

MEMO

TO All Councillors

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Regional Council input into city and district council planning

1. Purpose

To inform Councillors of Greater Wellington Regional Council’s input into the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the region for the period from 7 March 2019 to 24 April 2019.

GWRC’s interest arises from the Council’s responsibilities for regional planning and the integrated management of natural and physical resources in the Wellington Region.

2. City and District Council plan changes and resource consents

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main topics commented on	Action
Wellington City Council	Proposed plan change	Proposed District Plan Change 83 – Kiwi Point Quarry	Effects of proposed quarry extension for gravel extraction activities on biodiversity	Recommendation to approve the plan change is going to Council for approval on 1 May.
Hutt City Council	Draft plan change	Draft district plan change significant natural areas	Identification and protection of significant biodiversity provisions	The Environment Court has directed that a previous plan change removing blanket protection for urban trees must be resolved prior to any further direction on the Forest and Bird legal action on the decision not to proceed with the plan

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Upper Hutt City Council	Proposed plan change	Proposed plan change 42 Mangaroa and Pinehaven Flood Hazard Extents	Flood hazard and policy provisions	Expert conferencing to refine the areas of agreement and disagreement has been completed but the appellant withdrew his expert witness. The appellant continues to query the directions from the Environment Court Judge and the court processes.
Porirua City Council	Preparation for Draft District Plan	District Plan Review	Alignment with policy and operational matters	Notice of requirements for existing designations have been lodged with the council.
Kapiti Coast District Council	Decision version	Proposed District Plan Decisions version 2017	Joined as S274 party to appeals on matters in submission	Issues on traffic and city centre provisions continue to be unresolved. The Coastal Ratepayers United appeal and consent order has been finalised.