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This is a submission on **Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) to the Bay of Plenty Regional Policy Statement**

- 1 I **could not** gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.
- 2 The details of my submission are in the attached table.
- 3 I **do not wish** to be heard in support of my submission.
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The specific provisions of the proposal that my submission relates to are:

Page No	Reference (Issue, Objective, Policy, or Method)	Support / Oppose	Decision Sought What changes you would like to see	Give Reasons
Whole document	<i>Issues, Objectives, Policies, Methods: General</i>	<i>Support</i>	Maintain proposed changes to the RPS through PC 5	<p>Proposed Change 5 (Kaituna River) (PC 5) seeks to fulfil Bay of Plenty Regional Council's responsibilities under section 123 of the Tapuika Claims Settlement Act 2014 (the Settlement Act) which requires it to recognise and provide for the vision, objectives, and desired outcomes of <i>Kaituna He Taonga Tuku Iho - A Treasure Handed Down</i> (the Kaituna River Document) in the Regional Policy Statement (RPS).</p> <p>Te Arawa Lakes Trust (TALT) supports the adoption and implementation of the Kaituna River Document, and its supporting action plan, Te Tini a Tuna – Kaituna Action Plan 2019-29 (the Kaituna Action Plan) through PC 5.</p>
2	2.12 <i>Treaty co-governance</i>	Support	Maintain proposed changes to Section 2.12 of the RPS	<p>The Settlement Act required the establishment of Te Maru o Kaituna River Authority (Te Maru o Kaituna) a co-governance partnership with representatives from iwi authorities and councils. Te Maru o Kaituna is a joint committee of the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, the Rotorua District Council, the Tauranga City Council, and the Western Bay of Plenty District Council. The establishment of Te Maru o Kaituna represents a shift toward Treaty co-governance of the Kaituna River.</p> <p>PC 5 extends the Treaty Co-Governance section of the RPS to include objectives and provisions that recognise and provide for the Kaituna River document. TALT supports the active kaitiakitanga of iwi and hapū in the co-management and co-governance of the Kaituna River.</p>
2	2.12.3 <i>Kaituna River – support for Te Mana o te Wai</i>	Support	Maintain proposed changes to Section 2.12.3 of the RPS	TALT supports the recognition of Te Mana o te Wai and its hierarchy of obligations. TALT notes that Te Mana o te Wai is a fundamental concept of the NPS-FM 2020 and is required to be given effect to by regional councils. The inclusion of a Te Mana o te Wai reference in PC 5 signals the shift toward managing freshwater in accordance with the hierarchy of obligations as set out in 2.12.3 of PC 5.
5, 15	<i>Objective 40 Policy KR 1B</i>	Support	Maintain these provisions of the RPS	TALT recognises the interconnectedness of waterways ki uta ki tai and understands the need to navigate our way through the wider protection and preservation of this connectedness. TALT acknowledges the multiple relationships various iwi, hapū and whānau have with the Kaituna River and its connected waterways. This includes Lake Rotorua and Lake Rotoiti, lakes from which the Kaituna River flow. Those relationships may be represented through various entities or organisations. The PC 5 proposed provisions provide for those multiple relationships and enables the ability for multiple relationships to be expressed through the implementation of PC 5.