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Te Pane Matua Taiao

Regional Plan Review

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Your environment, your future
Tō taiao, tō oranga

In this newsletter we announce the release on 22 September of our draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region and invite your feedback on the document.



Draft Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington region

The draft Natural Resources Plan has been prepared, in partnership with the region's mana whenua iwi, to help people to sustainably manage natural and physical resources within the Greater Wellington region.¹ It's still a draft and we are not yet in a formal statutory consultation process (as outlined in Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991) so we continue to work collaboratively with stakeholders on its content. A proposed Natural Resources Plan, which will take into account stakeholder feedback, will be released in mid-2015.

The draft plan brings together the five existing regional plans for the Wellington region into one integrated document, a copy of which can be downloaded from the Greater Wellington website: www.gw.govt.nz/regional-plan-review. Alternatively, if you'd prefer us to post you a copy saved to a USB memory stick email regionalplan@gw.govt.nz or phone Sam Wren on 04 8304032.

Draft Natural Resources Plan information meetings

Several public information meetings have been planned across the region at which staff from Greater Wellington Regional Council will provide a presentation on the various sections of the draft.

Date	Place	Time
Mon 22 Sep	Carterton Event Centre	1.30-3pm
Mon 22 Sep	Masterton Town Hall	7.30-9pm
Wed 24 Sep	Trentham Gardens (at Racecourse)	7.30-9pm
Thu 25 Sep	Te Papa Rangimarie Room, Wellington CBD	1.30-3pm
Thu 25 Sep	Dowse Art Museum, Lower Hutt	7.30-9pm
Wed 1 Oct	Te Rauparaha Arena, Porirua	7.30-8.45pm
Thu 2 Oct	Kapiti Coast Library, Paraparaumu	7.30-9pm

Providing feedback on the website

From 22 September you can provide your feedback on the draft Natural Resources Plan at www.gw.govt.nz/regional-plan-review. You can go straight to the feedback section by using "Have your say" – www.gw.govt.nz/have-your-say.

¹ Resource Management Act 1991, Part 2 Section 5

The deadline for your feedback is 30 November 2014. On the website you will find:

- Copies of the various sections of the draft Natural Resources Plan for you to download.
- A feedback form and a spreadsheet of all of the plan's provisions for you to download.
- Information sheets for people interested in how issues have been addressed in the draft and activity guidelines for people interested in how particular activities are being managed within the draft. None of these documents replace the sections of the plan to which they relate, but they do provide simple summaries of its content.
- Other information about the planning process.

In the "Have your say" section people can provide feedback by:

- Responding to a survey.
- Entering into a discussion on the forum.
- Making a short note

Whaitua Committees

Now you can see the beautiful Wellington region from the air and from a community perspective while you find out about our precious natural water resources. A new council video Mountains to Sea - Ki uta ki tai explains how communities can look after their catchment areas through whaitua committees. www.youtube.com/watch?v=FXC1cp0CvVY

Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee

The Ruamāhanga Whaitua Committee have held regular meetings through 2014 as it 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.

Te Awarua o Porirua Harbour Whaitua Committee

Establishment of the Te Awarua o Porirua Whaitua Committee has begun. Stakeholder meetings and a public information evening has been held and promotions are going ahead to build public understanding about the committee and attract applicants for membership. The application period is open to 31 October 2014.

Where can I go to find out more information?

- Background information about the regional plan review: www.gw.govt.nz/your-environment
- State of the environment report cards: www.gw.govt.nz/ser
- You can email us at regional-plan@gw.govt.nz

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