

SUBMISSION ON GREATER WELLINGTON REGIONAL COUNCIL PROPOSED REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT

To: Greater Wellington Regional Council
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("Regional Council")

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("Submitter")

1. This is a submission on the Greater Wellington Regional Council Proposed Regional Policy Statement ("RPS").

1.1 The Submitter owns Paraparaumu Airport, is the Airport and Requiring Authority in respect of Paraparaumu Airport, and the proponent of a plan change approved by the Kapiti Coast District Council concerning Paraparaumu Airport. The plan change (Proposed Plan Change 73) is the subject of appeals currently before the Environment Court.

2. The Submitter supports the RPS except insofar as it fails to recognise that Paraparaumu Airport is a regionally significant item of infrastructure. In that respect and without limiting the generality of its submission or the relief sought by this submission the Submitter makes the following submissions:

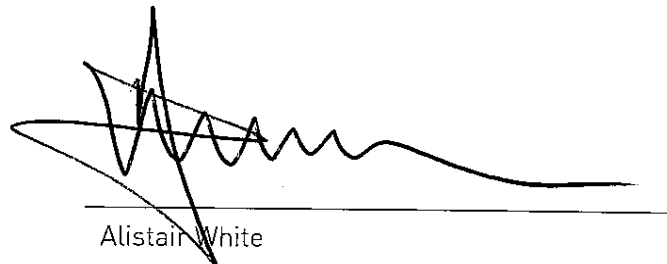
2.1 Paraparaumu Airport comprises approximately 126 hectares and is the subject of a specific zone in the Kapiti Coast District Council Operative District Plan and Proposed Plan Change 73. Paraparaumu Airport is a busy general aviation and training facility, is the closest alternative airport to Wellington International Airport and is important to pilots undertaking cross-country flights. The Submitter has recently undertaken improvements to Paraparaumu Airport and achieved certification from the Civil Aviation Authority. Significant further investment is planned in conjunction with Proposed Plan Change 73 including the lengthening of the primary runway to accommodate scheduled air transport services by Air New Zealand. Proposed Plan Change 73 enshrines the aviation core activities within a specific aviation precinct and enables non-aeronautical development beyond the aviation core. Revenue from the non-aeronautical development will assist in sustaining the retention and development of the core aviation functionality. Paraparaumu Airport is regionally significant in many ways and should be appropriately recognized as

such in the RPS. Its' retention as an airport is important and that is the primary objective of Proposed Plan Change 73. Paraparaumu Airport offers an alternative to Wellington International Airport notably in times of emergency, and opportunities for Wellington International Airport through the relocation of general aviation and other operations to Paraparaumu Airport. Further scheduled air transport services from Paraparaumu Airport will also reduce vehicular trips and the non aeronautical development of Paraparaumu Airport affords substantial employment and environmental benefit to the well-being of the regional community. Paraparaumu Airport should for instance be included as an item of regionally significant infrastructure in Policies 7 and 38 of the RPS.

3. **The Submitter seeks the appropriate recognition of Paraparaumu Airport as a regionally significant item of infrastructure and consequential changes to the RPS to that effect.**
4. **The Submitter wishes to be heard in support of this submission and would be prepared to consider participating jointly with another submitter.**

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