

# Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region

## Household water use



Water supply for household use in communities of the Wellington region is provided by city and district councils. Individuals or groups of people not on a community water supply network get their household water directly from rivers, groundwater or rainwater collection. The treatment of water takes for household use in the proposed Plan is the same as in the current Regional Freshwater Plan.

### How is household water use treated in the proposed Plan?

Water supply for household use by communities, groups or individuals has a priority over other water uses in the proposed Plan.

Sufficient water of a suitable quality must be available for the health needs of people. Land owners are permitted to take water from rivers, lakes and groundwater for their household use and for their stock.

The proposed Plan also allows properties larger than 20 hectares to take 20 cubic metres of water and smaller properties to take up to 10 cubic metres as a permitted activity provided certain conditions are met (see permitted activity Rule R136). Local authorities or others supplying groups of people or communities must get resource consent.

Local authorities and individuals taking water for domestic use are encouraged to conserve their use of water.

### Can I collect rainwater?

Collecting rain water and storing it for domestic use is encouraged as long as the collection and storage facilities meet the building code and local bylaws.

### Do I need resource consent to drill a bore or well?

If you want to drill a bore or well to get water from an aquifer, resource consent is required.

### What is the Proposed Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region?

The Proposed Natural Resources Plan (the proposed Plan) is a new regional plan designed to integrate the Wellington Region's five existing regional plans-- the [Regional Coastal Plan](#), [Regional Freshwater Plan](#), [Regional Soil Plan](#), [Regional Air Quality Management Plan](#) and [Regional Plan for Discharges to Land](#). Regional plans are developed under the Resource Management Act to set out the objectives, policies and methods for people and organisations that use a region's resources for a variety of purposes:

The proposed Plan was developed following a review of the five existing regional plans from 2011 to 2015. Until the GWRC decides to adopt the proposed Plan, resource users must comply with rules in the proposed Plan and rules in the five existing plans.

There is a lot of information in the proposed Plan and a lot to understand, so if you need help to figure out if your activity is permitted, or requires a resource consent, or if you have any questions at all, please contact us for more information  
0800 496 734 or  
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**Permitted:** no resource consent is required provided you comply with the conditions in the rule.

**Controlled, discretionary or non-complying:** a resource consent from Wellington Regional Council is required. Conditions may need to be met.

**Prohibited:** cannot be undertaken at any time.