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Regional Council input into city and district council planning

1. Purpose

To inform Councillors of Greater Wellington's input into the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the region for the period from 16 February to 5 April 2013.

2. Background

Greater Wellington's interest arises from the Council's responsibilities for regional planning and the integrated management of natural and physical resources in the Wellington region.

3. City and District Council plan changes

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main issues	Action
Kapiti Coast District Council	Proposed	District Plan	Coastal environment, hazards	Second submission supporting the approach to hazards and coastal environment.
Upper Hutt City Council	Proposed	Plan change 18 Comprehensive residential developments	Stormwater mitigation	Letter to hearing. Our concerns addressed in Officers report

4. Non-statutory documents

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main issues	Action
South Wairarapa District Council	Draft	Coastal Reserves Management Plan	Recognising and managing for indigenous biodiversity values	Submission sent.
Porirua City Council	Draft Strategy	Porirua Landscape Management Strategy	Identifies important natural features and landscapes, gives guidance & framework for a range of management methods for the protection of Porirua's amenity values and significant rural character and landscape.	Attending hearing in support of our submission and to highlight the policies in the soon to be operative Regional Policy Statement

5. Central Government discussion documents

Territorial Authority	Status of Document	Name of Document	Main issues	Action
Ministry for the Environment	Discussion document	Improving our resource management system	Wide reaching changes to S6 & 7 of the RMA, changes to plan making and resource consent processes.	Submission sent.
Ministry for the Environment	Discussion document	Freshwater reform 2013 and beyond	Collaborative processes endorsed for freshwater management and ideas for setting freshwater objectives and limits	Submission sent.