

Q11: Exploration of options for extra protection of wetlands surrounding Kuaotunu

It would be great to see the degraded wetland through which the Kuaotunu river flows given some attention in this respect. Issue would be purchase or agreement being obtained from the current land owner. To avoid alienation of the owner, some discussion should be had with them prior to adding it to the Community Plan.

DOC already setting aside wetland reserves eg Otama

There are many areas that are no longer suitable for subdivision given the risk of flooding so keep them as wet lands.

I think that the Kuaotunu river should be fenced on either side to stop the cattle getting in there, or better that area south of the bridge allowed to revert to wetland

This can be supported, but avenues would need to be explore how we can influence these decisions.

While we all applaud steps to protect and preserve natural environments, these are largely privately owned and there is always a risk of impinging on landowners property rights, with significant financial impacts - Unless the community is prepared to compensate affected landowners this will always be an ideological debate.

Support for local wildlife

dont know much about it, but i feel protecting what we have is good.

There are wetland management rules already in place, just need to be enforced.

Kuaotunu and Otama wetlands need protection.

Totally important given the near total destruction of wetlands over the last 150 years or so. Land ownership and maintenance funding are, of course, real issues but I would be happy with ratepayers money going into this.

We've seen the success resulting from the protection of the wetlands at the Rings Beach Reserve thanks to Bruce Smith and Ian MacDonald - the number of fern birds and other bird species has increased significantly. We need to control in-fill, encourage landowners to fence off and preserve rather than fight wetlands. I am not sure if I have this right but I was told that NZ has only 10% of original wetlands left. I'm sure we can be doing more to find and protect local wetlands. The fern birds from Rings Beach need somewhere to go as the population grows.

Turn it into a natural feature to filter the upstream catchment coming into the stream mouth. improve kid swimming opportunity at the stream mouth.

This should include the otama wetlands

a delicate and rare treasure

Scope?

we have a responsibility.

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Wetlands are incredibly important natural environments. Protection includes strict control of farming operations with run off areas into these wetlands

I feel strongly that our wetland areas remain strictly preserved and protected against any development.

Am currently pursuing options to work with WRC

very important for the eco system

Fantastic potential

Again, this is part of how I visualise the Kuaotunu of our future.

Wetlands are ecologically important and it would be great to see our degraded wetland replanted and trapped for pests as is occurring in Otama. This would need to be done in consultation with current land owners

Cattle are accessing the tidal stream up behind the community garden. There was some attempt to keep them out with electric fencing but this is inadequate.

Again I do not know what is currently being done but do think that wetlands are an important part of ecology.

Given our better appreciation of how important these areas are to the overall ecology.

Find a new home for the cows so they don't shit in the river

Wetlands are one of the most important water filter that effect our beaches and up steam river health.

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Let's do itnow
