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Attention: Hearings Advisor

**Variation 1 to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement  
for the Wellington Region  
Submission of Director-General of Conservation**

Please find enclosed the submission by the Director-General of Conservation in respect of Variation 1 to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region. The submission identifies the Director-General's position.

Please contact Murray Brass in the first instance if you wish to discuss any of the matters raised in this submission via [mbrass@doc.govt.nz](mailto:mbrass@doc.govt.nz) or on 027 213 3592.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M.E.P.' followed by a stylized flourish.

Elly Peters  
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**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991**

**SUBMISSION ON VARIATION 1 TO PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO  
THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION**

**TO:** Great Wellington Regional Council

**SUBMISSION ON:** Variation 1 to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region

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**STATEMENT OF SUBMISSION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL  
OF CONSERVATION / *TUMUAKI AHUREI***

Pursuant to clause 6 of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA), I, Elly Peters, Acting Operations Manager, Kapiti Wellington, acting upon delegation from the Director-General of Conservation, make the following submission:

1. This is a submission on Variation 1 to Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region.
2. The specific provisions of the Variation that my submission relates to are set out in Attachment 1 to this submission. The decisions sought in this submission are required to ensure that the Regional Policy Statement:
  - a. Recognises and provides for the matters of national importance listed in section 6 of the Act and has particular regard to the other matters in section 7 of the Act.
  - b. Gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management.
  - c. Promotes the sustainable management of natural and physical resources.
  - d. The relief sought is necessary, appropriate and promotes sound resource management practice.
3. I am a submitter and further submitter on Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region. I supported the inclusion of freshwater visions as set out in Council's submission on Proposed Change 1, but sought review to ensure that the visions are appropriate, and are consistent and integrated with the wider RPS vision framework. The Variation generally addresses those matters.
4. I seek the following decision from the Council:
  - 4.1 That the particular provisions of the proposed Variation that I support, as identified in Attachment 1, are retained.

4.2 Further, alternative or consequential relief to like effect to that sought in 4.1 above.

5. I wish to be heard in support of my submission and if others make a similar submission, I will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.



Elly Peters,  
Operations Manager (Acting),  
Kapiti Wellington

Pursuant to delegated authority  
On behalf of  
Penny Nelson  
Director-General of Conservation / *Tumuaki Ahurei*

Date: 30 October 2023

Note: A copy of the Instrument of Delegation may be inspected at the Director-General's office at Conservation House Whare Kaupapa Atawhai, 18/32 Manners Street, Wellington 6011.

**ATTACHMENT 1:**

**PROPOSED CHANGE 1 TO THE REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION  
SUBMISSION BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF CONSERVATION**

The specific provisions that my submission relates to are set out below, together with my positions, reasons and the decisions I seek from the Council.

<b>RPS SECTION</b>	<b>PROVISION</b>	<b>POSITION AND REASON</b>	<b>RELIEF SOUGHT</b>
Chapter 3.4 Fresh Water	New section - Insertion of new section titled "Long-term freshwater visions"	Support. This is a structural change required to enable the insertion of new visions as supported below.	Retain as notified.
	New objective TAP - Insertion of a new long-term freshwater vision for Te Awarua-o-Porirua.	Support. The proposed long-term freshwater vision appropriately gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 and Te Mana o te Wai.	Retain as notified.
	New objective TWT - Insertion of a new long-term freshwater vision for Te Whanganui-a-Tara.	Support. The proposed long-term freshwater vision appropriately gives effect to the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 and Te Mana o te Wai.	Retain as notified.
	New figure - Insertion of new map showing whaitua boundaries for Te Awarua-o-Porirua and Te Whanganui-a-Tara.	Support. This figure supports the insertion of new visions as supported above.	Retain as notified.