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1. I support all land in Whitireia Park continuing to be zoned 'Open Space', however this zoning does not limit the number of buildings in the park provided each building is less than 50m² and the combined coverage is no more than 5 percent. This means up to 520 buildings could be built on RNZ land. This is inconsistent with the objective OSZ-02 in the proposed district plan which says 'a low level of development and built form with few structures to support passive and active community activities.'

2. All of the Whitireia Peninsula except land owned by RNZ is recognised in the proposed District Plan as an 'Outstanding Natural Feature'. This means that the land on the peninsula is an outstanding landscape that has natural landforms, is recognised and valued by the community and has natural science values.

I believe all the RNZ land, except for parts of the golf club and small areas around the radio masts which have been modified, should also be included in the same classification as an 'Outstanding Natural Feature'.

My reasons are as follows:

- a. The area is open space widely used by the local community for recreation
- b. The area is widely recognised and valued by the community and is highly visible from the road, tracks and many other areas of the park.
- c. The area is highly representative of natural landforms and demonstrates the typical gentle rolling slopes and watercourses of this district.
- d. The area has numerous springs and seeps which are the headwaters of Te Onepoto stream which flows down through a stream and wetlands the valley to the Porirua harbour.
- e. The seeps and wetlands associated with this area have naturally regenerated since grazing ceased in 2010. It is rare to find seepages vegetated with NZ indigenous species.
- f. This area is an important educational resource for the community including schools to study the natural function and importance of protecting the headwaters of streams and role and function of wetlands.
- g. The area is culturally and spiritually significant to many people in the Titahi Bay and wider Porirua community.

3. Significant Natural Areas are areas of high biodiversity value. All identified SNAs in Porirua proposed district plan have a number. The whole of the Onepoto Stream should be included in Significant Natural Area no. 134. the Te Onepoto Stream SNA (SNA134) in the C-WPR stops about 275 metres north-east from the golf course. Te Onepoto Stream, however, continues for another 760 metres up to and through the golf course, and connects with wetlands and headwater streams and seeps. There is a small section where the stream is piped. This stream would be one of the least polluted streams in Porirua as there is no residential development in its catchment.

Thank you
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