

3. The Objectives for Ohariu Valley

The Rural Area Objectives (included in their original form as Appendix One) adopted by the City Development and Business and Environment & Recreation Committees of Council in January 2001 set the framework for the development of the Community Plan. The Ohariu Valley community took ownership of these objectives, and moulded them to give expression to their own aspirations for the future of the area. This was done through:

- Prioritising the objectives, by identifying an objective which was to be the *overarching principle* of the Community Plan
- Deleting Rural Area Objective 13 as adopted by the Council Committees (see Appendix One)
- Modifying the Rural Area Objectives so that they referred to Ohariu Valley rather than the more general reference to the “Rural Area” in the original Rural Area Objectives (see Appendix One)

Objective 1 below was identified by the Community as the *overarching principle* which should guide Ohariu Valley’s future. Below this primary objective are listed a range of secondary objectives, all of which are important in different ways.

1. TO MAINTAIN AND ENHANCE RURAL CHARACTER, AMENITY AND IDENTITY FOR PEOPLE LIVING, WORKING AND VISITING OHARIU VALLEY

2. To encourage and facilitate community involvement in decision-making for the future of Ohariu Valley through the Makara/Ohariu Community Board, Resident Groups, and through the development of this Rural 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 Ohariu Valley
5. To monitor and, where necessary, improve the safety of rural roads to mitigate any traffic effects arising from rural living and land use activities
6. To protect important ridgelines, landscapes and views
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 Ohariu Valley community through co-operation between the Council and those living and working in Ohariu Valley
 13. To foster a safe environment for those living, working and visiting Ohariu Valley
 14. To promote opportunities for the Council and mana whenua to work in partnership on issues in Ohariu Valley
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