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# Regional Plan Review

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This, our first newsletter for 2014, introduces:

- the process around the draft Natural Resources Plan
- how to provide feedback on the draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region
- draft Natural Resources Plan information meetings and
- an update on the Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee's activities

Your feedback on the draft Natural Resources Plan will be used to assist in developing the proposed plan which will be released in the middle of 2015.



The five Whaitua areas

## Draft Natural Resources Plan

Greater Wellington Regional Council will have the draft plan available on the council's website in September 2014.

At that time we will invite you to review the content of the plan and get back to us with further ideas, changes and corrections before the end of November.

The plan includes sections on:

- objectives for regional natural resource management
- policies and methods for air, freshwater, coastal marine area, soils, landuse, storm and waste water, heritage sites and natural hazard management
- schedules and maps.

Thanks to your ideas and the discussions that we have had with stakeholder organisations the plan review has been a very collaborative process.

## Feedback on the Draft Natural Resources Plan

Once the draft Natural Resources Plan has been released council's website will provide a number of ways for people to provide feedback:

- formal feedback by downloading the feedback form and completing the details
- entering a discussion forum on issues related to policy development in the draft Natural Resources Plan
- emailing a quick comment about something important to you.

The formal feedback that we receive will be added to a database that will be drawn upon in preparation of the proposed plan.

Discussion forum material will be summarised and also added to the database.

Comments will be monitored separately to identify trends and these may then also be added to the database. To send us formal feedback and enter the discussion forum just follow the instructions to register.

## Draft Natural Resources Plan Meetings

A number of public information meetings have been planned across the region, in September.

More details on these meetings will be provided in the next newsletter, which you can expect in the coming weeks.

## Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee have held regular meetings through 2014.

They have considered a number of reports about water quality, ecological health, mahinga kai and landuse and you can access these from the website: [www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-whaitua-committee](http://www.gw.govt.nz/ruamahanga-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)
- You can email us at [regional-plan@gw.govt.nz](mailto:regional-plan@gw.govt.nz)

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