

FULL PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice of decisions on submissions on Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region

The Operative Regional Policy Statement (RPS) for the Wellington Region provides an overview of the resource management issues of the Wellington Region and sets out the policies and methods to achieve integrated resource management of the natural and physical resources of the whole region.

Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) notified Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 to the RPS on 19 August 2022. The proposed changes were focused on implementing and supporting national direction and addressing issues related to freshwater, urban development, climate change and indigenous biodiversity in the Wellington Region. Part of Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 followed the freshwater planning process (Part 4 Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA)) and part followed the standard planning process (Part 1 Schedule 1 of the RMA).

In accordance with clauses 10, 11 and 52 of Schedule 1 of the RMA, Greater Wellington gives public notice that it has made its decisions on submissions on Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 after receiving recommendations from the Independent Hearings Panels that heard submissions on Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1. More information on the hearings phase is available at [Greater Wellington Regional Council — RPS PC 1 Hearings](#).

From the date of this notice (04/10/2024) Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 is amended in accordance with those decisions (decisions version).

The decisions on submissions on Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 have been made following a comprehensive process of submissions and hearings and thorough consideration of all matters required under the RMA. These decisions will determine the strategic direction for managing natural and physical resources in the Wellington Region, ensuring the sustainable management of these resources in a manner that promotes the social, economic, environmental, and cultural well-being of the community.

Full copies of the decisions version of Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1, the Council's decisions on submissions and the Independent Hearings Panels reports can be downloaded from Greater Wellington's website (XXX) and can also be viewed at:

- Greater Wellington Regional Council – Wellington Office, 100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington
- Greater Wellington Regional Council – Masterton Office, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton
- Greater Wellington Regional Council – Upper Hutt Office, 1056 Fergusson Drive
- Public libraries throughout the Region

Appeal Rights

For the provisions of Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 that followed the standard planning process (Part 1 Schedule 1), there is a right of appeal for submitters to the Environment Court under clause 14 of Schedule 1. Any appeal to the Environment Court under this clause must be in the prescribed form and lodged with the Environment Court within 30 working days of service of the notice of decision, which is by 18/11/2024. Please note that you may only appeal on a provision or a matter in the decisions if you referred to the relevant provision or matter in your submission.

For the provisions of Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 that followed the freshwater planning process (Part 4 Schedule 1) the appeal rights are different, and they depend on whether the Council accepted or rejected the Independent Hearings Panel's recommendations on those provisions. Appeal rights for the provisions marked with an "FW" symbol in the decisions version are set out in [clause 55](#) (to the Environment Court where a recommendation is rejected) and [clause 56](#) of Schedule 1 to the RMA (to the High Court where a recommendation is accepted). Environment Court appeals must be in the prescribed form and lodged with the Environment Court within 30 working days of service of the notice of decision, which is by 18/11/2024 and High Court appeals are to be made in accordance with the High Court Rules 2016 and sections 300-307 of the RMA and are due within 15 working days of service of the notice of decision, which is by 25/10/2024.

If you have any questions about Greater Wellington's decisions on submissions relating to Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1, please contact our team at regionalplan@gw.govt.nz.

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