



# Submission on proposed Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region, 2009

Pursuant to Clause 6 of the first Schedule and Section 79 of the Resource Management Act 1991

**Submission can be:**

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**Submission** Please find attached

1. The specific parts of the proposed Regional Policy Statement that my submission relates to are as follows:
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(Clearly indicate which parts of the document you support or oppose, or wish to have amendments made to. Please continue on separate sheet(s), if necessary)



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Regional Policy Statement  
25 May 2009**

<b>Part of RPS</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Reasons</b>	<b>Decision requested</b>
Objective 8: public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes and rives is enhanced	Support	CMA and water bodies are highly valued by communities for their recreational aesthetic and amenity values and should be available for all community members, not compromised by inability to access	Retain as is
Policy 52: requiring that access must be considered when considering resource consents and plan changes	Support	Same as above. Also think it is important for Territorial Authorities to consider access connections to the CMA, not just access within the CMA itself. For example, new or changed roads adjacent to the CMA should retain access to the CMA.	Retain as is
Method 50: identify areas for improved public access	Support	As above.	Retain as is
Policy 10: promoting energy efficient design and small scale renewable energy generation in district plans	Support	Peak oil and resource scarcity requires a different resource consumption future. Energy efficiency and energy self sufficiency need to be increasingly integrated into businesses, industry and residences. Communities, towns and cities that embrace these concepts will be in a much stronger position in the future, and will be reducing their environmental footprint. Currently district planning requirement can stymie application of these principles in new builds and retrofits. This policy will help support increasing adoption of these practices.	Retain as is
Method 10: information about energy efficient subdivision, design and	Support	As above. Also, Councils could go one step further. The most forward thinking Councils are looking to support and encourage	Retain with modification to provide information about some of the most forward

building development		concepts such as restorative design, eco efficiency and regenerative design; redeveloping systems with greater-than absolute efficiency, positively contributing to the environment.	thinking concepts such as regenerative design.
Objective 11: the quantity of waste disposed of is reduced	Support	Waste reduction requires reduction of materials at source and throughout the life cycle, reducing impacts on the environment and becoming more resource efficient.	Retain as is.
Method 55:	Support	As above. Also, regional councils and territorial authorities have the opportunity to act as exemplars in waste minimisation through their own operations. Demonstrating best practice helps motivate the community to do the same.	Retain with modification (or a new method) to add <i>Wellington Regional Council and city and district councils to act as waste reduction exemplars in the community.</i>
Objective 12: the quantity and quality of fresh water ...etc (and all associated policies and methods)	Support	Fresh water is a precious resource; we can expect water scarcity to increase in the future. Ecosystems rely on maintenance of water quality standards.	Retain as is.
Policy 8: reducing the use and consumption of non-renewable transport fuels and CO <sub>2</sub> emissions from transportation	Support	This policy is aligned with the NZ Transport Strategy and is necessary because of peak oil and climate change.	Retain as is.
Policy 64: supporting enhancement initiatives-non regulatory	Support	Support the integrated approach to environmental enhancement.  Also, enhancement initiatives that are contributed to by local communities have other benefits, including communities working together, taking pride in their environment, getting to know one another, and learning about	Retain with a modification to support in particular those initiatives that involve community participation.

		the place and ecosystems in which they live.	
Policy 67: maintaining and enhancing a compact, well designed and sustainable regional form-non regulatory	Support	Characteristics of resilient communities include less dependence on fossil fuels and energy and communities working closer together. Also compact urban form enables preservation of other areas (e.g. open spaces) for ecosystems and amenity values.	Retain as is.