

FULL PUBLIC NOTICE

Greater Wellington has prepared a Summary of Decisions Requested from submissions received on Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (Proposed Plan Change 1). The Further Submissions period for Proposed Plan Change 1 is now open.

The Natural Resources Plan (NRP) for the Wellington Region became operative on 28 July 2023. Greater Wellington notified Proposed Plan Change 1 was publicly notified on 30 October 2023. The consultation period on Proposed Plan Change 1 closed on 15 December 2023. A total of 270 submissions were received.

Proposed Plan Change 1 can be viewed online at <https://www.gw.govt.nz/nrp-pc1-consultation>. The documents can also be viewed in person at public libraries throughout the Region, or at one of our offices:

- Wellington Office, 100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington
- Masterton Office, 34 Chapel Street, Masterton

If you wish to purchase your own copy, please email regionalplan@gw.govt.nz.

A Summary of Decisions Requested is now available

Under Schedule 1 (Part 1, Clause 8) of the Resource Management Act (RMA) 1991, we are required to provide a summary document of submissions received on a proposed plan. This summary is referred to as the 'Summary of Decisions Requested' document. This summary document collates all our submitters' submission points into one uniform table. Each submitter and subsequent submission points are allocated a unique reference number. Shown in the first column of our summary tables, these reference numbers assist when making further submissions, and also help our hearing panels when they read your submissions.

The Summary of Decisions Requested from submissions received during the first consultation period is now available on our website: <https://www.gw.govt.nz/nrp-pc1-submissions>. Copies are also available to view at the reception of our Cuba St and Masterton offices.

There are two versions of the 'Summary of Decisions Requested' document. Both contain the same data in different formats:

- [NRP PC 1 - Summary of Decisions Requested – By Submitter](#)
- [NRP PC 1 - Summary of Decisions Requested – By Provision](#)

If you provided a submission on the Proposed Plan Change 1:

Please review our above Summary of Decisions Requested, we want to be sure we have accurately summarised your intent in the submission points provided. Please note: This is a summary document, created to assist the Plan Change process. The 'Reasons' have been summarised to main intents only, and the focus remains on the 'Decisions sought'.

Original submissions (un-summarised) are also available on our [submissions page](#) for reference. Our reporting officers and hearing panel members are required to read all submissions, even if the submitter has not requested to speak at a hearing.

If you feel that we have incorrectly summarised your submission point(s), please email regionalplan@gw.govt.nz identifying these and illustrate how they should be corrected.

Further Submissions are open Monday 12 February, and close at 5.00pm on Friday 8 March 2024.

What is a Further Submission?

A Further Submission is a submission made in support of, or opposition to, another person or party's submission. It must be limited to those matters raised in the submission. A Further Submission provides an opportunity to assess the effect an original submission may have on your submission, and to have your views considered by the Council alongside the original submission.

Who can make a Further Submission?

A Further Submission may be made by any person who:

- Represents a relevant aspect of the public interest; or
- Has an interest in the proposal that is greater than the interest of the general public, (an explanation for the reasoning behind why you qualify for either of these categories must also be provided); or
- The local authority itself.

To make a Further Submission:

1. You can use the [online submission portal](#); or
2. You can use the Further Submission Form(s) (Form 6).
 - [Further Submission Form\(s\) \(Form 6\) – Microsoft Word version](#); or
 - [Further Submission Form\(s\) \(Form 6\) – Microsoft Excel version](#).

Please send the Further Submission Form in by one of the below methods:

- Email it to the regionalplan@gw.govt.nz.
- Post it to: PO Box 11646, Manners St, Wellington 6142, ATT: Hearings Advisor.
- Drop it off at reception at one of our offices, marked ATT: Hearings Advisor.

(You can request hard copies of Form 6 at reception in our Cuba St and Masterton offices).

Due to delays in postal services and the timeframe for making Further Submissions, we highly recommend that an electronic copy of your Further Submission is provided by the closing date.

Further Submission Form requirements:

- If you require more space than the table in the form provides, you can attach additional pages as required.
- All sections of this form need to be completed for the Further Submission to be accepted.
- You must send a copy of your Further Submission to the original submitter.

- Any person making a Further Submission must serve a copy of that submission on the original submitter no later than five working days after the submission has been provided to Greater Wellington. Each submitter has an address for service available on our website. If you have made a Further Submission on several original submissions, then copies of your Further Submission will need to be served with each original submitter.

Public information:

Under the RMA, all submissions and accompanying data must be made available for public inspection. To achieve that, we will publish all Further Submissions and accompanying data on our website. We have made an effort to redact any unnecessary personal information (excluding any address for service) that is provided in a submission before we publish them. However, if you have unnecessary personal information viewable in your submission online, please let us know and we will remove it if possible.

For more information, please see our [Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan Information Statement](#).

Support and assistance with your submission

If you have any questions regarding the Further Submissions process, please email our independent Friend of the Submitter at: Friend.of.Submitter@gw.govt.nz.

For any other questions about Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan, please contact our team at regionalplan@gw.govt.nz.

What happens next?

- The hearing phase:
 - Submitters, and/or Further Submitters who have requested to be heard in support of their submission, will have the opportunity to speak to a Hearings Panel from mid-2024 onwards.
 - The Hearings Panel will listen to submitters over several hearing streams, these hearing streams will address provisions grouped together by similar theme / topic.
 - In advance of each hearing stream, documents are released to help inform the hearing panel. (These include S42A reports, legal and technical evidence, and rebuttal reports).
 - After each hearing stream, the Hearings Panel is likely to release a Chair's minute requesting any outstanding questions or follow up. These questions are typically addressed in a Right of Reply report provided by the Council's reporting officers.

For additional information on this process and the next steps, please visit <https://www.gw.govt.nz/nrp-pc1-consultation>.

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