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This is a submission on the following proposed plan change to the Waipā District Plan

Proposed Plan Change 25 – Shelterbelts and Artificial Crop Structures

Could you gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission? I could not

Are you directly affected by an effect of the subject matter that - (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition? I am not

Do you wish to be heard (attend and speak at the Council hearing) in support of your submission? I do not

If others make a similar submission, will you consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing? No

Do you support the proposed change(s)? I support in part

The specific provisions of the plan change my submission relates to are (give details):

Go Eco welcomes the introduction of new provisions into the Waipā District Plan through Plan Change 25 (PC25) relating to artificial crop protection and support structures, and shelterbelts. These provisions represent an important step toward managing the effectiveness of such structures and addressing the potential flow-on effects they can have on the surrounding environment and communities.

While we support the intent of PC25, we consider it an important opportunity to refine the District Plan framework to better address certain outstanding and emerging issues associated with these activities in relation to our three Pou -Taiao, Para Kore and Kai and Wai. Therefore, certain aspects of the proposed provisions would benefit from revision to ensure they are future-proof in light of the biodiversity and climate crises, and better align with the non-statutory documents referenced in section 5.7 of the Evaluation Report.

My submission is

Accordingly, Go Eco seeks the following changes directly relevant to PC25:

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- Provide habitat for indigenous fauna, including taonga species,
- Provide and maintain habitat for beneficial organisms, including pollinators and biological control agents (BCAs), to support productive and biologically based crop protection systems in agriculture and horticulture
- Landscape scale restoration efforts, such as Taia te Taiao, strengthening ecological corridors and stepping stones from locally, regionally and nationally significant sites such as Pirongia, Maungatautari, Kakepuku, and significant wetlands (e.g. Waipa Peat Lakes),
- Increased native seed dispersal,
- Reduce wind speed and force, thereby minimising physical damage to plants and reducing soil erosion, particularly in the context of increasing wind intensity associated with climate change.
- And shade for stock.

Plastic-free or sustainable materials standards for crop protection structures.

Go Eco additionally advocates for the following aspects to be considered in all relevant planning documents:

- Integrating climate goals: Require emissions impact reporting and promote carbon farming, recommend: emissions reporting, water use, soil carbon metrics

Support for small-scale organic and permaculture systems in the rural zone.

- Adding planning definitions or objectives for "regenerative", "organic", and "mātauranga-based" agriculture to broaden recognition.

- Local food governance mechanisms that embed community voices and Māori-led frameworks.

Embedding co-governance decision-making for food and environmental decisions in Council decision-making processes.

- Develop a local Food Systems statement of intent that is cognisant of Wai262.

As a Tiriti-centred organisation, we follow the lead of, and support the aspirations of, whānau and hapū, and therefore endorse any concerns past, present, or future raised by mana whenua.

I seek the following decision/s from Council

amendments according to the above

Attachments

[2026 02 13 Wāipa DC PC25.pdf](#) (130 kb)

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Response to Proposed Plan Change 25 - Shelterbelts and Artificial Crop Structures

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Nāku noa, nā

Jo Wrigley

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