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## Regional Policy Statement Proposed Change 1 Submission

### Submitter Details:

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1. We are not a trade competitor
2. We would like to be heard in support of our submission.
3. If others, make a similar submission we will consider presenting a joint case with them at the hearing.

### Submission Introduction

Guardians of the Bays (GOTB) is an incorporated society that represents concerned Wellington residents working to reduce the adverse effects that arise from Wellington airport on an isthmus surrounded by either sea or predominately residential neighbourhoods. GotB objectives are to reduce the adverse effects that arise from Wellington airport including proposed runway extensions, expansions, increased aircraft and land transport movements and other related activities on the environment. The adverse effects may include but are not limited to coastal reclamation, emissions, noise, stormwater, reduction of visual and landscape amenity and neighbourhood disruption.

### Submission Statements

Guardians of the Bays is making a submission on the general matters of the Regional Policy Statement Proposed Change 1

Our focus of support in the Regional Policy Statement Proposed Change I is on the issues related to climate change and where appropriate other changes to the Greater Wellington Regional Policy Statement.

1. We support the proposed changes to the RPS Chapter 3 Resource management issues, objectives and summary of policies and methods to achieve the objectives in the Regional Policy Statement.
2. We support the proposed changes to the RPS Chapter 3 introduction.
3. We support the insertion of Chapter 3.1A Climate Change including the Table 1A climate change objectives and titles of policies and methods to achieve the objectives.
  - a. We support under objective CC.3 the inclusion of Policy CC.2: Travel demand management plans in district plans – where councils requiring subdivision, use and development consent applications to provide ‘travel demand management plans’ to minimise reliance on private vehicles and maximise use of public

transport and active modes for all new subdivision, use and development where there is potential for a more than minor increase in private vehicles and of freight travel movements and associated increase in greenhouse gas emissions.

- b. We support the reduction in private motor vehicle transport.
4. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 3.3 Energy infrastructure and waste.
5. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 3.4 Fresh Water (including public access).
6. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 3.6 Indigenous ecosystems.
7. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 3.8 Natural hazards.
8. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 3.9 Regional form design and function.
  - a. We support councils ensuring more homes do not mean more green house emissions.
  - b. We suggest that the Wellington Regional Growth Framework Corridors consider a more inter-regional transport framework (primarily rail and sea) with less reliance on inter-regional connections that emit high greenhouse such as aviation through Wellington Airport.
9. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 4.1 Regulatory policies- direction to district and regional plans and Regional Land Transport Plan.
  - a. We support the new climate change topic and policies.
  - b. We suggest that the need for a policy on inter-regional, national and international transport framework (primarily rail and sea) with less reliance on inter-regional, national and international connections relying on high greenhouse emitting aviation through Wellington Airport.
10. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 4.2 Regulatory Policies – matters to be considered.
11. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 4.3 Allocation of responsibilities.
12. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 4.2 Non regulatory policies.
13. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 4.5 Methods to implement policies.
14. We support the proposed amendments to Chapter 5 Monitoring the Regional Policy Statement and progress towards anticipated environmental results.
15. We support the proposed insertion of Appendix 1A Limits to biodiversity offsetting and biodiversity compensation.
16. We support the proposed amendments to Appendix 3 Definitions.

Ngā mihi nui



Yvonne Weeber

**Chair of Guardians of the Bays**