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Received at PC1
Recommended
Hearing.

BULP050 Oweka

Comments for commissioners from Matt O'Regan

- 1) See map showing the flow direction of Pell Creek and farm drains, the drain along the eastern boundary is 3-4 metres deep, the gravels are alluvial in this drain and water drains freely through the ground drawing the water for hundreds of metres to the drain. The neighbours drains also drain water from the northern boundary.

The whole block of land that is proposed as a schedule 2 wetland has been extensively drained.

- 2) The vegetation along Pell creek is predominately beech forest which grows on dry land, showing Pell Creek naturally drains part of the area.
In places the vegetation on the rest of the area is reverting to dryland species, where sphagnum moss would have once been now has gorse and fern growing on it. There is no ponding of water on this block.
- 3) Re DOC submission: All forests of the Inangahua Valley are a mixture of Beech and Podocarp species interspersed with wetland species. Kahikatea and flax are common in the Inangahua valley native forests. This vegetation is well represented in the Inangahua Valley.
- 4) I agree with the WCRC Staff recommendation to remove this area (BUL050) from the schedule of wetlands.



Figure 2 Figure 2 Recommended Adjustments