

WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL

PROPOSED PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION

MINUTE 12

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL TO ADDRESS IN HEARING STREAM 3 RIGHT OF REPLY

General

1. We request Council Reporting Officers please include the relevant references to submitter relief with their Reply tracked changes to the provisions. Submission points can be identified through footnotes or similar.
2. As discussed at the hearing, we request further information from the Council's technical experts as to how often monitoring data will be used to assess whether TAS is met for a part FMU, eg for Rules WH.R20 and P.R19. Or alternatively, whether Council considers the TAS should be measured against the PC1 Baseline state or a different benchmark.
3. In addition to other amendments the Officers recommend in response to submitters and queries raised at the hearing, we ask that the Officers please advise on the following matters as part of their Reply.

Rural land use

4. Please advise on the appropriate categorisation of provisions where they cross reference a 'P1S1 provision' e.g. Policy 8.2(d) which cross refers to Policy P108 (coastal provision).
5. At the hearing, it was discussed whether Schedule 36 and Schedule Z could be streamlined or somehow amalgamated. Please advise.
6. The issue of managing horses came up in the presentation from Mākara and Ohariu Residents. Please advise whether the PC1 provisions on 'managing livestock' e.g. Policy WH.P26 apply to horses, and if not, why not?
7. Please advise whether the operative plan or PC1 require consent for earthworks within riparian margins and how a riparian margin is defined.

Earthworks

8. As discussed at the hearing, please revise Rules WH.R23, P.R22 and the proposed new infrastructure-specific provisions so that the relationship between them is clear.
9. Please revise Policies WH.P29(e) and P.P27(e) to focus on the adverse effects of earthworks rather than minimising works during winter.

Forestry and vegetation clearance

10. We request further information on alternatives to restricted discretionary activity status in WH.R20 and P.R19, including the advantages and disadvantages of permitted, controlled and restricted discretionary activity status.
11. We request further information on:
 - a. the implications of WH.R20 and P.R19 containing a restrictive set of permitted activity standards,
 - b. whether these standards could allow for enforcement officers to provide feedback to forestry operators with regulatory implications if operators did not incorporate the feedback, and
 - c. whether permitted activity standards could allow for a council certification process.
12. Council's Reply is to be provided by 4pm on Tuesday 2 July 2025.

Date: 4 June 2025

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Chair
For and on behalf of
Freshwater Hearing Panel
Part 1, Schedule 1 Hearing Panel