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**Amendment of Proposed Change 1 and Variation 1 to the Regional Policy Statement (decisions version) pursuant to clause 16 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991**

RMA Schedule 1 clause 16 provides for the Wellington Regional Council to make amendments to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement without using the process set out in Schedule 1, to alter any information, where such an alteration is of minor effect, or to correct any minor errors.

The Manager, Environmental Policy, Wellington Regional Council, has considered the relevant provisions in Appendix 1 against those tests (alteration of minor effect or corrections of a minor error) and acting under authority delegated by the Wellington Regional Council, has decided the amendments to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement as set out in Appendix 1 meet those tests and are made accordingly.



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## **APPENDIX 1 - CLAUSE 16 AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSED CHANGE 1 AND VARIATION 1 TO THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT (DECISIONS VERSION) – 4 OCTOBER 2024**

### **16 Amendment of proposed policy statement or plan**

(1) A local authority must, without using the process in this schedule, make an amendment to its proposed policy statement or plan that is required by section 55(2) or by a direction of the Environment Court under section 293.

(2) A local authority may make an amendment, without using the process in this schedule, to its proposed policy statement or plan to alter any information, where such an alteration is of minor effect, or may correct any minor errors.

The clause 16 amendments as listed in the schedule below have been made by the Wellington Regional Council to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement (notified version) and are shown as black track/strikethrough changes. The Council is satisfied that in relation to each of these changes, they meet the requirements of clause 16 – i.e., it is an alteration of minor effect, or it is an alteration necessary to correct a minor error.



Provision	Page number	Description of amendment	Reason for amendment
Whole Proposed RPS Change 1 and Variation 1 document	NA	Consistently italicise defined terms throughout the document, including where a term is defined in the Operative RPS.	Minor alterations for consistency and clarity.
Whole Proposed RPS Change 1 and Variation 1 document	NA	Remove capitals from the start of each clause in lists, for example: <del>P</del> rotecting...'	Minor alteration for consistency.
Whole Proposed RPS Change 1 and Variation 1 document	NA	Make changes to ensure consistent use of ‘; and’, ‘; or’ and ‘; and/or’ at the end of each clause in provision lists, unless there is specific reason for a different structure.  Make changes to ensure all provisions end with a full-stop.	Minor alteration for consistency.
Table 1A in Chapter 3.1A Table 4 in Chapter 3.4 Table 6(a) in Chapter 3.6 Table 8(a) in Chapter 3.8 Table 9 in Chapter 3.9	NA	Make changes to ensure all new provisions are listed in the “Objectives Tables” in each chapter, e.g. Table 4.	Minor alteration for clarity and accuracy.
Table 1A in Chapter 3.1A Table 4 in Chapter 3.4 Table 6(a) in Chapter 3.6	NA	Make changes to ensure all deleted provisions are removed from Objective tables in each chapter.	Minor alteration for clarity and accuracy.



Table 9 in Chapter 3.9			
Table 1A in Chapter 3.1A Table 4 in Chapter 3.4 Table 6(a) in Chapter 3.6 Table 8(a) in Chapter 3.8 Table 9 in Chapter 3.9	NA	Make changes to remove 'Also see' and 'Also consider' rows.	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.
Table 1A in Chapter 3.1A Table 4 in Chapter 3.4 Table 6(a) in Chapter 3.6 Table 8(a) in Chapter 3.8 Table 9 in Chapter 3.9	NA	Make changes to ensure Methods 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are correctly included under Chapter 4.1 (district plans, regional plans, Regional Land Transport Plan), Chapter 4.2 or Chapter 4.3 policies.	Minor alteration for clarity and accuracy.
Integrated management objective A Objective 22 Freshwater Chapter Introduction Objective 12 Policy CC.2 Policy CC.6 Policy CC.8	NA	Correct and update clause numbering within objectives, policies and methods as required so that the numbering is sequential and follows the following format: 1., 2., 3., 4.,... (for some provisions only) (a), (b), (c), (d),... (i), (ii), (iii), (iv),... a., b., c., d.,...  Make consequential amendments where the clause numbers are referred to in policy explanations or internally cross-referenced, e.g. in Policy 40;	Minor alteration for consistency and clarity.



Policy 7 Policy 12 Policy 14 Policy 15 Policy 18 Policy FW.3 Policy UD.5 Policy 30 Policy 44 Policy 40 Policy 42 Policy 51 Policy 12 Policy FW.8 Policy IE.3 Method 4 Method 14 Method FW.2 Method 32 Method CC.4 Method 48 Policy 31 Policy 67		“maintaining fish passage except where this conflicts with clause (X)”, and “protecting the habitat of trout and salmon, insofar as this is consistent with clause (X)”.	
Policy 55(a)(4), (b), chapeau and explanation Policy 56(i) and chapeau Policy 57(c), (d) and chapeau Policy 58 chapeau	NA	Correct minor errors in mark-up to accurately reflect changes from the Operative RPS.  E.g Policy 51 (a) removing the underlining of “including” as this is already in the operative RPS. E.g. Policy 65 tracking the deletion of “and” in front of recycling and removing underline on reducing due as this is already in the operative RPS.	Minor alteration for clarity and accuracy.



Policy UD.2 explanation Policy 30(a), (b) Policy 31 heading Policy 32 chapeau Policy 33 chapeau Policy 23 chapeau Policy 67(g), heading, chapeau Policy 23(e) Policy 24 explanation Policy 40 chapeau and (l), (m) Policy 41 explanation Policy 42 heading and explanation Policy 44 clause (c) Policy 51 (a), (d), (e), (f), (g), (h), (j) Policy 52 (b), (c), (i) Policy 65(a) Method 1 Method 14 (1) Policy CC.1 Policy 39 chapeau Policy 3 explanation Freshwater chapter introduction Method 16 title Policy 55 (a)(4)			
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Policy 58(c) Policy CC.1 chapeau Policy CC.14 chapeau Freshwater chapter introduction Policy FW.3(e) and explanation Policy 40(b) Policy 30 explanation Policy 31(b)(ii) Policy 33 Policy UD.3(c)	NA	Fix minor grammatical errors (e.g. add commas or full-stops as needed).	Minor alteration for clarity.
Regional form chapter introduction Objective 22A Policy UD.1 Method UD.2 Definition of Future Development Strategy Definition of urban environment Definition of well- functioning urban environments	NA	Replace references to 'NPS-UD' or 'National Policy Statement on Urban Development' or 'National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020' with 'National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020'.	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.
Freshwater chapter introduction Policy 12 Policy FW.3	NA	Replace references to 'NPS-FM' or 'National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management' with "National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020".	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.



Policy 40 Policy 40A Policy 40B Policy FW.6 Method FW.1			
Appendix 1E	263	Replace references to 'National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity' with 'National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023'.	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.
Policy FW.6	200	Replace reference to 'NES-F 2020' with 'Resource Management (National Environmental Standards for Freshwater) Regulations'.	Minor alteration for consistency and clarity.
Definition of city centre zone Definition of metropolitan centre zone Definition of town centre zone Definition of nature-based solutions Policy UD.1	4, 12, 20, 13, 162	Amend references to 'National Planning Standards' to 'National Planning Standards (November 2019)'	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.
Decision-making principles for indigenous biodiversity Definition Integrated management chapter introduction Objective A (a), (d), implementation	NA	Replace 'mana whenua/tangata whenua', 'Mana Whenua / tangata whenua' and 'Mana Whenua / Tangata whenua' with 'mana whenua / tangata whenua'.	Minor alteration for consistency.





Climate Change chapter introduction Indigenous ecosystems chapter introduction Objective CC.8 Objective 12 Objective 20 Fresh Water Introduction Policy CC.7 Policy 3 Policy FWXXA Policy IE.1 Policy IM.1 Policy 42 Policy FWXXB Policy 47 Policy IE.2 Policy 51 Policy 52 Policy CC.16 Policy CC.17 Policy IE.3 Method CC.1 Method IE.1 Method 14 Method FW.2 Method 22 (d) Method CC.2 Method CC.4			
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Method IM.2 Method 30 Method 32 heading, (1) Method 34 (b), (c) Method CC.6 Method IE.2 Method CC.8 Method CC.9 Method 53 Objective 16 AER Appendix 5 title			
Policy 12(e), (f) Policy 41(b), explanation	128, 174	Replace references to 'FMU' with 'Freshwater Management Unit'.	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.
Method FW.1	214	Replace reference to 'NRP' with 'Natural Resources Plan'.	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.
Table 1AA (Integrated management) Freshwater chapter introduction Policy CC.4 explanation Policy CC.4A explanation Policy CC.8 Policy 30 explanation Policy CC.14A explanation	NA	Replace 'RPS' with 'Regional Policy Statement' where mentioned in provisions.	Minor alteration for clarity and consistency.



Policy 55 explanation Method IM.1			
Climate change chapter introduction	29-30	Replace 'GHG' with 'greenhouse gas', or 'greenhouse gases'.	Minor alteration for consistency.
Natural hazards chapter introduction Policy 51 Hydraulic neutrality definition	87, 184, 10	Replace "AEP" with "Annual Exceedance Probability".	Minor alteration for clarity.
Resource Management Issues introduction Integrated management introduction Climate change chapter introduction Freshwater chapter introduction Indigenous ecosystems chapter introduction Natural hazards chapter introduction	NA	Replace references to "the region" with "the Wellington Region" or "Wellington region" with "Wellington Region".	Minor alteration for consistency.



Regional form chapter introduction Policy CC.8 Explanation Policy CC.6 Explanation Policy 7(a)(i) Policy 18A(v)(f.) Policy 23 explanation; 2.(a) Policy 29 explanation Policy 30 explanation; (a) Policy 39(e) Policy 40A(v)(f.) Policy 41 explanation Policy IE.1 explanation Policy IE.2A Policy FWXXA explanation Policy FWXXB explanation Policy FW.3(i)			
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Policy UD.5 explanation Policy 61 explanation Method 1 Method 4 Method 5 Method 22 (a) Method 34(d) Objective 13 AER Objective 16,16A, 16B AER Objective 22 AER Appendix 1B 2(a), 3(a), (6)(b) Appendix IE(2)(e)(i)			
New appendix 6 and Policy 12(d)	280, 128	Insert map of whitua boundaries into new appendix 6 ('Map of Whitua boundaries in the Wellington Region'), and replace reference to 'on Map X' in Policy 12(d) with 'in Appendix 6'.	Alteration of minor effect. This map was recommended to be added by Hearing Panels and reference to be made to it in Policy 12(d), and this was accepted by Council's decision on 26 September 2024. These changes will now reflect this in the decisions version of provisions.



Policy 9	125	Remove struck through text introduced in Policy through the notified version of RPS Change 1 that is not in the operative version of the RPS “ <del>including through prioritising public and active transport investment to serve future urban areas, to enable development in a sequential manner which minimises the risk of increasing car journeys in the region</del> ”.	Minor alteration for accuracy and clarity.
Policy 44	178	Fix minor grammatical error to insert “of” so the phrase reads “the take and use <u>of</u> water”.	Minor alteration for clarity.
Table 14 Integrated management	231	Fix minor grammatical error to insert “to” in front of recognise so the phrase reads “... integrated management of natural and physical resources to recognise and provide for the importance...”	Minor alteration for clarity
Policy FW.5	179	Fix minor grammatical error to include modal verb "shall" so the direction reads “regional council <u>shall</u> have regard to”.	Minor alteration for clarity.
Policy 57(e)	193	Consequential amendment to remove reference to Figure 3 from Policy 57(e), because this figure has now been removed from the Chapter 3.9 introduction: (d) <u>supporting and enabling the rapid transport network and the growth corridors in the Wellington Region as illustrated in Figure 3, including:</u> i. <u>Western Growth Corridor – Tawa to Levin;</u> ii. <u>Eastern Growth Corridor – Hutt to Masterton;</u> iii. <u>Let’s Get Wellington Moving Growth Corridor; and</u>	Minor consequential amendment to improve clarity.
Policy FW.7	206	Replace ‘nature based solution’ with ‘nature-based solution’.	Minor alteration for consistency.
Policy 57 Method CC.10 Policy CC.3 Policy 7 Policy EIW.1 Policy 58 explanation	193, 228, 117, 124, 128, 195	Replace ‘multi modal’ with ‘multi-modal’.	Minor alteration for consistency.
Policy 7(a)(i) Policy 9(c); explanation	124, 125, 164,	Replace ‘zero carbon’ with ‘zero-carbon’.	Minor alteration for consistency.



Policy CC.9 Policy 58 explanation	195		
Method 48 Policy CC.4 Policy 31 Policy 32 Policy 55	227, 117, 157, 160, 189	Replace references to 'climate resilient' with 'climate-resilient'.	Minor alteration for consistency.
Objective 22(l)	103, 242	Remove 'a range of' from the following clause: <u>a variety of residential, commercial, mixed use and industrial development in appropriate locations is provided which contributes to viable and vibrant centres at a range of scales, and a range of industrial-based employment locations; and</u>	Minor alteration for clarity, 'a range of' is duplicated and therefore unnecessary.
Policy CC.17	203	Correct provision categorisation to P1S1.	Minor alteration for accuracy.
Policy 24C explanation	149	Add "existing" in front of REG activities: <u>Policy 24CC which relates to existing regionally significant infrastructure and existing REG activities in the coastal environment.</u> This aligns with the amendments for clarification in Policy 24CC	Minor alteration for clarification and consistency
Policy UD.3 chapeau	196	Replace first 'urban development' with 'urban environment' to fix grammatical error and align with Panel wording of provision.	Minor alteration for accuracy.