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**WRC candidate name:** *Mark Alloway*

**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) Clean up the Waikato, and all rivers in our region
- (ii) Address beach erosion particularly on the eastern side of the Coromandel
- (iii) Disallow and prevent undrinkable waste from flowing into the Waikato River ie Kinleith discharge into Lake Maraetai and discharge from Te Rapa milk factory and Horitu freezing works

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

No I don't. WRC has enough to do and to get into ecco development will be extra costs to rate payers

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

No I don't consider these things of relative importance. WRC is not a govt department and receives no financial help from the govt. this is an issue that can be addressed by DOC

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

As I have said above WRC must stop discharges from industries into the Waikato River as I have investigated myself. Why does the water change colour between Lakes Whakamaru and Maraetai from blue to grey/green? We need to clean up our waterways and stop pollutants getting into it.

**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?**

Yes, WRC must address these issues as it fits in with their core business. WRC must assist in preventing beach erosion in particular the eastern side of the Coromandel

**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?**

No this can be done by a govt department. Why should we rate payers pay for this? This is a nationwide topic which should be funded by the govt.

**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?**

I see public transport must pay its own wayratepayers should not have to subsidise bus fares i believe in user pays

**8. How do you think WRC can best assist community groups and individuals who undertake environmental initiatives?**

To a small degree but once again its time DOC got up off their backsides.

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**9. What can WRC do to support businesses, schools, families and individuals to make more sustainable choices?**

Nothing it's not our core business to get into that. There is a govt which can assist in these matters

**10. What have been your most significant contributions to enhancing environmental, social, cultural and/or economic wellbeing in the Waikato region?**

Nothing really except I am a St John volunteer.