – the policy should highlight that offsetting can only be used in certain circumstances – ie there are limits. Further reading: <a href="#">Local Government Offset Guidance</a> ( <a href="#">Government offset guidance</a> if needed).	Agreed. Now addressed through ECO-P1, which sets out the hierarchy, and ECO-P3, which sets out how to implement offsetting, where allowed through ECO P1.
ECO-P6 – This policy is supported and it is noted that it applies generally to biodiversity and it not limited to SNAs.	Noted.
ECO-R5 – We have concerns at the potential for cumulative impacts of this rule (5% vegetation removal every 5 years). If limited to trimming this may be appropriate, but removal should not be considered as an RDIS rule on an ongoing basis.	Agreed. The 5% provision has been deleted.
ECO-R1(1)(e) – This rule allows track construction through an SNA with little control. The applicable standards only limit the size of trees that may be removed. We believe additional controls are required to limit the extent of clearance and protect other vegetation and habitat values.	Provision of tracks is important to enable active management of SNAs providing access for pest and weed control for example.
TR-R4 – This rule will allow new tracks through SNAs as a permitted activity (primary and walking trails through SNAs are provided for in the Movement Network Plan). Greater control through additional conditions or assessment criteria is required. We would prefer a controlled activity status for new tracks through SNAs.	Provision of tracks is important to enable active management of SNAs, providing access for pest and weed control for example.
NH-R1 & R4 – These rules are very permission for hazard mitigation works. It is not clear what “undertaken in accordance with the Plimmerton Farm Precinct Plan” is, and any works undertaken central or local government is permitted. Additional controls are required on these activities.	Agreed in part. The rule has been amended to remove reference to the Plimmerton Farm Precinct Plan. “Natural Hazard Mitigation Activity” is a defined term. Such activities are appropriately undertaken by public authorities.

#### Additional protection measures under Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change

In addition to the protection of SNAs and restoration areas through the provisions of the Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change, the Swamp complex is strongly protected by the comprehensive approach to the management of stormwater quantity and quality and the management of erosion and sediment resulting from earthworks. The approach adopted under the proposed plan change exceeds accepted industry best practice for both stormwater and earthworks. The Freshwater Principles developed for the site respond to the recommendations of the Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Implementation Programme (WIP) and the Ngāti Toa Rangatira Statement and are given effect to through the policy framework of the Proposed Plan Change.

**Attachment A:**

Extent of Taupō Swamp Complex as represented by evidence in support of QEII submission to the PNRP



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**Attachment B**

*Exert from evidence of Dr. Philippa Crisp (GWRC Ecologist) on behalf of GWRC*

11.15 For these reasons, I recommend that this submission be accepted and that Taupo Swamp Complex, as indicated in **Figure 3** below, be moved from Schedule F3 Identified significant natural wetlands to Schedule A3 Wetlands with outstanding indigenous biodiversity values.



**Figure 3: Taupo swamp complex**

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**Attachment C**

*Taupō Swamp Complex to be added to Schedule A3 as included in Section 42A Report: Wetlands and Biodiversity (Pam Guest: Senior Policy Advisor GWRC)*

Section 42A Report Wetlands and biodiversity

**Appendix H: Maps in the proposed Plan**

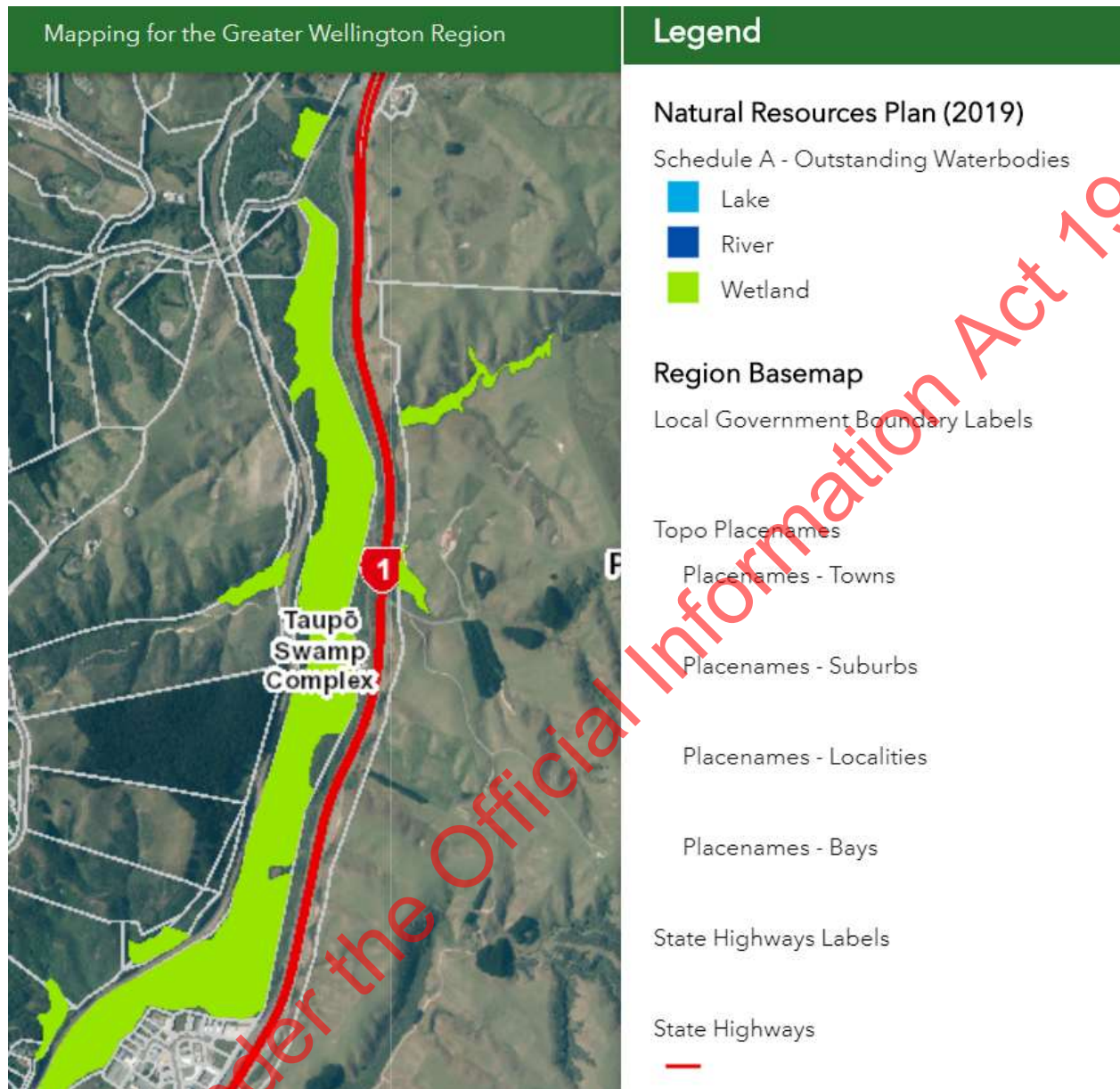
**Map 1 - Taupō Swamp Complex to be added to Schedule A3**



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**Attachment D**

Taupō Swamp Complex as shown on GWRC GIS Map for PNRP



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**Cc:** [Abbie Bull](#); [Sarah McCarthy](#)  
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**Date:** Thursday, 7 November 2019 2:32:01 pm  
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Thanks Claire – I appreciate your quick response to our call.

I have spoken to Mike and we are happy that no meeting is required.

I will pass this information and further details around the steps involved to Wendy (CEO) and PDL. I would really appreciate it if we could get confirmation when the briefing has been sent to the Minister. I understand that there remains a possibility that the Minister may have questions or seek further information and will make this clear in my messages out to the wider team here.

s 9(2)(f)(iv)

. We indicated when sending out the draft plan change that an SPP application had been lodged (albeit slightly prematurely!) so the parties involved will be aware of our application and what it involves.

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. I thought this might be of interest to you and your team – not sure if it is something that other Councils have experienced.

Thanks again and look forward to hearing how things are progressing next week.

Nga mihi

Mary

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**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2019 1:54 PM

**To:** Mary Barton

**Cc:** Abbie Bull; Sarah McCarthy

**Subject:** RE: Plimmerton Farm Plan Change

Hi Mary,

We would be happy to meet but would request that it be tomorrow morning if possible so Abbie can make it.

Alternatively, as discussed, I have talked with Sarah, Abbie and our Director (Katherine Wilson). Your application was lodged on 1 October 2019. We would like to reassure you that everything is moving here toward a briefing going to the Minister next week on the Plimmerton Farm SPP for his decision to consult. As you know, if he wishes to issue a direction, he has to undertake a consultation step first. We will be recommending a 10 day period for consultation. He also has the option of requesting further information at this point.

As you also know, there are no timeframes on the Minister to make decisions in relation to an application to use the SPP. However, we would anticipate that, if he decides to consult and then issue a direction after that consultation, we are looking at a timeframe that is within this calendar year. However, this is just an estimate and doesn't account for whether he may wish to request further information, or on the results of consultation requiring further advice.

I hope this helps explain the context for our role and the timing for the Minister's decisions but let me know if you still want to meet.

Regards  
Claire

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**From:** Mary Barton <[Mary.Barton@porirua.govt.nz](mailto:Mary.Barton@porirua.govt.nz)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, 7 November 2019 11:33 AM  
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**Importance:** High

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Hi Claire

I just left you a message re. seeking a meeting today with you and Abby re. the Plimmerton Farm timeframes. As expected the update wasn't well received. We would like to get some further clarity on the timeframes and what is required in order to get the brief to the Minister to enable consultation to commence and then what the steps are from there (and associated timelines). We feel this needs to be in person so we are able to relay this back to both our CE and Plimmerton Developments Limited without the matter escalating any further.

Mike and I are able to make it in for 4pm today. Could you please call me ASAP to confirm.

Thanks

Mary

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Hi Nic, thanks for your email and happy to have a catch up at some point. We are currently waiting for a decision from the Minister on your SPP application relating to Plimmerton Farm so perhaps a catch up once we've heard would be good. It might be useful to loop in Abbie Bull who is the RMA Statutory Functions manager. Abbie has attended some of the meetings we have had with Mary Barton about both the Plimmerton Farm and Eastern Porirua SPP applications.

Regards

**Claire Gregory**

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**Cc:** Becky Carr <[xxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxx.xxxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)>  
**Subject:** Feedback on the Plim Farm SPP

Hi Claire

Stewart M mentioned you may be willing to give me some feedback on your experience in dealing with us over the SPP for Plim Farm. As you know we will likely be starting the Eastern Porirua one in the new year, so any learnings and improvements we can take on board to would be great.

No rush but hopefully you can find a bit of time

Thanks

Nic

Nga mihi,

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**Date:** Thursday, 5 December 2019 11:59:33 am  
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Hi Mary,

Thanks for your email. We are still waiting on a decision from the Minister and will let you know as soon as we hear.

As discussed on the phone, the process has uncertain timeframes and the Minister is very busy. At this stage, even if Minister Parker proceeded with consultation, it is looking like there will not be enough time for a direction to PCC to be issued before Christmas. I'm hoping that this feedback will help you with your decisions about timing at your end.

Regards  
Claire

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**From:** Mary Barton <xxxx.xxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 4 December 2019 2:12 PM  
**To:** Sarah McCarthy <xxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>; Claire Gregory <xxxxxx.xxxxxxx@xxx.xxxx.xx>  
**Subject:** Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change

Hi Sarah and Claire,

We have just been advised that the off-shore investors for Plimmerton Farm are coming to meet with Council on Monday to get a better understanding about the planning process associated with the Proposed Plimmerton Farm Plan Change. As discussed on the phone the other day with Claire there is some concern about the timeframes and the implications this will have on the delivery of the project. As time lapses the ability for the first stage (Precinct A comprising 930 dwellings) to be completed to provide new housing to the City within the anticipated timeframe (end of 2021) is looking at risk. The purpose of this email is to see if you are able to get an indication from the Minister's office where this application is sitting in his priorities and if there is an expected date for it to proceed to the next step in the process. If we are able to establish a rough timeframe (assuming that it proceeds to the consultation phase) this will enable us to establish the effect that the Christmas close-down period is likely to have on receiving a direction (again working on assumptions). We are hoping that we will be able to have some assurances that the time lost over the Christmas period will not, to the extent that it is possible, delay the decision making process and that there will be sufficient resourcing available to allow the application to progress.

I appreciate a lot of this does not fall you but from our end having greater visibility over where the application currently sits in the scheme of things would be highly beneficial. We are going to Council on 11 December to seek approval to publicly notify the plan change once a decision has been received (and in accordance with a direction should our application be approved).

Thanks – happy to discuss if required.



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Mary

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Hi Sarah,

Just wanted to let you know that a report is going to Council on Wednesday 11 December (5:30pm) seeking approval to notify the Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change. We are seeking approval in advance of receiving a decision from the Minister on our application to use the Streamlined Planning Process to avoid losing time trying to get onto an agenda early in the new year when a lot of people are away. Attached with the report is a summary of the Proposed Plan Change (Attachment 1), the full Proposed Plan Change (including consequential changes to the Operative District Plan and associated maps) and the s32 report (Attachment 2) and the supporting technical reports (Attachment 3). Apologies for the size of the third attachment – a number of the reports are graphic heavy and we were not able to reduce them down without degrading the images. I am asking the authors whether a smaller, on-line version, can be produced so if you are having trouble please let me know and I will forward this on if I have success.

You will see the Proposed Plan Change looks quite different from the version we circulated as part of our Clause 3 consultation. The changes have been in response to feedback received through this process and we believe resulted in a much more robust plan change that responds to the site's characteristics. In particular I draw your attention to pages 129 – 133 that detail the Freshwater Principles and how these are given effect to in various objectives, policies and rules of the Plimmerton Farm Zone or in the work of Greater Wellington Regional Council. There is also a yield plan in the map section. I have taken Ngati Toa through the plan change and received a positive response from them.

A copy of the agenda, report and attachment can be found here – under the 11 December link:

<https://poruacity.govt.nz/your-council/mayor-councillors/meetings-minutes-and-agendas/>

I am making all key stakeholders aware that the document is now available on our website so they can review it prior to it going out for formal consultation. Happy to meet and talk you through it if you are interested.

Nga mihi,

Mary

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Hi Mary

Thanks for this update.

Unfortunately I don't have anything to update you on. Minister Parker is in the office and will be until later next week, although is very busy at the moment. I'll let you know when we hear anything.

Kind regards  
Sarah

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Hi Sarah,

Just following on from my email the other day – Council approved our request to publicly notify the Plimmerton Farm Proposed Plan Change at their meeting last night. We had one dissenting vote from a Councillor who wanted to wait until we had received a decision from the Minister on the use of SPP and some good questions / discussion from around the room. It was definitely an informed decision and not a rubber stamping exercise.

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Happy to have a chat if you are interested in the nature of the questions etc.

In any case it is another step ticked off now – a good one to get out of the way. I hate to ask but has there been any noises from the Minister's office?

Thanks

Mary

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