

Regulatory Requirements

The Resource Management Act has four equal parts:

Economic

Social

Cultural

Environment

Robust Regional Economy

The Vision & Strategy for the Waikato Catchment envisages a robust economy in addition to and arising from PC1 regulation.

Pest Fishes

Under PC1 no provision is made for the control of Koi Carp or other pest fishes even though this is a clear requirement under the sections of both the Vision and the Strategy

Section k of the Strategy states:

“(k) ensure that cumulative adverse effects on the Waikato River of activities are appropriately managed in statutory planning documents at the time of their review:”).

Unless we do something now we will not have any native flora or fauna left to protect in the near future **due to the depredations of Koi Carp** and therefore be unable to comply with the Vision (*Part 3; Subpart K. the restoration of water quality within the Waikato River so that it is safe for people to swim in and take food from over its entire length*) as **there will be no native food sources left in the rivers.**

Recommendation

That WRC be directed to put in place a management plan that initially identifies the scale of the Koi Carp biomass.

Identify measures that can be taken to try to stop the spread of Koi Carp

Put in place management strategies that will reduce the level of the Koi Carp biomass.

Freshwater Management Units

I submitted seeking a sub-catchment approach to the regulation of the region's water quality. A sub-catchment approach is compatible with BPO-based regulation and not incompatible with proposed FEP requirements.

Regulation of the region's water reflects sub-catchment scale differences now by way of WRC's long-standing prescription of "Freshwater Management Units" (FMU).

Imposing the same regulatory obligations in sub-catchments with high water quality as sub-catchments where intensification has degraded the water quality is to indirectly cross-subsidise pollution.

Water Quality Outcomes

One of the detrimental water quality mitigation measures proposed in PC1 includes the 'offsetting' of mitigation measures.

I am opposed to offsetting.

I believe without “offsetting” the region will end up with a much better chance of improving the water quality as the focus will be on removing the pollution at source.