

3. The Objectives for Makara

The following objectives reflect the Makara community's response to 15 rural area objectives approved by the Council¹ to guide consultation on rural area issues in four communities (South Karori, Makara, Ohariu Valley and Horokiwi). The original 15 objectives are listed in Appendix 1.

The feedback from the Makara community, and agreed by the Community Board, was that the original Objective 2 relating to character and amenity, should be made the *overriding* and *principle* objective for Makara. Also, the original Objective 13 has been deleted from the Makara Plan. Apart from Objective 1, all of the other objectives have equal weighting.

The objectives for Makara are:

- 1. TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE RURAL CHARACTER, AMENITY AND IDENTITY FOR PEOPLE LIVING, WORKING AND VISITING MAKARA (Primary Objective)**
- 2. To encourage and facilitate community involvement in decision-making for the future of Makara through the Makara/Ohariu Community Board, Resident Groups, and through the development of this Community Plan**
- 3. To provide opportunities for rural living where the environment and the local infrastructure is able to support and accommodate growth**
- 4. To allow for efficient, convenient and safe access for people and goods to and within Makara**
- 5. To monitor and, where necessary, improve the safety of Makara's roads to mitigate any traffic effects arising from rural living and land use activities**
- 6. To protect important ridgelines, landscapes and views**

¹ Adopted at a joint meeting of the Council's City Development & Business and Environment & Recreation Committees in January 2001.

- 7. To support the sustainable management of land by private landowners**
 - 8. To promote environmentally sustainable water, wastewater and rubbish disposal schemes**
 - 9. To improve indigenous biodiversity by protecting and enhancing natural features, indigenous vegetation and regenerating bush**
 - 10. To preserve and enhance the natural character of coastal and riparian environments**
 - 11. To support a variety of high-quality rural recreational opportunities that do not adversely affect the environment**
 - 12. To meet, support and enhance the social and economic needs of the rural community through co-operation between the Council and those living and working in the rural area**
 - 13. To foster a safe environment for those living, working and visiting Makara**
 - 14. To promote opportunities for the Council and mana whenua to work in partnership on rural issues**
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