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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 not later than **Monday, September 5th 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?**
 - Poverty related issues
 - Water quality
 - Intergrated catchment management
- 2. Do you believe the Regional Council has a role in economic development and in what ways?**

Yes through good leadership, strategic relationships, ond by ensuring effective sustainable regional policies.
- 3. What do you consider to be the main biodiversity and biosecurity issues within the Waikato region, and how can WRC best address them?**

Protection of SNA within the region from the impacts of population increase and development impacts
- 4. What are the major challenges to improving freshwater quality in the Waikato region, and, as a councillor, what would be your priorities?**
 - Fair catchment water allocation
 - Efluent discharge directly into waterways
 - Monitoring of water quality
 - Monitoring compliance
- 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?**
 - Climate change
 - Coastal erosion
 - Future proofing development along the coastal area
 - Civil Defence planning
- 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?**

As above
- 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?**
 - Passenger Rail to Auckland from Hamilton
 - Green rural buses service
 - Free Town buses
- 8. How do you think WRC can best assist community groups and individuals who undertake environmental initiatives?**

Funding and in-kind support

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

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

- i. Supported the inception of Para Kore to Marae in New Zealand reducing waste minimisation to land fill from Marae in the region and now New Zealand.
- ii. Numerous River Catchment enhancement projects with Maori and other stakeholder groups
- iii. Joint Whiteband Stands Project with Iwi and other government agencies – Potential prelude to an integrated catchment management plan
- iv. Various GIS Mapping in-kind support projects to support iwi to complete their treaty settlements with the crown.