

Greater Wellington Regional Council



What is a regional council?

Regional councils are responsible for their region's natural resources and environment as a whole. Their more specific responsibilities typically include:

- Regional parks
- Flood protection
- Public transport services
- Environmental protection
- Land transport planning
- Sustainable economic development
- Harbour navigation and safety
- Marine pollution

How are city and regional councils different?

City and district councils are responsible for essential community services within their own areas, such as:

- Road maintenance
- Water for homes and businesses
- Sewerage
- Stormwater
- Land use and subdivisions
- Community health
- Community services (eg, libraries and swimming pools)

Where does our money come from?

- General rates
- Targeted rates
- Water supply levy
- Government subsidies
- Dividend income
- Other revenue

What do regional councillors do?

The Council and its various committees meet every six weeks to receive reports from Greater Wellington staff, debate issues and decide on policy. Councillors decide the overall policies, while Greater Wellington Regional Council's management provides advice to the Council and is responsible for carrying out the Council's decisions.

In general, meetings are open to the public and meeting dates are advertised in local media. Regional Councillors are publicly elected in local government elections every three years. The Council's Chair is elected by the Councillors.

There are 13 regional councillors representing the Wellington Region's six constituencies:

Constituency	Councillors
Pōneke / Wellington	5
Te Awa Kairangi ki Tai / Lower Hutt	3
Porirua-Tawa.....	2
Kāpiti Coast.....	1
Wairarapa.....	1
Te Awa Kairangi ki Uta / Upper Hutt	1

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Taking care of the things that really matter



Regional parks and forests

Managing our regional parks and forests for environmental protection and recreation



Harbour safety

Managing the safety of the Wellington Region's harbours and coast



Sustainable economic growth

Coordinating the Wellington Regional Strategy



Biodiversity and biosecurity

Protecting native birds, animals and plants, and managing pest plants and pest animals in the Wellington Region



Regional transport planning

Planning for the development of the Wellington Region's strategic transport network



Safe and sustainable transport

Supporting safe and sustainable transport choices throughout the Wellington Region



Environmental management

Promoting sustainable use and protection of the Wellington Region's environment



Flood risk management

Managing the risk of flooding in the Wellington Region



Bulk water supply

Providing high-quality treated water to the Wellington Region's city councils for supply to consumers



Land management

Promoting the sustainable use of land in the Wellington Region



Emergency management

Coordinating civil defence emergency management across the Wellington Region



Metlink public transport

Providing bus, train and harbour ferry services and information