

# Proposed Natural Resources Plan

Te Tikanga Taiao o Te Upoko o te Ika a Maui



## Submissions now available for viewing

All submissions we've received on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region are now on our website [www.gw.govt.nz/proposed-natural-resources-plan/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/proposed-natural-resources-plan/)

These submissions have been made available ahead of the further submission period. We'll be notifying all submitters directly when the Summary of Decisions Requested is publicly available and more about the process for providing further submissions.

The Summary of Decisions Requested will be publicly notified on Friday 26 February 2016 when further submissions will be called for.

## Further submissions on the plan

Further submissions are going to be open for 20 working days from the date the public notice appears (26 February). Eligible people can then respond to points raised in the submissions available on our website. A Further Submission form will also be available on our website. Closing date for further submissions is Tuesday 29 March 2016 at 5pm.

Information on making further submissions is available on the Ministry for the Environment's website: [www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/everyday-guide-rma-making-submission-about-proposed-plan-or-plan-change](http://www.mfe.govt.nz/publications/rma/everyday-guide-rma-making-submission-about-proposed-plan-or-plan-change)

### About the Proposed Natural Resources Plan

For information on how specific activities are managed in the Proposed Plan please see information sheets on our website [www.gw.govt.nz/information-sheets-2/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/information-sheets-2/) and answers to a number of frequently asked questions [www.gw.govt.nz/quick-facts-about-the-proposed-natural-resources-plan](http://www.gw.govt.nz/quick-facts-about-the-proposed-natural-resources-plan)

## What does the Porirua community believe is important about their water?

Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committee wants communities in their catchment area to tell them what's important about their water.



Te Awarua-o-Porirua Whaitua Committee and Porirua Harbour Management Strategy stands at the sunny Festival of the Elements.

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- 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)
- You can email us at [regional-plan@gw.govt.nz](mailto:regional-plan@gw.govt.nz)

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Committee members were in force at the recent Festival of the Elements in Porirua as part of their on-going community engagement. They were asking locals how they value the quality of their water for swimming, car washing, fishing, drinking, boating, collecting kai moana and all other water activities.

By talking to people at local festivals and gathering this information it helps the committee build an understanding of people's attitudes towards water and what's important about it to them. This is so the committee and local government can better manage water resources in our region for future generations.

"Building an understanding of the community's fundamental beliefs is vital to planning water quality management in the future," says committee chair Stu Farrant. "We need to identify the community's views and aspirations as the starting point."

The three short questions the committee is asking the community are:

- What's important to you about streams, the harbour and coast around here?
- How do you and your friends, family and whanau use streams, the harbour and coast around here?
- How would you like our streams, harbour and coast to be in the future?

Have your say. Answer the questions online at: [haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/taop](http://haveyoursay.gw.govt.nz/taop)

## Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee finalises their values

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee in the Wairarapa has released a final set of community values following public meetings in the region. The Committee confirmed a set of six values for fresh and coastal waters in the Ruamāhanga Whaitua. An overview of the public meetings and the final set of values are on our website at [www.gw.govt.nz/community-values-discussions/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/community-values-discussions/)

These values will help feed into the committee's recommendations to the Greater Wellington Regional Council for the integrated management of land and water resources for this catchment, as required under the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.

The committee will continue to develop a set of attributes during their first workshop in 2016. These attributes are measures which can then be used to compare the current state of a particular value to what the community wants to achieve.

As well, the committee are continuing to build a picture of the current land and water management methods, issues with these and potential future management options for water in the Wairarapa region.

For more information please see our website [www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee/](http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee/).

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