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# Regional Plan Review

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Read about some of the activities that follow the public consultation on the Draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region, including for the draft provisions for livestock access to waterways. Feedback period was 22 September to 30 November 2014



## Draft Natural Resources Plan

Feedback on the Draft Natural Resources Plan has been tremendous with almost 150 people and agencies sending us their comments and suggestions. Over 4,000 points of interest were raised and these will help us refine the provisions that go into the next stage of the plan.

Comments were received on the full range of the draft provisions, with the overarching objectives and policies attracting particular interest. The interaction of the plan with the whaitua committees and their work was also a focus. And, not surprisingly, some comments were very detailed about specific conditions in the rules.

The comments are being worked through by staff, with further discussions with stakeholders and interested parties over the coming months prior to the notification of the proposed plan. If you are interested, the feedback we received is summarised on the website in a number of reports attached to the sections listed at the bottom of the web page: [www.gw.govt.nz/regional-plan-review](http://www.gw.govt.nz/regional-plan-review).

The provisions limiting livestock access to waterways were of particular interest and because of that level of interest we have formed a focus group from submitters to explore the issue further. The group will meet throughout February and their findings will be discussed at public information meetings being held at the end of March. The results of these meetings will then be deliberated by Te Upoko Taiao – Natural Resource Management Committee.

## Public meetings

If the provisions limiting livestock access to waterways are of interest to you, come along to the meetings below and find out more.

Date	Place	Time
Mon 23 Mar	<b>Wairarapa</b> Carterton Event Centre	7.30pm-9pm
Tue 24 Mar	<b>Wellington</b> Wainuiomata Memorial Hall	7.30pm-9pm
Wed 25 Mar	<b>Kapiti</b> Ōtaki Rotary Club Rooms	7.30pm-9pm

## View the Draft Natural Resources Plan

Copies of the Draft Natural Resources Plan can be downloaded from the website at [www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans--Publications/Regional-Plan-Review/Draft-Regional-Plan-docs/Full-Plan/WRC-Draft-Plan-ex-maps.pdf](http://www.gw.govt.nz/assets/Plans--Publications/Regional-Plan-Review/Draft-Regional-Plan-docs/Full-Plan/WRC-Draft-Plan-ex-maps.pdf).

## Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee have held regular meetings throughout 2014. The committee continues its exploration of the issues and opportunities facing the catchment. It has considered a number of reports about water quality, ecological health, mahinga kai and land use and you can access these from the website: [www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee](http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee).

## Te Awarua o Porirua Harbour Whaitua Committee

The Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee has been established and will be holding their first meeting in April. You can read more about this at [www.gw.govt.nz/te-awarua-o-porirua-whaitua-committee](http://www.gw.govt.nz/te-awarua-o-porirua-whaitua-committee).



Where can I go to find out more information?

- Background information about the regional plan review: [www.gw.govt.nz/your-environment](http://www.gw.govt.nz/your-environment)
- State of the environment report cards: [www.gw.govt.nz/ser](http://www.gw.govt.nz/ser)
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