

MEMO

TO All Councillors
FROM Lucy Harper, Team Leader Environmental Policy
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Regional Council input into city and district council planning

1. Purpose

To inform Councillors of Greater Wellington Regional Council’s input into the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the region for the period from 31 January 2019 to 6 March 2019.

GWRC’s interest arises from the Council’s responsibilities for regional planning and the integrated management of natural and physical resources in the Wellington Region.

2. City and District Council plan changes and resource consents

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main topics commented on	Action
Wellington City Council	Proposed plan change	Proposed District Plan Change 83 – Kiwi Point Quarry	Effects of proposed quarry extension for gravel extraction activities on biodiversity	Awaiting decision from the hearing of 10 and 11 December. Suitability of offsetting proposed for biodiversity loss.
Hutt City Council	Draft plan change	Draft district plan change significant natural areas	Identification and protection of significant biodiversity provisions	Forest and Bird have initiated legal action on the decision not to proceed with the plan change and GW has joined the proceedings as a S274 party. Issues of service on affected parties are being still being resolved.

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Upper Hutt City Council	Proposed plan change	Proposed plan change 42 Mangaroa and Pinehaven Flood Hazard Extents	Flood hazard and policy provisions	Expert conferencing to refine the areas of agreement and disagreement is scheduled for March. There are repeated process issues being put forward by the appellant.
Porirua City Council	Preparation for Draft District Plan	District Plan Review	Alignment with policy and operational matters	Notice of requirements for existing designations are being updated and compiled.
Kapiti Coast District Council	Decision version	Proposed District Plan Decisions version 2017	Joined as S274 party to appeals on matters in submission	Expert conferencing on traffic and city centre provisions will occur until the next quarter. Finalising of other consent orders continuing.
Kapiti Coast District Council	Draft	Variation 3 Otaki County Rd	Retention of biodiversity and management of stormwater	Comments provided on provisions to extend subdivision rules to an area adjacent to existing development.