

Summary of Evidence

Evidence of Barry Loe for GRWC 12.04.23

The Waiwhetū/Hutt Aquifer groundwater is a critically important source of drinking water for the Wellington Region.

The quality of the source water needs to be protected from contamination resulting from land use.

The protection to the quality of the source water provided by the natural materials that overly the Aquifer is at risk from activities that create pathways for contaminants to enter the groundwater.

Protecting the quality of the groundwater from adverse effects of land use requires actions from both HCC and GWRC.

GWRC is seeking that the HC District Plan recognises and identifies the vulnerability of the drinking water source and supports GWRC to effectively and efficiently control land uses, and the potential for discharges, that may threaten the water quality in the aquifer.

GWRC seek this recognition through a policy in the District Plan and identification of the risk areas on the spatial layers of HCC planning maps, to alert plan users of this need for protection. GWRC is also seeking the development of operational relationships between the Councils' staff to ensure the appropriate mechanisms for protection will be efficient and effective.