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Please type in the space below each question, and use as much space as you require for each answer.

Please email your responses back to [info@sustainablewaikato.org.nz](mailto:info@sustainablewaikato.org.nz) not later than **Monday, September 5<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

**1. What do you think are the top three challenges facing the Waikato region that WRC could influence over the next five to ten years?**

I think another major mitigation that needs to be happening in this region is the dropping of 1080 that is killing and harming our animals. How we mitigate it simple! Just "dont drop it", if there is life around. Who gives us the right to take away the life for any living thing. This also possibly covers the "biodiversity question" just dont "drop it". This will also help to keep the quality of the fresh water clean, swimmable and drinkable. The major challenge would be peoples mindshifts would need to happen, through education again. Money need not be an element in this equation. Simply because it doesnt cost anything not to drop 1080. Doesnt cost anything to think wisely and with commonsense.

**2. Do you believe the Regional Council has a role in economic development and in what ways?**

**3. What do you consider to be the main biodiversity and biosecurity issues within the Waikato region, and how can WRC best address them?**

**4. What are the major challenges to improving freshwater quality in the Waikato region, and, as a councillor, what would be your priorities?**

Our priority challenge is the health and wellbeing of our Awa (as it flows right through this country of ours) Our taniwha havent been able to do their caretaker kaitiaki job for many years because of human carelessness and lack of respect for our environment and Awa. Pollution by humans directly or indirectly being a major concern for me as a candidate and a member of this region.

So my view is that it is a human mindshift that needs to occur before people will start respecting and taking care of what belongs to us all. We are all responsible. This I believe is probably the most important focus of mitigation. How do we do that? By educating our people in the region at a young age, "consistently" and intergenerationally. Teach the people the benefits and the ways we can do that.....

1. By education. My 7 year old daughter and I have grown our food gardens together, since she was 2years old. She understands that we must keep Papatuanuku or the environment as a whole "clean green". We must all be aware and healthy and contribute to the health of the

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environment. It needs to be an intergenerational vision, there have been attempts but we need to keep it constant/consistent.

The water being the major issue for us I believe, as it is a sustainable resource on so many levels and one natural resource, we cant afford to lose as humans and as part of our whole eco system.

We must protect our nz environment, so that it is not destroyed any further.

- 5. What are the priority coastal marine issues in the Waikato region, and what do you think WRC needs to do to address them more effectively?**
- 6. Do you think WRC has a responsibility to have policies to mitigate climate change and manage its impacts? Could you please give some examples?**

I believe everyone should mitigate climate change and manage the impacts, we can start that at home. But I also agree WRC are the body that plays a major role in that as the elected council by the people. So yes WRC definitely have an important role to play alongside nz biosecurity institute. WRC should be disseminating the information out to the public about climate change that we have seen over the last generation or more and educate to better inform the people to prepare. We cannot choose to ignore any longer, its irresponsible to do so.
- 7. What do you see as the priorities for transport in the Waikato region over the next five to ten years, and how could WRC bring about transportation improvements?**
- 8. How do you think WRC can best assist community groups and individuals who undertake environmental initiatives?**
- 9. What can WRC do to support businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices?**
- 10. What have been your most significant contributions to enhancing environmental, social, cultural and/or economic wellbeing in the Waikato region?**