

Natural Resources Plan

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Outline

Find out about livestock access provisions, how the Ruamāhanga Whaitua and the newly established Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua are progressing and when the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region will be available.

Provisions for Livestock Access to waterways under development

Livestock access provisions were widely discussed during the draft Natural Resources Plan process and as a result many provisions have been revised.

Livestock farmers on hill country were concerned that the rules in the draft Plan were more onerous than needed to be. Because of this feedback changes have been made so that farming on hill country with non-dairy animals will take an "effects-based" approach to protecting water and habitat quality. Dairy cows will be required to be kept out of all waterways, including those in hill country paddocks.

As requested by a number of submitters, the council has identified the known significant and outstanding wetlands in the region. A three year period will enable landowners to arrange total exclusion of stock from outstanding wetlands and exclusion of all classes of livestock other than sheep from wetlands that are significant but not outstanding. Support, advice and assistance to achieve these requirements will be available.

Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region

The Proposed Natural Resources Plan will be available at the end of July or very soon after.

The cover of the plan has been selected by Te Upoko Taiao and features the mountains, coastlines, sea and landscapes, soils and waterways of the region. The design represents the partnership with tangata whenua iwi that has been strengthened through the development of the plan.

Issuing the Proposed Plan is the beginning of a statutory process that has been laid out in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act (1991). This requires the regional council to inform people who may be affected by the proposals about the submission process and how to obtain copies of the plan.

As well as submissions through this statutory process Greater Wellington Regional Council has been informally consulting with people in the region since 2010. The results of those consultations are now being fed into the plan.



Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee are holding regular meetings throughout 2015. The committee are talking with the community to find out what people value in the catchment. You can access more information about these meetings by visiting: www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee.

Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee

The Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee has been established and is now in the information phase of their work. They are learning about the dynamics of waterway management and the policy environment that they are working in. To see what they've been learning about visit: www.gw.govt.nz/te-awarua-o-porirua-whaitua-committee.



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