

Report 10.238  
Date 27 April 2010  
File CP/20/06/01

Committee Regional Sustainability Committee  
Author Alison Lash, Regional Climate Change Response  
Coordinator

## **Submission on Wellington City Council's Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan**

### **1. Purpose**

To seek approval of a submission to Wellington City Council on its Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan.

### **2. Significance of the decision**

The matters for decision in this report do not trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### **3. Background**

Wellington City Council has requested submissions on a draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan (**Attachment 1**) as part of its Annual Plan consultation. Submissions close on 10 May 2010.

### **4. Discussion**

The Draft Plan is very much in line with the thinking underlying the work Greater Wellington has been coordinating on climate change through a regional officers' working group (Emissions Reduction and Adaptation Working Group ERAWG) over the last couple of years. Wellington City has been a key player on this group and is proposing to contribute financially to two Greater Wellington projects in the coming triennium – eMission and the sea level rise research project being conducted by the Environment Group in conjunction with NIWA. The Draft Plan notes this intention.

A draft regional strategic response to climate change has been discussed at various levels with the region's city and district councils and will be brought to the Committee at its next meeting for discussion and comment. It proposes that Greater Wellington places its major effort and focus on adaptation initiatives while continuing to do what it can to mitigate

climate change. It acknowledges that the other councils have more direct and powerful levers to operate in respect of emissions reduction and that much of this work will be carried out in the region at that level. Wellington City's draft Plan incorporates some effective proposals in this regard and demonstrates strong leadership on the issue. It also acknowledges the need to collaborate with other councils in the region on adaptation planning.

The submission in **Attachment 2** acknowledges the collaboration already occurring between the councils on climate change issues. It also requests the Plan adopts the principles developed by officers of the region's councils in 2009.

## 5. Recommendations

*That the Committee:*

1. ***Receives the report.***
2. ***Notes the content of the report.***
3. ***Approves the attached submission to Wellington City Council on its Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan***
4. ***Authorises the Chair of the Committee to forward the submission to Wellington City Council***

Report prepared by:



**Alison Lash**  
Regional Climate Change  
Response Coordinator

Report approved by:

**Jane Davis**  
General Manager  
Strategy and Community  
Engagement

### Attachments

- 1 Wellington City Council Climate Change Action Plan
- 2 Draft Submission