7. DECISION PROCESSES

7.1 Identifying the issues

Horokiwi residents are passionate about their area and have been involved in the development of the Rural Community Plan. Both Ngati Toa and The Tenths Trust also have strong affiliations with the area.

Interest in Wellington City Council decision processes was raised at the Horokiwi Open Day, including:

"Keep all residents informed."

"Twice yearly meetings in Horokiwi facilitated by WCC. A resident will always be happy to make a property available."

The suggested key issues concerning decision processes are therefore:

- Horokiwi's residents seek meaningful information sharing by Wellington City Council.
- Horokiwi people are interested in decisions affecting them, and want to be involved in relevant Council decision processes.
- Future implementation of the Rural Community Plan needs to be carefully managed to maximise opportunities to involve the community and mana whenua.

The community also sees a strong relationship between the Rural Community Plan and the process of the Northern Growth Management Plan.

Community interests are represented through the Horokiwi Community Association. Unlike Makara, Ohariu Valley and South Karori, there is no statutory Community Board for the Horokiwi areas. Establishment of a Horokiwi Community Board could strengthen links with Wellington City Council but is not proposed as an option at this stage.

7.2 Objectives

OBJECTIVES	To encourage and facilitate community involvement in decision-making for the future of the Horokiwi rural area through the Horokiwi Community Association, the community at large, and through the development, implementation and monitoring of the Horokiwi Rural Community Plans. (See WCC RAO #1, Appendix One.)
	AND
	To promote opportunities for the Council and mana whenua to work in partnership on rural issues. (See WCC RAO #15)

7.3 Methods

Community projects	The Horokiwi Community Association will use opportunities to be advocates and facilitators of community decision-making in Horokiwi.
Combined Community Association & WCC projects	Twice yearly meetings in Horokiwi and facilitated by Wellington City Council to share information (some residents have offered to provide a venue).
	WCC will assess options to better share information with the Horokiwi community, such as the establishment of a web-site for Horokiwi.
Provision of WCC services	Horokiwi residents seek an assigned 'first-contact' person in the Wellington City Council, to facilitate better relationships with the Council on Horokiwi matters, particularly implementation of the Rural Community Plan and other district plan and resource consent issues.
Provision of other services	-
Community Association and WCC advocacy, facilitation and/or education	Wellington City Council has a role in assisting the spread of knowledge about the cultural importance of the Horokiwi area and in reinforcing its own role as a Treaty of Waitangi partner in the management of the natural and physical resources of the City.
	See also methods in Section 5.4: Places of cultural and historic importance.
Individual action	-
District Plan provisions	The relationship between the Rural Community Plan and other council planning processes, including the Northern Growth Management Plan, will be effectively managed. See also methods in <u>Section 5.2: Horokiwi's rural character</u> .
	See also methods in Section 5.4: Places of cultural and historic importance.
Other methods	-