

STATEMENT TO THE READERS OF
WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL
LONG-TERM COUNCIL COMMUNITY PLAN, AS AMENDED ON 29 JUNE 2011, FOR THE
TEN YEARS COMMENCING 1 JULY 2009

Purpose of Statement

The primary purpose of this statement is to inform readers that we have no role to report, and do not give an opinion, on Wellington Regional Council (the Regional Council's) adopted amendment or its Long-Term Council Community Plan (LTCCP), as amended.

This statement informs readers about the Regional Council's process of amending its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 and the extent, and limit, of our involvement in that process.

The Regional Council's process of amending its LTCCP commencing 1 July 2009 and our involvement

The Regional Council adopted its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 on 30 June 2009. The Auditor-General appointed me, Karen Young, using the staff and resources of Audit New Zealand, to report on his behalf on the LTCCP adopted on that date.

We expressed an unqualified opinion on the Regional Council's LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 in our report dated 30 June 2009. We considered that the LTCCP adopted 30 June 2009 provided a reasonable basis for long term integrated decision-making by the Regional Council and for participation in decision-making by the public and subsequent accountability to the community about the activities of the Regional Council.

In forming our overall opinion, we reported on specific matters required by section 94(1) of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act).

In a Statement of Proposal dated 3 March 2011 the Regional Council proposed an amendment to its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 to change the Treasury Risk Management Policy and to invest in the New Zealand Local Government Funding Agency.

We expressed an unqualified opinion on this Statement of Proposal in our audit report dated 3 March 2011.

We considered that the information within the Statement of Proposal, about the proposed amendment to the LTCCP and any consequential amendments to the LTCCP that would be required if it was amended in the manner proposed, was fairly presented, and that the Regional Council had complied with the applicable requirements of the Act in preparing the Statement of Proposal.

In forming our overall opinion, we reported on specific matters required by section 84(4) of the Act.

On 29 June 2011 the Regional Council adopted the proposed amendment to its LTCCP for the ten years commencing 1 July 2009 as described in the Statement of Proposal mentioned above.

The Regional Council has prepared the LTCCP, as amended to reflect the amendments adopted by the Regional Council on 29 June 2011, and any consequential amendments.

We do not give an opinion on the Regional Council's adopted amendment or its LTCCP, as amended. There is no legislative requirement for us to report on the adopted amendment or the LTCCP, as amended by Regional Council on 29 June 2011 and we have not performed an audit of either the adopted amendment or the LTCCP as amended. Consequently we have not updated our audit report that was attached to the LTCCP adopted on 30 June 2009.

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