

Feedback from Territorial Authorities on the Draft Statement of Proposal (Wellington Regional Strategy)

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Wellington City Council	Funding provided to Positively Wellington Business (currently \$2,211,000) will cease.	The funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	Wellington City Council will continue to retain the economic development activity it presently undertakes in the local area.	The retention of current funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	No objections raised	This is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
Hutt City Council	Funding provided to PWB will cease (this is currently \$441,000).	The funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	Hutt City Council will continue to retain the economic development activity it presently undertakes in the local area.	The retention of current activity is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	No objections raised (provided the following matters are addressed):	This is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	That at the appropriate time a zero based analysis of current PWB activities are undertaken to determine which activities to retain/change.	This is a matter that can only be addressed by the proposed new EDA Board and is not a matter for the Statement of Proposal.
	That the terms of reference of the WRS Committee and the MOU are changed so that 75% majority is required on decisions about funding.	Issue currently being considered by the councils.
	That the 5 non-local government members of the WRS Committee are selected to represent the regional business community broadly reflective of geographical interests.	The non-local government members were appointed by Greater Wellington, on the unanimous recommendation of the Interim WRS Committee. Collectively the five members represent interests across the region.
	That the SOP includes tables that show the effect of a \$4m	The Draft Statement of Proposal shows the proposed

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	<p>spend in 2008/09 and 2009/10 and a \$5m spend in 2008/09 and 2009/10 (in the draft they showed a spend of \$4.5m in 08/09 and \$5m in 09/10).</p>	<p>funding as agreed by the WRS Forum at its meeting on the 16th August 2006. Adding alternatives will potentially lead to confusion about what is being proposed.</p>
	<p>That the only economic development activities that can be funded are those identified in the WRS document and that Hutt City Council can be provided with assurance of this (e.g. infrastructure and community development projects such as the Karori Wildlife Sanctuary and Te Papa are not funded through the rate collected).</p>	<p>A note to this effect has been included in the Draft Statement of Intent.</p>
<p>Upper Hutt City Council</p>	<p>Funding provided to Positively Wellington Business (currently \$106,000) will cease.</p>	<p>The funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”</p>
	<p>Upper Hutt City Council will continue to retain the economic development activity it presently undertakes in the local area.</p>	<p>The continued activity is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”</p>
	<p>Objection raised. The reasons provided by UHCC for the objection are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposal to undertake economic development activity will lead to increased costs to Upper Hutt ratepayers. The Council objects to the imposition of additional costs on Upper Hutt ratepayers. No additional costs should be imposed until those costs can be fully quantified and are identified as appropriate and providing value. • The proposal will affect Upper Hutt ratepayers through the redistribution of regional economic development costs across the various cities and districts in the region. Any proposal must ensure that any redistribution promotes the wellbeing of the Upper Hutt community and accords with their views and preferences • The proposal will reduce the ability of the Upper Hutt City Council to influence outcomes that are important for the 	<p>The objections are noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”</p>

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	<p>Upper Hutt community. The reduced role of the Council should only proceed where this has been signalled as appropriate by the Upper Hutt community.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All decision-making processes and requirements for the proposed regional standing committee or economic development agency must ensure that private sector involvement does not diminish the accountability of the elected regional and territorial authority representatives. Specifically, the Upper Hutt City Council objects to the adoption of any decision-making processes and requirements relating to funding and rating which would enable decisions to be made contrary to the views of a majority of the local authority participants. 	
	<p>Note that Upper Hutt City Council has expressed concern at the direction and proposed governance structure of the strategy on many occasions throughout the process.</p>	<p>A note to this effect has been included in the Draft Statement of Intent.</p>
	<p>Strengthen the emphasis on the financial aspects of the proposal particularly in relation to the quantum of costs, the distribution of costs throughout the region and the effect on ratepayers.</p>	<p>The financial statements in the Draft Statement of Intent reflect this request.</p>
	<p>Strengthen the comparison of the proposal with the status quo in summary information.</p>	<p>Some changes have been made to the comparisons in the text of the Statement of Proposal.</p>
	<p>Provide a longer term, i.e. beyond three years, perspective on expected funding requirements.</p>	<p>The financial statements in the Draft Statement of Intent reflect this request.</p>
	<p>Remove the section on the other options considered by the Wellington Regional Strategy Forum from the statement.</p>	<p>The alternatives considered by the WRS Forum are appropriate to include in the Statement of Intent as they provide the context for the proposal.</p>
	<p>Include in the section on the benefits and disadvantages of the various options, the effects of the respective rates funding requirement of each option.</p>	<p>The financial statements in the Draft Statement of Intent reflect this request.</p>

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	Include in the indicative rates quantum and allocation section, the percentage change in Wellington Regional Council rates for each city or district.	Table 1 on page 18 of the draft Statement of Intent show the rate allocation for 07/08. Projections out further from this year are not possible to provide with any certainty as the valuations are not known.
Porirua City Council	Funding provided to Positively Wellington Business (currently \$221,000) will cease.	The funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	No objections raised.	This is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	That at the appropriate time a zero based analysis of current PWB activities are undertaken to determine which activities should be retained/changed.	This is a matter that can only be addressed by the proposed new EDA Board.
	That the 5 non-local government members of the WRS Committee are selected to represent the regional business community broadly reflective of geographical interests.	The non-local government members were appointed by Greater Wellington, on the unanimous recommendation of the Interim WRS Committee. Collectively the five members represent interests across the region.
Kapiti Coast District Council	Funding provided to Positively Wellington Business (currently \$117,000) will cease.	The funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	Funding allocations for economic development and its contractual relationship with Enterprise Coast will be reviewed.	The review of current funding and its contractual relationship is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	No objections raised.	This is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”
	Concern expressed with the funding formula and apparent disproportionate impact on Kapiti, to be addressed in the Council’s submission through the consultation process,	No response required.
Masterton District Council	Funding provided to Go Wairarapa (currently \$226,000 p.a.) will be reviewed and may be reduced.	The review of current funding is noted in the Table of “Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities”

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Carterton District Council	Funding provided to Go Wairarapa (currently \$40,000 p.a.) will be reviewed and may be reduced.	The review of current funding is noted in the Table of "Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities"
	No objections raised	This is noted in the Table of "Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities"
	General concerns expressed along the lines of those expressed by Upper Hutt City Council.	See comments above.
South Wairarapa District Council	Funding provided to Go Wairarapa (currently \$100,000 p.a.) will be reviewed and may be reduced.	The review of current funding is noted in the Table of "Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities"
	No objections raised.	This is noted in the Table of "Expected Effects on Territorial Authorities"