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Summary of submissions on the proposed Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region 2009

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1. Using this document

This report provides a summary of submissions received on the proposed Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region. The proposed Regional Policy Statement was publicly notified on 21 March 2009 and submissions closed on 8 June. In total 141 submissions were received.

Section 1.1 of this report lists all submitters, their allocated submission number and the submitter's address for service. Each submission has been broken down into separate key submission points. Section 1.1 also lists the sections in this Report where the submitter's points can be found.

Chapter 2 (sections 2.1 to 2.202) provides the summary of submissions. The first section (section 2.1) lists submissions summarised to the topic "Overall". The following sections (2.2 to 2.202) include submissions summarised to sections or provisions (issues, objectives, policies, methods, etc) in the proposed Regional Policy Statement. These are presented in the order as contained in the proposed Regional Policy Statement.

Any person may make a further submission supporting or opposing any submission/point outlined in this report. A further submission must be made on Form 6 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003, or similar.

A copy of the full submissions can also be viewed on, and downloaded from, Greater Wellington's website www.gw.govt.nz/rps. Or, if you would like a copy of a full submission sent to you, contact Tami Woods (telephone 04 801 1032) or email rps@gw.govt.nz.

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The closing date for further submissions is 4.00 pm, Friday 7 August 2009.

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48	Higgins Group Holding Ltd	Grey Norton	PO Box 1268 Palmerston North 4440	2.15, 2.27, 2.34, 2.69, 2.72, 2.75, 2.76, 2.135, 2.162, 2.177
49	Mr John Christopher Horne		28 Kaihuia Street Northland Wellington 6012	2.12, 2.13, 2.14, 2.19, 2.21, 2.27, 2.28, 2.34
50	Horticulture New Zealand	Chris Keenan	PO Box 10 232 Wellington 6143 chris.k@hortnz.co.nz	2.1, 2.2, 2.12, 2.15, 2.24, 2.27, 2.33, 2.34, 2.35, 2.38, 2.39, 2.40, 2.67, 2.68, 2.75, 2.76, 2.77, 2.78, 2.78, 2.85, 2.86, 2.87, 2.88, 2.93, 2.102, 2.107, 2.112, 2.114, 2.115, 2.116, 2.117, 2.118, 2.119, 2.130, 2.134, 2.138, 2.141, 2.143, 2.145, 2.146, 2.147, 2.151, 2.154, 2.156, 2.159, 2.162, 2.165, 2.167, 2.172, 2.174, 2.198, 2.202
51	Linda Hoyle		27 Bulls Run Road Pauatahanui RD 1 Porirua 5381	2.27, 2.80, 2.113, 2.164

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53	Joan Elizabeth Hutson		PO Box 40883 Upper Hutt 5140	2.104, 2.147
54	Michele Karen Johnston		8 Latham Road York Bay Lower Hutt 5013	2.104, 2.147
55	Kahungunu ki Wairarapa	Rawiri Smith	4 Park Avenue Masterton 5810 ra@kahungunuwairarapa.iwi.nz	2.1
56	Kapiti Coast District Council	Emily Thomson	Private Bag 601 Paraparaumu 5254	2.1, 2.12, 2.17, 2.27, 2.34, 2.38, 2.41, 2.43, 2.96, 2.97, 2.121, 2.140, 2.46, 2.51, 2.54, 2.59, 2.66, 2.77, 2.78, 2.80, 2.86, 2.87, 2.88, 2.90, 2.92, 2.93, 2.102, 2.104, 2.110, 2.116, 2.119, 2.125, 2.130, 2.134, 2.141, 2.163 2.165
57	Neville William Kean		272 Mangaroa Valley Road Mangaroa Valley RD 1 Upper Hutt 5371 kean@paradise.net.nz	2.104, 2.147
58	Marilyn Sally Kean		272 Mangaroa Valley Road Mangaroa Valley RD1 Upper Hutt 5371 kean@paradise.net.nz	2.104, 2.147
59	Kevin Kirk		8 McLaren Street Mangaroa Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147

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60	Beryl Kirk		8 MacLaren Street Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
61	Kirkcaldie and Stains Ltd	John Milford	PO Box 1494 Wellington 6140	2.54
62	Kiwi Property Holding Ltd	Sonja Hancock	C/- Barker and Associates Ltd. PO Box 37806 Parnell Auckland 1151 sonjaH@barker.co.nz	2.55, 2.56, 2.57, 2.58, 2.103, 2.171, 2.194
63	Sean Knight		2A Maclaren Street Maymorn Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
64	Sara Knight		2A Maclaren Street Maymorn Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
65	Korokoro Environment Group	Vanessa Browne	30 Stanhope Grove Korokoro Lower Hutt 5012 Vanessa_Browne@URSCorp.com	2.26, 2.33, 2.38, 2.82, 2.84, 2.125, 2.127, 2.140, 2.143, 2.153, 2.178
66	Lower Hutt Forest and Bird Protection Society	Russell Bell	rbell@slingshot.co.nz	2.1, 2.45, 2.85, 2.90, 2.96, 2.97, 2.98, 2.109, 2.114, 2.116, 2.117, 2.121, 2.125, 2.126, 2.127
67	Shona McCahon		74 Collier Avenue Karori Wellington 6012	2.98, 2.100
68	Makara Guardians Incorporated	Jenny Jorgensen	ralph_jenny@paradise.net.nz	2.31, 2.113, 2.130
69	Makara Ohariu Community Board	Ruth Paul	ruth@ruthpaul.co.nz	2.15, 2.31, 2.113, 2.130
70	Michael John		Colletts Farm Colletts Road RD 1	2.104, 2.147

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71	Adrienne Marfell-Jones		60 Colletts Road RD 1 Upper Hutt 5371	2.104, 2.147
72	Marlborough District Council	Pere Hawes	PO Box 443 Blenheim 7240	2.10
73	John and Julie Martin		Gillans Valley Farm PO Box 41076 Eastbourne 5047	2.77, 2.78, 2.98, 2.127
74	Masterton District Council	Susan Southey	PO Box 444 Masterton 5840 sues@mstn.govt.nz	2.12, 2.24, 2.26, 2.34, 2.76, 2.80, 2.84, 2.85, 2.85, 2.85, 2.89, 2.90, 2.92, 2.113
75	John Charles and Mary McGuinness		Flat Point Station Private Bag 416 Masterton 5840	2.89
76	Sam McLean		2 McLaren Street Mangaroa Valley 5018	2.104, 2.147
77	Isaac Hamiora McLean		2 MacLaren Street Mangaroa 5018	2.104, 2.147
78	Ranea McLean		2 McLaren Street Mangaroa Valley 5018	2.104, 2.147
79	Robert John McLellan		7 Paton Street Mangaroa Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
80	Lynne McLellan		12 Paton Street Mangaroa Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
81	Pamela Joy Meekings-Stewart		The Woolshed 144 Muri Road Pukeura Bay Porirua 5026	2.99, 2.129, 2.130, 2.143

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82	Meridian Energy Limited	Richard Turner	PO Box 2454 Christchurch 8140 richard.turner@meridianenergy.co.nz	2.22, 2.23, 2.25, 2.27, 2.28, 2.31, 2.32, 2.34, 2.38, 2.40, 2.46, 2.48, 2.65, 2.77, 2.80, 2.81, 2.84, 2.85, 2.86, 2.90, 2.91, 2.93, 2.93, 2.96, 2.96, 2.98, 2.100, 2.102, 2.108, 2.109, 2.110, 2.113, 2.114, 2.117, 2.121, 2.123, 2.124, 2.130, 2.182, 2.186, 2.188, 2.191, 2.192, 2.195, 2.202
83	Mighty River Power	Jo-Anne Munro	PO Box 445 Hamilton 3240 jo-anne.munro@mightyriver.co.nz	2.1, 2.3, 2.17, 2.23, 2.27, 2.31, 2.32, 2.34, 2.34, 2.36, 2.38, 2.43, 2.45, 2.46, 2.48, 2.54, 2.77, 2.78, 2.80, 2.81, 2.85, 2.86, 2.88, 2.91, 2.93, 2.96, 2.97, 2.98, 2.99, 2.101, 2.110, 2.113, 2.114, 2.115, 2.117, 2.121, 2.123, 2.124, 2.127, 2.129, 2.136, 2.157, 2.162, 2.164, 2.175, 2.200
84	Richard John Moore		7 Frankie Stevens Place Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
85	David Murray		266 Mangaroa Valley Road Upper Hutt 5371	2.104, 2.147
86	New Zealand Defence Force	Sally Marx	C/- Tonkin and Taylor Limited. PO Box 2083 Wellington 6140 smarx@tonkin.co.nz	2.12, 2.13, 2.29, 2.32, 2.75, 2.80, 2.81, 2.95, 2.107, 2.113, 2.120, 2.138, 2.202
87	New Zealand Historic Places	Rakesh Mistry	PO Box 19173 Wellington 6149	2.17, 2.22, 2.23, 2.24, 2.26, 2.42, 2.48, 2.58, 2.60, 2.61, 2.62, 2.63, 2.64, 2.88,

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	Trust		rmistry@historic.org.nz	2.90, 2.94, 2.95, 2.96, 2.98, 2.99, 2.100, 2.103, 2.104, 2.120, 2.122, 2.127, 2.128, 2.129, 2.142, 2.143, 2.147, 2.148, 2.150, 2.155, 2.158, 2.163, 2.168
88	New Zealand Pork Industry	Elizabeth McGruddy	IFNHH Massey University Private Bag 11 222 Palmerston North 4442 e.mcgruddy@massey.ac.nz	2.11, 2.12
89	New Zealand Winegrowers	Kristy Newland	kristy@nzwine.com	2.1, 2.134
90	Kevin Nicol		C/- WO and SGTS Mess Trentham Military Camp Upper Hutt	2.104, 2.147
91	NZ Transport Agency	Selwyn Blackmore	PO Box 5084 Lambton Quay Wellington 6145 Selwyn.blackmore@nzta.govt.nz	2.2, 2.17, 2.27, 2.29, 2.54, 2.57, 2.74, 2.80, 2.81, 2.82, 2.113, 2.128, 2.129, 2.130, 2.131, 2.132, 2.133, 2.149
92	Oil Companies	Karen Blair	C/- Burton Planning Consultants Ltd. PO Box 33 817 Takapuna Auckland 0740 kblair@burtonconsultants.co.nz	2.17, 2.22, 2.23, 2.51, 2.52, 2.80, 2.81, 2.102, 2.107, 2.113, 2.167, 2.193, 2.202, 2.159
93	Robert Orriss		1118 Maymorn Road Maymorn Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
94	Paraparaumu Airport Ltd	Alistair White	C/- Planning Focus Limited. PO Box 911361 Auckland 1142 aw@planningfocus.co.nz	2.27
95	Pauatahanui Inlet Community Trust	Philippa Richardson	pipandcheryl@xtra.co.nz	2.22, 2.197, 2.200

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96	Joan Margaret Perry		167 Parkes Line Road Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
97	Robert Edward Perry		167 Parkes Line Road Maymorn Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
98	Chris Peterson		Mt Holdsworth RD 1 Carterton 5791	2.1
99	Keith James Pittams		4 Tapestry Grove Upper Hutt 5019	2.104, 2.147
100	Porirua City Council	Sam Price	PO Box 50218 Cobham Court Porirua City 5240 sprice@pcc.govt.nz	2.1, 2.17, 2.31, 2.34, 2.46, 2.54, 2.59, 2.66, 2.75, 2.77, 2.78, 2.80, 2.84, 2.89, 2.90, 2.93, 2.94, 2.95, 2.96, 2.97, 2.98, 2.99, 2.100, 2.101, 2.102, 2.103, 2.107, 2.108, 2.109, 2.116, 2.119, 2.120, 2.121, 2.127, 2.128, 2.129, 2.133, 2.140, 2.152, 2.162, 2.165, 2.167, 2.169, 2.173, 2.176, 2.195, 2.201
101	Preserve Pauatahanui Incorporated	Diane Strugnell	805 Moonshine Road RD 1 Porirua 5381 strugnell@xtra.co.nz	2.27, 2.28, 2.80, 2.113, 2.147, 2.164
102	June Ralston		8 Satara Crescent Khandallah 6035	2.104, 2.147
103	Sarah Ratana		20 Delaware Grove Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
104	Ravensdown Fertiliser Co-operative Limited	Chris Hansen	C/- SKM Ltd. PO Box 10283 Wellington 6143 cahansen@skm.co.nz	2.48, 2.58, 2.72, 2.75, 2.135, 2.167, 2.175, 2.177
105	Regional Public	Esther Willing	Private Bag 31907 Lower Hutt 5040	2.75, 2.85, 2.180, 2.202

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107	Scott Rose		PO Box 3014 Wellington 6140	2.104, 2.147
108	Jacqui Roy		21 Bucknell Street Christchurch 8042	2.104, 2.147
109	David Scott		7/381 Kapiti Road Paraparaumu Beach 5032	2.34
110	Mary Helen Sheppard		CMB 50 Kaitoke Upper Hutt	2.104, 2.147
111	Robyn Smith		43 Collets Road Mangaroa Valley RD 1 Upper Hutt 5371	2.104, 2.147
112	South Wairarapa District Council	Adrienne Staples	PO Box 6 Martinborough 5741	2.1, 2.5, 2.15, 2.16, 2.17, 2.23, 2.24, 2.27, 2.31, 2.34, 2.38, 2.41, 2.54, 2.59, 2.74, 2.80, 2.82, 2.87, 2.89, 2.94, 2.96, 2.98, 2.100, 2.103, 2.199, 2.202
113	Diane and Mike Strugnell		805 Moonshine Road RD 1 Porirua 5381 strugnell@xtra.co.nz	2.27, 2.46
114	Tararua Tramping Club	Michael Taylor	PO Box 1008 Wellington 1 ttc-secretary@ttc.org.nz	2.4, 2.5, 2.7, 2.11, 2.17, 2.21, 2.34, 2.43, 2.45, 2.46, 2.76, 2.77, 2.99, 2.101, 2.110, 2.127, 2.187
115	Robert Wilfred Teal		1 MacLaren Street Mangaroa 5018	2.104, 2.147
116	Theresa Tetteroo		6 Paton Street Maymorn 5018	2.104, 2.147
117	The Energy	Rose Feary	PO Box 388 Wellington 6140	2.4, 2.5, 2.9, 2.12, 2.17, 2.27, 2.28,

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118	The Hutt Valley Angling Club	Dan Waechter	4 Burns Grove Trentham Upper Hutt 5018	2.90, 2.117, 2.199
119	The Hutt Valley Angling Club Inc	Glen Evans	14B Bloomfield Terrace Lower Hutt 5010 glen@evans.net	2.93, 2.147
120	Keith Martyn Thompson		159 Parkes Line Road Maymorn Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
121	Carolina Thompson		159 Parkes Line Road Mangaroa Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
122	Thompson Family Trust	Keith Thompson	167c Parkes Line Road Upper Hutt 5018	2.104, 2.147
123	Transpower NZ Limited	Karen Blair	C/- Burton Planning Consultants Ltd. PO Box 33817 Takapuna Auckland 0740 kblair@burtonconsultants.co.nz	2.1, 2.2, 2.10, 2.17, 2.22, 2.23, 2.27, 2.42, 2.48, 2.51, 2.52, 2.54, 2.58, 2.80, 2.81, 2.100, 2.101, 2.102, 2.108, 2.113, 2.113, 2.124, 2.146, 2.147, 2.157, 2.167, 2.178, 2.186, 2.193, 2.193, 2.202
124	Trustpower Limited	Robert Schofield	C/- Boffa Miskell Ltd. PO Box 11340 Wellington 6142 robert.schofield@boffamiskell.co.nz	2.5, 2.8, 2.17, 2.22, 2.27, 2.28, 2.29, 2.31, 2.32, 2.33, 2.37, 2.46, 2.77, 2.78, 2.80, 2.81, 2.84, 2.85, 2.88, 2.90, 2.92, 2.93, 2.96, 2.97, 2.99, 2.100, 2.102, 2.107, 2.109, 2.110, 2.111, 2.113, 2.118, 2.119, 2.121, 2.175, 2.202

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125	Upper Hutt City Council	Mr Mitch Lewandowski	Private Bag 907 Upper Hutt 5140	2.1, 2.51, 2.52, 2.53, 2.89, 2.102, 2.104, 2.146
126	Vector	Darryl McMillan	Private Bag 2020 New Plymouth 4342 darryl.mcmillan@vector.co.nz	2.1, 2.81
127	Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Trust	Geoff Copps	PO Box 10347 Wellington 6143 geoff.copps@growwellington.co.nz	2.6, 2.34, 2.49, 2.66, 2.85, 2.86, 2.92, 2.118, 2.141
128	Paula Warren		Flat 2, 1 Wesley Road Kelburn Wellington 6012 pwarren@doc.govt.nz	2.17, 2.82, 2.83
129	Watersmart Ltd	Steven Roberts	steven@watersmart.co.nz	2.89, 2.92
130	Wellington Botanical Society	Bev Abbott	40 Pembroke Road Northland Wellington 6012 bevabbott@xtra.co.nz	2.7, 2.9, 2.43, 2.43, 2.45, 2.96, 2.121, 2.179, 2.191, 2.202
131	Wellington City Council	Luke Troy	PO Box 2199. Wellington 6140	2.12, 2.17, 2.27, 2.34, 2.41, 2.43, 2.46, 2.49, 2.54, 2.59, 2.66, 2.74, 2.77, 2.79, 2.98, 2.99, 2.100, 2.101, 2.108, 2.110, 2.114, 2.124, 2.125, 2.166
132	Wellington Conservation Board	Bronwyn Bell	PO Box 5086 Wellington 6145 bbell@doc.govt.nz	2.1, 2.2, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.146, 2.179, 2.187, 2.191
133	Wellington Fish and Game Council	Corina Jodi Jordon	PO Box 1325 Palmerston North 4440 c.jordan@wellingtonfishgame.org.nz	2.1, 2.11, 2.12, 2.18, 2.21, 2.26, 2.27, 2.34, 2.35, 2.36, 2.37, 2.38, 2.39, 2.40, 2.41, 2.43, 2.46, 2.49, 2.54, 2.59, 2.66, 2.85, 2.91, 2.187, 2.188, 2.189, 2.199, 2.200

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134	Wellington International Airport Limited	Mike Brown	PO Box 14175 Wellington 6241 mike.brown@wellingtonairport.co.nz	2.12, 2.17, 2.32, 2.54, 2.59, 2.80, 2.81
135	Wellington Police	Erin Chalk	C/- Opus International Consultants. PO Box 12 003 Wellington 6144 erin.chalk@opus.co.nz	2.1, 2.58, 2.103, 2.104, 2.129, 2.130
136	Wellington Residents Coalition	Ian Dysdale	283H Rintoul Street Wellington South 6023	2.34
137	Wellington Surf Riders Club Inc	Michael Gunson	17b Jasmine Grove Maungaraki Lower Hutt 5010 wgn.surfriders@gmail.com	2.17
138	Westfield New Zealand Ltd	Bianca Tree	C/- BIJ Cowper/ BJ Tree. Cowper Cambell. PO Box 3399 Auckland 1140 bianca.tree@cowpercampbell.co.nz	2.1, 2.8, 2.10, 2.54, 2.54, 2.56, 2.58, 2.103, 2.104, 2.129, 2.131, 2.132, 2.133
139	Ian Peter and Anne Marie Wood		PO Box 40820 Upper Hutt 5140	2.104, 2.147
140	Xia Zhangji		184A Knights Road Lower Hutt 5011	2.104, 2.147
141	Shear Hard Work	Julie and Danny Perkins	306 Main Road North, Paekakariki	2.27, 2.98, 2.101, 2.202
142	Pritchard Group Ltd	Bryce Holmes	20 Addington Road, RD1, Otaki 5581 b.holmes@prtichardgroup.co.nz	2.102
143	Julie Martin Teanor		PO Box 40043, Upper Hutt 5140	2.104, 2.147

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144	Martin & Anne Meacham		35 Nikau Street, Eastbourne, Lower Hutt	2.1

2. Summary of submissions, by topic in the proposed Regional Policy Statement

2.1 Overall

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15	1	Sought that consequential amendments and cross references throughout the Regional Policy Statement be made to reflect changes made in response to giving effect to the submitters submission. Sought that as a consequence of amendments, that appropriate changes be made to the AERs and methods to reflect the changes sought.
15	2	Sought that an adequate Section 32 analysis be undertaken that recognises the changes needed to the Regional Policy Statement sought by the submitter
15	3	Sought that the Regional Policy Statement be withdrawn in its entirety. Alternatively, if the Regional Policy Statement proceeds, sought that the points of relief set out in their submission, together with other necessary consequential and supporting amendments be undertaken.
25	1	Stated concerns that farming is not recognised as a legitimate and valuable land use, which may result in many policies potentially being interpreted to disallow farming.
25	2	Stated that the Regional Policy Statement should recognise farms are managed as 'grass factories' not parks. Stated that the Regional and District Councils' concerns should be limited to making sure they are safe workplaces and their outputs are not having an adverse effect on the environment.
25	3	Stated that the document largely fails to take into account economic wellbeing. Stated that economic wellbeing is considered in the issues and objectives for sections 3.3, 3.9, and 3.11 but should also be considered in other sections.
26	1	Sought further relief or alternative relief as is appropriate to give effect to the relief sought by the submitter (including any consequential changes to relevant sections).
33	1	Stated that the proposed Regional Policy Statement was generally much improved and overall much stronger and more straightforward, though still with some jargon.

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33	2	Stated concern regarding the objectives, policies, and methods being split up and discussed in different sections. Concerned that this may lead to important matters being missed.
39	2	Sought in order to support the life supporting capacity of ecosystems, that all aerial application of 1080 be stopped.
39	3	Sought in the interests of public health, that the practice of water fluoridation be stopped
44	1	The submitter raised the following matters: 1. Protection of land, rivers and streams 2. Support for people in communities 3. Putting youths into community employment And, asked which is more important, people or the environment?
45	1	Sought that any existing provisions in the Regional Policy Statement that encourage the development of the Great Harbour Way be kept, or modified to further support the development of the Great Harbour Way. Stated that where other parts of the Regional Policy Statement could be amended to support the early facilitation of the public access route "Greater Harbour Way", such changes were supported. Opposed any provisions that discourage the development of the Great Harbour Way.
50	1	Sought reformatting of the document so that all policies and methods relating to an issue are grouped with the issue and objectives.
50	2	Sought more guidance and description around the term Mauri and how it is proposed to apply.
55	1	Expressed concern that only 3 of the 69 policies refer to Mauri directly. Stated that two of the policies are places where you would expect to find Maori considerations (policy 47 and 48). The other is policy 15. In addition only one method makes reference. Kahungunu ki Wairarapa sought to see that other policies where Mauri is a part of the mutual benefits that Mauri is explicitly listed and recommends that Greater Wellington Regional Council widen the scope of its methodologies to include Kaupapa Maori methods amongst its staff.
56	1	Concerned that the Kapiti Coast does not receive sufficient attention from the Regional Council. Considered that there is research and monitoring is not adequately resourced by the Regional Council. Noted that many of the anticipated environmental outcomes include goals that are a significant step up from the current situation. These were supported but suggested more immediate interim or step goals. Supported direction of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement and the more directive and focused approach when compared with the

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		Operative Regional Policy Statement and the layout which is structured simply and is easy for a layperson to understand. Concerned that implementing the objectives and policies will have significant resource costs for both Council and Iwi. Sought consideration being given to how Greater Wellington can help financially support these initiatives, especially Iwi management plans, along with research and monitoring. Noted that the Proposed Policy Statement timeframes associated with policies directing District Plans may need to be changed as a result of the proposed Resource Management Act 1991 Amendments.
66	1	Stated that Regional Policy Statement was pro-development and needed to include more positive statements about enhancing the natural world such as prevention of destruction, stronger protection and restoration (see submission for more detailed statements). Requested Greater Wellington take the lead in environmental restoration and offer support in initiatives.
83	1	Supported in part. Sought retention of the themes throughout the Regional Policy Statement contained within the national energy policy (See submission for details).
83	2	Sought retention of the policies that provide direction for regional and district plans to include policies, methods, and rules that protect the region's natural and physical resources from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.
89	1	Noted that the Greater Wellington region, particularly Martinborough and the Wairarapa, is a wine growing region. However, the local wine industry is particularly sensitive to growth, especially rural residential development, which without proper controls, has the potential to accelerate the loss of productive soils in the region and compromise limited existing water supplies. Inappropriate development within rural areas may also raise reverse sensitivity issues, where conflict arises between the effect of existing rural activities and the expectations of new residents. Stated that it is therefore crucial that the proposed Regional Policy Statement recognises and supports the wine industry's role within the Wellington region.
98	1	Generally supported proposed Regional Policy Statement. In particular supported sentiment expressed in Chairs Forward. Sought that not too many concessions were made during the submission process

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100	1	<p>Supported the Proposed Regional Policy Statement, subject to the matters specifically raised in the submission. In particular, the following general aspects were supported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong regional directives • The inclusion of regulatory and non-regulatory policies and methods • Guidance for the application of regulatory policies • Methods that seek integrated management • The inclusion of regional form, design and function; and • The emphasis on reducing and removing the discharge of contaminants and sediment to waterways and the coastal environment.
112	1	<p>Supported the structure, general direction and the more focused approach compared to the operative Regional Policy Statement. Stated that provides more clarity for planners implementing the district plan. Considered the majority are being already being dealt with in their Proposed VVairarapa Combined.</p>
123	1	<p>Sought that the proposed Regional Policy Statement be amended to make changes detailed in the submission, to ensure:</p> <p>That the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission is given effect to;</p> <p>The sustainable management of the National Grid as a physical resource;</p> <p>Appropriate provision for the ongoing operation and maintenance of the network, including ensuring that lines can be accessed;</p> <p>That the existing network can be upgraded in order to meet growth in energy demand;</p> <p>The protection of the existing network from issues of reverse sensitivity and the effects of others' activities; and</p> <p>appropriate provision for the planning and development of new lines.</p>
123	2	<p>Sought: A. Any additions, deletions or consequential amendments necessary as a result of the matters raised in the submission.</p> <p>B. Adoption of any other such relief as to give effect to the submission.</p>
125	1	<p>Supported the structure and layout of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement, and acknowledged the consideration given to making the document clear and useable.</p> <p>Noted, in principle, support for the majority of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement as notified, but submitted in detail on a limited number of aspects of the Regional Policy Statement to which it were opposed, or on aspects to which were supported.</p>

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126	1	Sought that: (a) the Proposed Regional Policy Statement be adopted subject to the specific amendments sought by the submitter, or amendments which give effect to the submitters concerns as set out in the submission ; and (b) Any other consequential amendments are made.
132	1	Sought that assurance be given in the final version of the Regional Policy Statement that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Council has identified likely trends in human and environmental pressures in the region in the next 10-years, • its policies and methods have taken account of these, and • it is ready to allocate priorities and manage their impacts where needed.
133	1	Supported the whole of catchment approach promoted within the Proposed Policy Statement.
135	1	Sought the terms 'social infrastructure' and 'essential social services' including access to emergency services are defined and included in all relevant objectives and policies.
138	1	Stated that the Regional Policy Statement was generally supported insofar as it promotes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Integrated planning between the territorial authorities within the Region. (b) The efficient use of existing investment and infrastructure. (c) The vibrancy and viability of regionally significant centres. Westfield specifically supports the following provisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Issues Section 3.3, pg 28-29, objective 10 and policies 6 and 7 (b) Issues Section 3.9, pg 57, 2nd Paragraph (c) Issues Section 3.9, pg 57, 5th Paragraph (d) objective 10, Table 3, pg 31, Policy 6, pg 83 and Policy 7, pg 84 (e) Non regulatory methods 41 and 42
144	1	Sought that the submitter's private land be excluded from within the boundaries of the Regional Focus Area.

2.2 Chapter 1 Introduction

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	3	Sought the inclusion of a statement in Chapter One outlining the importance of rural production land activities in the Wellington Region, and directly recognise the social, economic and cultural benefits that derive from rural production activities. Support the issue statement with appropriate objectives and policies in the Regional Policy Statement.
91	1	Requested that the Land Transport Management Act be added to the list of companion statutes on page 5.
123	3	Sought retention, without modification, the recognition of the NSET in section 1.3 and the reference to NSET in section 1.3.
132	2	Sought a specific mention in the Regional Policy Statement of the advantages of a joint approach with Department of Conservation on biodiversity, pest and ecosystems management and a stated intention to explore this.

2.3 Section 1.1 Setting the scene

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
83	3	Sought that the second to last paragraph be amended to read ‘...promoting the sustainable management of natural and physical resources. In this connection it is not appropriate to consider only those provisions addressing the adverse effects of activities, without consideration of those provisions which address the benefits of activities, and vice versa. Whether in relation to Regional and District Plan preparation, or the consideration of resource consent applications and notices of requirement, the weight to be given to competing objectives and policies must be determined on a case by case basis.’

2.4 Section 1.2 The purpose and content of the Regional Policy Statement

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
114	1	Stated that the Statement should be, and is, doing more than just "outlining the policies and methods required to achieve the integrated management of the region's natural and physical resources". That is not the wording the Act uses. Noted that the very next page says 62(1)(d) & (e) require the Statement to state (not just "outline") the policies and methods (excluding rules). Sought that "outlining" be replaced by "providing" or at least be deleted.
117	1	Sought amendments to section 1.2 to include reference to section 31 of the Resource Management Act 1991. But, stated that the Council's functions under s30 of the Resource Management Act 1991 were of particular relevance, and in particular functions under section 30(1)(g)(b).

2.5 Section 1.3 The resource management policy and planning framework

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
112	2	Page 4. Last paragraph: Stated that Wellington Regional Council should be referred to as the "Greater Wellington Regional Council". Page 9, paragraphs 5 & 6: sought same as the above.
112	3	Stated that it would be useful to have a list of all the Regional Plans in the Regional Plans section - the Coastal Plan, the Soil Plan, the Freshwater Environment Plan, the Discharge to Land Plan and the Air Quality Plan.
112	4	Sought that the relationship between the Regional Policy Statement and the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy should be stated more clearly.
114	2	Sought that "of natural and physical resources" be inserted after "sustainable management" properly to reflect the purpose of the Act 5(1).
117	2	Sought retention of reference to the New Zealand Energy Strategy, New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy and the Renewable Energy Assessment for the Wellington Region, but amendments to section 1.3 as follows:

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		<p>“Similarly, policies and methods within this Regional Policy Statement that relate to infrastructure and energy are drawn from the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission and the Proposed National Policy on Renewable Electricity Generation.”</p> <p>“There are a number of other national strategies promulgated by central government and its agencies that are not prepared under the Resource Management Act 1991.”</p> <p>“Documents which informed this Regional Policy Statement include the New Zealand Energy Strategy to 2050 (2007) and, the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (2007) including the target of 90% renewable electricity by 2025”</p>
124	1	<p>Sought amendments as follows: ‘Two other National Policy Statements have also been proposed. One concerns renewable electricity generation, the other is about freshwater management. Both have been released for public consultation and Boards of Inquiry have been appointed to hear submissions. Consistent with the Region’s significant renewable energy potential, the Regional Policy Statement seeks to provide a framework for both recognising and providing for the national benefits of renewable electricity generation activities consistent with the proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Electricity Generation.’ And consequential changes.</p>

2.6 Chapter 2 Promoting sustainable management in the Wellington region

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
127	1	Supported the concept of management on a water catchment basis.
132	3	Sought inclusion of a sub-section entitled Natural Outcomes for the Wellington Region.

2.7 Section 2.1 A sustainable region

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
39	1	Sought, on page 7, that the word "overly" be omitted.
114	3	Sought that "only" be inserted after "but" before "in such a way" to match the requirement of the Act through the "while" which introduces 5(2)(a)(b)(c).
130	1	Requested deletion of 'and are not overly degraded' from paragraph 3, and deletion of any other statements implying that council can make decisions that allow degradation of the life-supporting capacity of ecosystems as long as it is not overly degraded by that decision.
132	4	Page 7 Sought inclusion of alternative wording in paragraph 2: "In other words, natural and physical resources may be used and developed by people and communities to provide for their economic, social and cultural well-being, and health and safety, but in such a way that ensures natural resources are conserved for future generations, and the life-supporting capacity of ecological systems is retained or restored (remainder deleted)."

2.8 Section 2.3 Community outcomes for the Wellington region

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
124	2	Sought an amendment as follows: 'Council and the region's city and district councils to support the achievement of this region's community outcomes. We can aim to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by reducing the use of fossil fuels for transport – for example, by investing in better public transport, encouraging more walking and cycling, reducing the need for travel, and steering development to achieve more integrated land use. In addition, renewable energy generation also reduces gas emissions by reducing the use of fossil fuels.' And consequential changes.
132	5	Sought inclusion of the following community outcome: "Involvement: communities recognise the importance of ecosystem health and natural resource conservation"

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		and are involved in care and stewardship of places they value." Stated that if the new outcomes suggested has already been set through a different process than the Regional Policy Statement that the points in the submission need to be acknowledged in some other way in the Regional Policy Statement.
138	2	Stated that the community outcomes should be amended to include an additional sentence as follows (or words to like effect): 'Prosperous community- all members of our community prosper from a strong and growing economy. A thriving business sector attracts and retains a skilled and productive workforce'. Existing centres of business and retail activity are sustained or enhanced.'

2.9 Section 2.4 Integrating the management of our natural and physical resources

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	4	Stated that the whole of catchment approach was supported. A catchment level is an appropriate level to deal with land based issues.
35	1	Asked that the Wellington Regional Council put the proposed Regional Policy Statement on hold to better investigate ways to implement the stated intention of adopting a whole of catchment approach. Stated that this will require extensive consultation with stakeholder groups and could potentially change the dynamics of the proposed plan. Stated that in the interim amendments must be made so that the concept of integrated catchment management is clearly stated as an overriding principle for policy implementation.
117	3	Sought the following amendment to section 2.4 as follows: "A prime role of the Regional Policy Statement is to integrate management of the natural and physical resources of the region in response to issues of national and regional significance, including those issues of significance to Iwi authorities..." "Integrated management is relevant to managing the inter-relationships between infrastructure and its associated services and any natural resource associated with it. Infrastructure provision creates a range of positive effects and benefits. For example, an affordable, reliable and secure energy system which utilises

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
		renewable energy resources is necessary to underpin community wellbeing. In this regard, the region has significant renewable energy resources. Integrated management also relevant to productive enterprise in rural areas and the natural resources upon which these enterprises rely.”
130	2	Requested the discussion on ecosystems be removed from section 3.6 and inserted in section 2.4. Requested including the term ‘ecosystem services’ in section 2.4, with an associated definition. Also requested amending the definition of ecosystem to ‘a biological system comprising a community of living organism and its associated non-living environment, interacting as an ecological unit’

2.10 Section 2.5 Application of the Regional Policy Statement across physical and jurisdictional boundaries

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
72	1	Stated that it may be appropriate to consider biosecurity as a cross boundary matter within the Regional Policy Statement. Stated that a decision to incorporate this cross boundary matter into the Regional Policy Statement could involve the inclusion of regional objectives and policies relating to biosecurity management and containment, and biosecurity management methods including communication and collaboration with Marlborough District Council associated with these issues.
123	4	Sought that section 2.5 be amended to clearly identify the need for a consistent approach to be taken to lineal network utilities, including the National Grid. This could be achieved by including text to the following effect: "Promote a collaborative and consistent approach to managing regionally significant infrastructure that crosses zone and/or territorial authority boundaries."
138	3	Page 12, 5th bullet point. Supported recognition of this issue, but recommended a minor amendment to change ‘and’ to ‘and/or’.

2.11 Chapter 3 Resource management issues, objectives and summary of policies and methods to achieve the objectives

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
88	1	Stated that the Minister for the Environment has stated national priorities as being climate change, fresh water and biodiversity, in that order and that the Regional Policy Statement would benefit from a similar prioritisation of the list on pg 13 to help inform effective investments in succeeding stages
114	4	Stated that the Statement was inconsistent in its explicit inclusion of public access in headings regarding the coastal environment and fresh water. The draft made it explicit with "(including public access to and along)" in both cases in the content list but not in the actual (2.2 & 2.4) headings. Noted that the Statement has corrected that by having the (3.2 & 3.4) headings match the content list. Noted that "to and along" has been dropped and although that phrase makes the issue clearer, did not oppose that change as the wording was awkward and that detail is available indirectly from the Act. However, stated that enclosing the requirement in parentheses tends to imply it is of comparatively low importance so sought that the parentheses around "including public access" be removed. Additionally sought that "including public access" be added to these items in the list on page 13.
133	2	Supported the identified regionally significant resource management issues.

2.12 Section 3.1 Air quality

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	4	Sought addition of a new Issue to Section 3.1 as follows: 3. Reverse Sensitivity Effects Reverse Sensitivity effects can arise where sensitive activities locate in close proximity to discharging activities. Such conflict can result in the discharging activity being forced to shut down, relocate or significantly alter its operations.
27	1	Opposed section. Stated that the Regional Policy Statement did not consider landowner rights and that there was no compensation to landowners who are affected.

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33	3	<p>Stated that the objectives and policies sound sensible and comprehensive.</p> <p>Sought clarification of whether the implications of air quality in neighbouring airsheds, the effect of wind, and cumulative impacts are considered in the policies regarding individual airsheds.</p> <p>Sought clarification of whether noise is considered under air quality.</p>
35	2	<p>Sought amendment to the introduction to include the following paragraph (or words to this effect):</p> <p>At times primary production activities will generate effects such as noise, odour and dust - residents living in the rural environment should therefore reasonably expect amenity values to be modified by such effects</p>
49	1	<p>Sought addition of a reference to exhaust emissions as per the previous Regional Policy Statement (1995) into para 2.</p>
49	2	<p>Sought addition of the contribution to the total global greenhouse gas emissions, page 15, para 3 point 3.</p>
50	4	<p>Sought that Issue 1, objective 1 and policies 1 and 2 be amended to include the potential reverse sensitivity effects of off target agrichemical spray drift.</p> <p>Sought that need to ensure that the Regional Policy Statement provides mechanisms to address linkages between regional and district plan where there is overlap and potential for confusion.</p>
56	2	<p>Generally supported the issues identified relating to Air Quality. Agreed with objectives 1 and 2 Supported the proposed regulatory as well as non-regulatory methods to manage health impacts of fine particles as requested in Council's submission on the Draft Regional Policy Statement. Therefore supported policies 1 & 2 and the methods proposed.</p> <p>However, were concerned that there has been no monitoring of air quality in the Kapiti District. Noted that due to this lack of monitoring it is not known whether this is a significant issue for the District. Strongly requested that air quality monitoring be undertaken to enable early identification of any air quality issues and to ensure these issues can be addressed to meet the air quality standard by 2013. Noted that this point was also made in the Council's submission on the Draft Regional Policy Statement.</p>
74	5	<p>Sought that the wording in the Air Quality chapter includes recognition of the economic and social benefits of the primary production sector.</p>
86	1	<p>Sought retention of the intent of the Air Quality Issues and Air Quality objectives 1 and 2.</p>

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88	2	Asked for the reference to 'factory farming' on pg 15 be 'tidied up' as per the reasons noted in the submitters submission on the draft Regional Policy Statement (see attachment to full submission).
117	4	Sought the addition of the following to section 3.1: "There is potential in the region for the use of cleaner fuels combined with modern burning technologies which utilise wood pellets, firewood, fire-logs and wood chips in residential and commercial wood burners. These can reduce fine particulate matter compared with non-renewable fuels, displace carbon dioxide emissions and improve local amenity."
131	1	Supported the objectives, policies and methods relating to this topic.
133	3	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to the maintenance of air quality throughout the Greater Wellington Region and sought that they be retained.
134	1	Stated that air quality and visibility are critical concerns for the Airport. Requested that the general discussion in section 3.1 be amended to reflect the effect visibility has on airport operations. Also requested that policies be correspondingly amended and that future application for resource consents, involving particulate matter be notified to Wellington International Airport Limited for approval.

2.13 Section 3.1 Air quality - Issue 1: Impacts on amenity and wellbeing from odour, dust and smoke

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	3	Sought Issue 1 be amended as follows (or words to this effect): 1. Amenity values and wellbeing can be adversely affected by discharges such as odour, smoke and dust which are inconsistent with the predominant land use and environmental quality of the character areas within the region
49	3	Sought additional new point (1(d)) to Issue 1, emissions from motor vehicles.
86	2	Sought that clause (b) be amended by deleting words "domestic" and "backyard".

2.14 Section 3.1 Air quality - Issue 2: Health effects from discharges of fine particulate matter

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
49	4	Sought additional reference to Issue 2 on the contribution of particulate matter from diesel exhaust emissions. Also sought changes objectives 1 and 2 accordingly.

2.15 Objective 1

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
4	1	Sought that objective 1 be amended as follows: Discharges of odour, smoke and dust and high velocity vertical discharges to air do not adversely affect amenity values and peoples wellbeing or the safety of aircraft while in the air.
32	1	Sought that objective 1 be retained in current form without modifications as they will potentially benefit Corrections by ensuring that sensitive activities are protected from new land uses or activities that emit odours, smoke or dust.
35	4	Sought objective 1 be amended as follows (or words to this effect): Discharges of odour, smoke and dust to air do not significantly adversely affect amenity values and people's wellbeing as appropriate to the predominant land use and consequential environmental quality of different character areas within the region
48	1	Sought retention of objective
50	5	Sought that objective 1 refer to 'significant adverse effect on amenity values . . .'
69	1	Supported the reverse sensitivity objective including both alternatives, i.e. new sensitive activities not locating close to land uses that generate odour smoke or dust, and new land use activities locating near sensitive activities.
112	5	Supported

2.16 Objective 2

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
112	6	Supported

2.17 Section 3.2 Coastal environment

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	5	<p>Sought that Section 3.2 be deleted, redrafted and re-notified so it was more balanced and appropriate in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991. Sought deletion of the relevant objectives, policies and methods and that these be replaced with provisions which are appropriate in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. Stated that they need to recognise the positive aspects of development and use within the coastal environment, including objectives and policies which recognise that there are uses and development which depend upon the coastal environment where the resource is located, and functionally can only be located in the coastal environment. It is also necessary to recognise that due to the complexity of the coastal environment, that the effects of some proposed activities may not also be able to be completely known or understood prior to undertaking the activity and that an adaptive management approach is appropriate in these circumstances.</p> <p>Stated that any revised suite of provisions should include objectives and policies which recognise and provide for appropriate use and development within the coastal environment, such as sand and gravel extraction, and for adaptive management approaches to be applied where all the effects of a proposed activity are not fully known or understood.</p>
23	1	<p>Stated concerns regarding the preservation of 'Natural Character' and the impact of the landward extent of the 'Coastal Environment'. Amend to provide recognition for commercial developments other than operational port development or activities in highly modified character areas where the public interest can be satisfied.</p>
23	2	<p>Sought addition of a new issue to read '5. Some Infrastructure and Activities Require Coastal Locations – There are certain commercial functions, which of their very nature, require the development of infrastructure and the conducting of activities in the coastal marine area. Such activities should be able to justify a location in the coastal marine area through demonstrating that either it is Regionally Significant Infrastructure or is</p>

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		otherwise in the public interest.' And additional supporting objectives, policies, and methods.
25	5	Stated that the economic purpose of farming in the coastal environment needs to be recognised, as well as the fact that pasture is a highly managed man modified land cover.
33	4	Stated that the objectives and policies sounded admirable but would need to be very robust to be successful. Requested more emphasis be given to sea level rise. Stated that sea level rise over the next century is projected to exceed 1 metre, and Greater Wellington should begin putting a strategy in place to address this, such as requiring new development to be placed above the 1 metre sea rise level.
35	4	Sought the inclusion of a new paragraph which recognises the reality that vast tracts of the coastal environment are in private ownership with the predominant land use being primary production. Stated that like infrastructure, this is also essential to the community's social, economic and cultural wellbeing which should result in a certain amount of tolerance towards adverse effects.
56	3	Requested that the Proposed Regional Policy Statement be amended to include any changes to the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement. Agreed with the concerns raised in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement regarding the discharge of contaminants affecting the coastal environment. Believed that this issues needs to be addressed in conjunction with Horizons Regional Council as many pollutants come from north of the District. Supported issues 1 to 4 and objectives 3 to 8.
83	4	Retain the recognition of significant wind and marine energy resources in the region.
87	1	That the Council undertake further research into identifying regionally significant coastal areas, and develop as a schedule to include as a variation to the proposed Regional Policy Statement.
91	2	Supported the reference to the important role of the region's infrastructure in the coastal environment on page 19.
92	1	Sought retention of the recognition, in Paragraph 3 of the Introduction to the Coastal Environment Chapter (Section 3.2), that significant infrastructure is located in the coastal environment and that this infrastructure is essential to the community's economic and social wellbeing.

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100	2	<p>Supported the approach taken by the Regional Policy Statement in regard to the coastal environment, particularly the onus of maintaining and enhancing the coastal environment, and the range of policies and methods that seek to achieve this. However, sought that Porirua Harbour be explicitly recognised by the policies of the Regional Policy Statement to take account of its regional and national significance; and its ecological, cultural, social and economic values.</p> <p>Sought a new regulatory policy and method to specifically address the harbour and its catchments is proposed. State that the new proposed policy would need to be implemented under objectives 3, 5, 6, 7. The policy will be implemented by its own proposed method and methods 1 and 2. The suggested wording for the proposed policy and method are as follows:</p> <p>District and Regional Plans with jurisdiction over all or part of the Porirua Harbour catchment area shall include policies, rules and/or methods that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) recognise and acknowledge the regional significance of Porirua Harbour; and (b) recognise and provide for the maintenance, protection and enhancement of the significant amenity, recreational, ecological and cultural values associated with the Porirua Harbour. <p>Explanation: Porirua Harbour includes the Pauatahanui inlet and the Onepoto arm. Porirua Harbour contains a nationally significant ecosystem and has high cultural significance to Ngati Toa. While the harbour is a recognised aesthetic, natural and community asset, parts of it have been significantly impacted by historic and current land and coastal management practices. The regulatory approach of the Regional Policy Statement seeks to address the discharge of sediment, nutrients and other contaminants into the harbour and its ecological health through regional and district plans. However, general regulatory policies cannot address the cross-boundary issues associated with the management of the harbour, and the need to address existing land management practices that are increasingly impacting the harbour. A non-regulatory method is also necessary to address the issues that cannot be resolved through a regulatory approach, but that are vital in restoring the mauri and ecological health of the harbour. Further, the integrated and coordinated management of Porirua Harbour between Porirua City Council, Wellington City Council and Wellington Regional Council is vital to protecting and restoring the harbour.</p> <p>Method: Prepare a harbour and catchment management strategy for Porirua Harbour to address the restoration of Porirua Harbour and reduce the discharge of sediment, nutrients and contaminants into the harbour.</p> <p>Implementation: Wellington Regional Council, Porirua City Council and Wellington City Council.</p>
112	7	Agreed with the concerns regarding the discharge of contaminants affecting the coastal environment.

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112	8	Sought that the Regional Policy Statement strongly discourages medium/large-scale subdivision in coastal areas.
114	5	Supported policies in this chapter to eliminate pollution of these waters and more generally to protect the natural ecosystems.
117	5	<p>Supported. Sought retention of recognition of the significant wind and marine energy resources in the region and sought addition of an additional issue in Chapter 3, section 3.2 as follows:</p> <p>“5. Managing the appropriate subdivision, use and development of the coastal environment Some uses and developments require coastal locations including ports, transport infrastructure and energy generation and transmission infrastructure. The protection of the natural character of the coastal environment need not preclude appropriate use and development where adverse effects can be avoided, remedied or mitigated.</p> <p>Meeting the foreseeable needs of future generations will require the provision of critical infrastructure essential to the community’s economic and social wellbeing. The Wellington coastal environment has significant renewable energy resources and in particular any exceptional marine energy resources (tidal/ocean current resources). Marine energy may become increasingly important in meeting New Zealand’s electricity demand in the future. The region also has significant wind energy potential. Wind energy is expected to meet a much greater share of the country’s electricity than at present.”</p> <p>Also sought an additional objective in Table 2 of:</p> <p>“to provide for appropriate subdivision, use and development of the coastal environment”</p> <p>Or</p> <p>“the region’s nationally significant marine energy generation resource is recognised and promoted”</p>
123	5	<p>Sought:</p> <p>A. Retain recognition of significant infrastructure, such as Centreport and the Cook Strait cable.</p> <p>B. Amend the Introduction to include specific recognition of transmission facilities. This could be achieved by amending paragraph 3 to the following effect: Significant infrastructure – such as Centreport, the Cook Strait Cable and other transmission infrastructure, and several state highways and rail corridors – is located within the coastal environment.</p> <p>C. Amend the Introduction by adding a final sentence in paragraph 4 to the following effect:</p>

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		Other National Policy Statements are also relevant (refer to Section 1.3).
124	3	Sought retention of the reference to “significant wind and marine energy resource”.
128	1	Sought that the Regional Policy Statement take a strong position on the protection of aquatic and coastal environments and include stronger measures to prevent ongoing loss of coastal values. Noted that Porirua City Council and Greater Wellington have not adequately addressed the impact of land intensification, subdivision and past legacy of development in the Porirua harbour.
131	2	Supported the objectives, policies and methods relating to this topic, subject to consideration of policy 5.
134	2	Sought that the Wellington Airport be mentioned on page 19 as one of the items of significant infrastructure. Sought an expansion to the draft objectives and policies to include provision for future airport activities in the coastal environment.
137	1	Concerned with development in or near popular surfbreaks that impact on the wider community as a whole. Sought that recognition of the importance of surfbreaks and developments that may affect them be taken into consideration with the proposed regional plan. Sought that Greater Wellington Regional Council recognise the emphasis placed on surfbreaks by the Board of Inquiry proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, in particular clause 20 of that statement, and submissions of the Surfbreak Protection Society Inc (attached to submission).

2.18 Section 3.2 Coastal environment - Issue 1: Adverse effects on natural character of the coastal environment

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	6	Stated that natural character’ includes farmed landscape as well as native flora and fauna and as such the issue was overly broad. Stated that the issue needs to ensure that farmland is not captured, unless Greater Wellington is willing to pay for the provision of farmland as parkland.
35	6	Sought deletion or amendment to focus on the real threats identified by council such as large scale earthworks for housing development and roads.

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133	4	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to the maintenance of the coastal environment throughout the Greater Wellington Region and sought that they be retained.

2.19 Section 3.2 Coastal environment - Issue 2: Coastal water quality and ecosystems

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
49	5	Sought the addition of contaminants from the transport system.

2.20 Section 3.2 Coastal environment - Issue 3: Human activities interfere with natural coastal processes

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	7	Stated that Issue 3(b) was based on the activity itself rather than the effects as in (a) and (c). Concerned that this made the issue overly broad and intrusive and consequently more costly. Stated that a policy should be developed around controlling adverse effects not activities.

2.21 Section 3.2 Coastal environment & Section 3.4 Fresh water - Issue 4: Public access to and along the

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
23	3	Sought that be amended by adding 'There are circumstances where the taking of access strips and esplanade reserves is not appropriate for health, safety or security reasons. Port operational areas are such an example.
25	8	Stated that the issue was overly broad, as access everywhere is not practical. Noted that access issues

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
		should only be addressed where there is a demonstrated public need and cost justifiable benefit.
35	7	Sought Coastal Environment Issue 4 be amended as follows: 4 Where a need exists public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes and rivers should be facilitated in a manner that protects their natural character and the property rights of adjoining landowners
49	6	Sought reference to the proposed coastal trail and that the objectives be changed accordingly.
114	6	Sought that the Statement correctly describe the matter of national importance by inserting "and enhancement" before "of public access to". Agreed that access is not always possible if access ways are not well maintained and that represents an issue in terms of this matter of national importance. Noted that in many cases lesser and even no maintenance does not actually prevent access and concerns over maintenance should not count against establishing a right of access nor lead to one being removed. Agreed that one issue is that some legal access "is not always aligned with access that is physically possible" but that the Statement does not seem specifically to address this issue. Sought that esplanade reserves, or failing that, strips, should always be taken when the Act allows, unless some more practical and useful guaranteed access is offered as an alternative.
133	5	Supported

2.22 Objective 3

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
34	1	Sought reinstatement of "scientific" in the list of values to be protected. Stated that it needs to be included to cover "natural science" content of policies 24, 25 and 26.
35	8	Sought the deletion of objective 3 And Consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the policy and method sections, to give effect to this relief sought

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82	1	<p>Requested combining with objective 4 to read: The natural character of the coastal environment and wetlands, lakes and rivers and their margins, outstanding natural features and landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna within the coastal environment are protected from the adverse effects of inappropriate subdivision, use and development.'</p> <p>Or alternatively amend objective 3 to read: The natural character of the coastal environment, wetlands, lakes and rivers and their margins, outstanding natural features and landscapes, significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna within the coastal environment are protected from the adverse effects of inappropriate subdivision, use, and development.</p>
87	2	Sought retention of objective 3.
92	2	<p>Sought that objective 3 be amended to refer to the protection of the values of habitats and features from inappropriate use and development. This could be achieved by making amendments with the following effect: Habitats and features in the coastal environment are protected from inappropriate use and development because of their significant indigenous biodiversity, recreational, cultural, historical, or landscape values</p>
95	1	Requested the inclusion of policy 3 from the draft Regional Policy Statement
123	6	<p>Sought that objective 3 be amended to include reference to the protection of the values of habitats and features from inappropriate use and development. This could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: Habitats and features in the coastal environment are protected from inappropriate use and development because of their significant indigenous biodiversity, recreational, cultural, historical, or landscape values.</p>
124	4	<p>Sought that be amended to read: A number of habitats and features in the coastal environment are protected because of their significant indigenous biodiversity, recreational, cultural, historical, or landscape values</p>

2.23 Objective 4

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
82	2	Sought retention as proposed or in combination with objective 3 as requested in earlier submission.
83	5	Sought retention.
87	3	Sought retention of objective 4.
92	3	Sought retention of objective 4 without modification
112	9	Stated concerns about ongoing coastal development along the Wairarapa Coast eroding environmental and amenity values and strongly supported objective 4
123	7	Sought retention of objective 4 without modification.

2.24 Objective 5

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	9	Sought objective 5 be amended as follows (or words to this effect): Areas of the coastal environment where natural character has been significantly degraded are restored and rehabilitated where appropriate
50	6	Sought deletion of objective 5. Stated that the objective seeks to restore degraded areas of the coastal environment which is not a Section 6 matter. As a high level objective this could lead to a wide range of activity and debate on what is degraded and in need of repair. There should be far greater guidance as to how priorities and focus should be established, rather than applying a blanket objective across the whole region.
74	1	Sought that objective 5 be amended, by deleting the words restored and rehabilitated, to read maintained and enhanced, which will reflect the wording of s6 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
87	4	Sought retention of objective 5.
112	10	Sought amendments to clarify that the aim is to target significantly degraded areas or 'inadvertently degraded'

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		and not to restore instances of degradation that occur as a result of activities that legally occur under Resource Management Act 1991 consents. Also sought more definition on what "degraded and in need of repair means".

2.25 Objective 7

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	10	Sought objective 7 be amended as follows: The integrity, functioning and resilience of physical and ecological processes in the coastal environment are protected from the adverse effects of inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
82	3	Sought that the objective be amended to read 'The integrity, functioning and resilience of physical and ecological processes in the coastal environment are protected from the adverse effects of inappropriate subdivision, use and development.' or other amendments to ensure focuses on protection of inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

2.26 Objective 8

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
23	4	Sought that the objective be amended to read: 'Public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes and rivers is enhanced except where for reasons of health, safety and security this can not be practically achieved.'
65	1	Sought retention as is.

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74	2	Sought that the objective 8 be altered to provide for the exclusion of the public from areas surrounding or alongside public infrastructure where the security of that infrastructure could be compromised. E.g. water supply intakes and reservoirs and wastewater treatment plants.
87	5	Sought retention of objective 8.
133	6	Supported along with policy and methods.

2.27 Section 3.3 Energy, infrastructure and waste

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	6	Sought the addition of the following additional paragraph into the background to the issues: Resource unavailability or inefficiencies in obtaining such resources (such as aggregates, steel), required to construct and maintain such infrastructure can detrimentally impact upon the development, management, use and maintenance of such infrastructure. This has the potential to significantly impact on the timely provision of regionally significant infrastructure and in particular new roading projects necessary to achieve a productive and vibrant Wellington economy.
32	2	Sought that the term 'social infrastructure' and 'essential social infrastructure', or similar terminology, be defined in the Regional Policy Statement and are explicitly referenced where possible with descriptive, issues, or explanatory statements throughout the relevant parts of the Regional Policy Statement and are incorporated into objectives and policies. Also sought that additional objectives and policies, similar to objective 10 and policies 6, 7 and 38 are included in the Regional Policy Statement to recognise the social, economic and cultural and environmental benefits of social infrastructure, and to provide for the protection of social infrastructure through district and regional plans, including policies and rules that protect social infrastructure from incompatible new land uses or activities.
48	2	Sought retention of chapter 3.3 but that a cross reference to the relevant provisions of chapter 3.1, 3.4 and 3.11 in order to ensure that the role of aggregates extraction and processing is recognised and provided for as integral to the provision of infrastructure.

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		Also sought that recognition of the need to provide for the disposal of clean fill as an element of regional in waste management, within policy 65 or where otherwise appropriate be provided.
49	7	Sought reference to peak oil and the need to future proof the region against the impacts of future oil prices and the availability of finite fossil fuels.
49	8	Sought reference to the Kyoto Protocol and its successor and the IPCC.
50	7	Sought Council ensure that the Regional Policy Statement limits consideration of climate change matters to those that are required to be addressed at a regional level.
51	1	Sought for Section 3.3 to be rewritten to take into account the government's energy policy, which centres on security of supply and affordable power generation. Submitter felt that statements regarding renewable energy's (i.e. wind generation) ability to meet these policies are incorrect and misleading to the general public and believed that Transpower should have been consulted to obtain more correct information.
56	4	Supported the issues identified on page 29 of the proposed Regional Policy Statement in particular: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • concerns about changes in energy supply sources and issues of responding to this change; • providing greater opportunities for the use of renewable energy particularly in relation to wind power and solar energy; and • concerns about dealing with wastes. Supported the intent of objective9 and associated policies 6, 8-10, 38, 56 and 65 in relation to energy and emissions reduction, particularly noting the focus on transport emissions. Supported objectives 10 and 11 and intent of the associated policies. Requested that the Proposed Regional Policy Statement emphasises that a regional waste management strategy is desirable and needs to consider whether a regional landfill is appropriate.
82	4	Sought that paragraph 2 be amended to acknowledge Project West Wind in addition to the energy generation facilities listed.
83	6	Sought retention of the resource management issues addressed in section 3.3 and the objectives 9 and 10 subject to amendments requested in submission.
91	3	Requested that the paragraphs relating to infrastructure on page 28 be expanded to provide better recognition

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		of the important role that infrastructure plays and the associated resource management issues. Each infrastructure activity should be discussed in a separate paragraph and it should be specifically noted that regionally significant infrastructure can have adverse environmental impacts and the benefits of such infrastructure and the effects on the environment need to be balanced and managed appropriately.
94	1	The submitter sought appropriate recognition of Paraparaumu Airport as a regionally significant item of infrastructure and consequential changes to the Regional Policy Statement to that effect.
101	1	<p>Stated renewable energy generation is a national issue not a regional issue.</p> <p>Traditional energy sources can meet demands for the foreseeable future, so the statement regarding this is incorrect.</p> <p>Climate change impacts from the region are so small that they should be a minor concern.</p> <p>Supported research into renewable generation technology and agree that some technology is underutilised but it is currently uneconomic.</p> <p>Supported a goal of ensuring that electricity is able to be distributed securely to and around the region whilst minimising the impact on the environment.</p>
112	11	<p>Questioned whether the second paragraph was accurate. Asked about relevance of the Meridian Energy wind turbine behind the Karori Sanctuary, and the wind farm at Makara?</p> <p>Noted that first paragraph "... small scale renewal energy generation..." possibly needs to mention individually owned or community owned wind generation.</p> <p>Sought that as well as mentioning that land development can encroach on infrastructure, the Regional Policy Statement needed to mention that infrastructure expansion should be planned appropriately to allow for development.</p> <p>Stated that the first sentence is obscure. Suggested wording: Infrastructure provides communities with essential services therefore should not be compromised by inappropriate land use or development.</p> <p>Sought inclusions of comment on the benefits derived from regional cooperation with waste management for example the Waste Minimisation Plan that was implemented by the three Wairarapa Councils.</p> <p>Stated that if wind generation is not managed in a sustainable way both environmentally and socially then it may be contrary to section 5 of the Resource Management Act 1991.</p>
113	2	<p>Supported policies that improve energy efficiency and conservation.</p> <p>Opposed references to renewable energy, as this should only be considered in a national context. More regard should be given to landscape, social and health impacts, and amenity values, with more emphasis on</p>

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		what Wellington can do effectively.
117	6	<p>Sought amendment to section 3.3 as follows:</p> <p>“In 2009, the Hau Nui wind farm, near Martinborough, a small hydro generation site at Kourarau Dam near Gladstone in the Wairarapa, two landfill gas generation plants at the Silverstream and Wellington City Southern landfill, and the West Wind wind farm in Makara were the only energy generation sites in the Wellington region. There are also a number of proposed wind farm developments in the region at Mill Creek, Long Gully and Puketiro. Resource consent has been granted for a marine energy in Cook Strait.”</p> <p>“There is also the challenge of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels to meet international climate change obligations. In recent years New Zealand’s emission levels have continued to increase. For example carbon dioxide electricity related emissions have almost doubled over the past 17 years. The region faces several major long-term energy challenges, including responding to climate change and tackling carbon emissions, especially from transportation and electricity generation. Other challenges are securing clean, renewable energy at affordable prices and using it efficiently, as well as responding to impacts on the region from oil depletion and the rising costs of oil.”</p> <p>“The New Zealand Energy Strategy (2007), the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (2007 including the target of 90% renewable electricity by 2025, and the New Zealand Transport Strategy (2008) outline New Zealand’s actions on energy and climate change.”</p> <p>“The region contains significantly greater renewable energy resources than are currently used. Wind, biofuels, biomass, marine and solar (for hot water systems), have been identified as possible renewable energy generation sources for the region. There is also the potential for small-scale renewable energy generation including small-scale hydro in the region. Tidal and ocean currents in Cook Strait and, to a lesser extent, wave action in Cook Strait and off the Wairarapa coast are also significant renewable energy resources. New Zealand has limited locations appropriate for marine energy development and the Cook Strait has one of the best tidal/ocean current resources in the country. The Wellington region is likely to be one of the first locations of larger-scale tidal/ocean current generation in New Zealand over the next 3 – 7 years.”</p> <p>“Infrastructure</p> <p>The transport network, airports, the port, telecommunication facilities, the rail network and other utilities and other infrastructure, including energy generation and transmission and distribution networks, are significant physical resources. This infrastructure forms part of nationally or regionally significant infrastructure and networks that enables communities to provide for their social, economic, and cultural wellbeing and their health</p>

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		and safety.”
123	8	<p>Sought:</p> <p>A. Retain the recognition of the benefits of infrastructure and the potential for infrastructure to be adversely affected by development in paragraph 1 of the infrastructure subsection of section 3.3.</p> <p>B. Amend paragraph 2 of the Infrastructure subsection of section 3.3 to address the management effects of electricity transmission. This could be achieved by adding the words "and of" after " ... the management of the effects on ... " in the paragraph beginning "The National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission (2009) ..."</p> <p>C. Amend the infrastructure subsection of section 3.3 to acknowledge the balance that needs to be struck between competing issues when implementing the Regional Policy Statement. This could be achieved by including an additional paragraph to the following effect: "When implementing the Regional Policy Statement, a balance needs to be struck between competing issues, for example, the infrastructure policies and the other policies of the Regional Policy Statement. No one set of policies has priority over another set of policies and, as such, actual or potential conflicts need to be addressed on a case-by-case basis."</p> <p>D. Amend the regionally significant resource management issues for infrastructure (Issue 2) in Section 3.3 to include a new issue: the management of the effects of electricity transmission. This could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: Infrastructure enables communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing. "Infrastructure can generate adverse effects. The degree to which these are acceptable will vary, including depending upon the regional (including national) significance of the infrastructure." The management, use and operation of infrastructure can be adversely affected when incompatible land uses occur under, over, or adjacent.</p> <p>E. Insert a new policy in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement to address the management of the effects of the National Grid. This could be achieved by introducing a new policy to the following effect: Policy X: Managing the Adverse Effects of the National Grid – Regional and District Plans District and regional plans shall include policies and rules that also recognise and provide for a reasonable envelope of effects in which to facilitate the ongoing operation, maintenance and upgrading of the National Grid, and which ensure that when considering the environmental effects of new transmission assets, weight shall be given to the extent to which any adverse effects have been avoided, remedied or mitigated by appropriate site, route and method selection.</p> <p>Explanation: Electricity is vital for the health and safety of communities, as well as their economic sustainability. The</p>

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		<p>National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008 recognises the national significance of the National Grid. Planning documents must adequately provide for the core strategic infrastructure that is required to support growth.</p> <p>Activities associated with the operation, maintenance and upgrade of existing transmission lines, and the establishment of new lines inevitably generate adverse environmental effects on the environment. Typically, these effects include visual impacts, noise, earthworks, and perceived effects arising from electric and magnetic fields. Clearly these environmental effects need to be managed, however the focus needs to be on the overall management approach rather than each individual or component effect. Such an approach properly recognises the unique characteristics of the assets and takes into account the unique physical characteristics and operational requirements of the National Grid that need to be taken into account when managing its environmental effects, including that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The network is an extensive, linear and connected system of lines and substations that traverses the full length of the country. The assets are of regional and national scale. Activities undertaken in any one part of the network can affect the remainder of the network; • The transmission assets are existing, dynamic working assets and need to operate within an envelope of accepted effects; and • The network has many operational and technical requirements that need to be recognised and that can impose constraints on the extent to which effects can be managed, and the extent to which alternative proposals can be put forward. <p>Furthermore, the existing transmission network is already established and is part of the existing environment. Accordingly, any residual environmental effects' of the network are also a part of the existing environment. There needs to be recognition and acceptance that the network exists, that its form will change over time, and that it needs to be able to continue to operate within an envelope of accepted effects.</p> <p>When a new line is proposed, it is the careful route selection process that determines the best route in environmental and development cost terms. The route selection process is the best way to minimise and/or avoid, remedy or mitigate as appropriate, the potential adverse effects of new transmission lines. Full mitigation is not possible, because of the scale, extent and requirements of the linear network.</p>
124	5	<p>Sought the following amendment:</p> <p>'...The New Zealand Energy Strategy (2007), the New Zealand Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (2007) and the New Zealand Transport Strategy (2008) outline New Zealand's actions on energy and climate</p>

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		change. The objectives, policies and methods on energy in this Regional Policy Statement will assist with making progress towards national targets. There are, however, a number of targets – such as reducing carbon dioxide-equivalent emissions from transport – where the Regional Policy Statement has limited influence. In addition, the benefits of renewable energy need to be recognised and provided for consistent with the Proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Generation...'
124	6	Sought the following amendment: '...There is also the potential for small scale renewable energy generation (up to 10MW). Tidal currents in Cook Strait and, to a lesser extent, wave action in Cook Strait and off the Wairarapa coast are also potentially significant renewable energy resources, but technological advances are required to realise this potential...'
124	7	Sought the following amendment: 'The transport network, airports, the port, telecommunication and renewable energy generation facilities, the rail network and other utilities, including energy transmission and distribution networks, are significant physical resources.'
131	3	Supported the objectives, policies and methods relating to this topic, subject to consideration of waste: cleanfill and landfill monitoring.
131	4	Sought that Greater Wellington develop and includes new policies and methods in the Regional Policy Statement that cover its statutory responsibilities relating to waste management, especially the operational actions and monitoring required to improve the management of cleanfills.
131	5	Central government is currently developing a National Policy Statement on Renewable Energy, is revising the New Zealand Waste Strategy and is in the process of implementing the Waste Minimisation Act 2008. Each of these documents are important guiding documents in their fields. Noted that these will need to be taken into account in the Regional Policy Statement and regional and district plans as appropriate.
133	7	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to energy, infrastructure and waste and sought that they be retained.
141	4	Agreed with the statement that traditional energy sources will not be able to meet increasing energy demands. Supported policies 6 and 10.

2.28 Section 3.3 Energy, infrastructure and waste - Issue 1: Energy

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
49	9	Sought reference to peak oil and that the objective be changed accordingly.
82	5	Sought that amended to read: 'the Wellington region is dependent on externally generated electricity and overseas-sourced fossil fuels and is therefore vulnerable to supply disruptions and energy shortages. However, significant renewable energy resources exist within the region. Development of some of those resources, at appropriate locations within the region, may be necessary to address that vulnerability. The development of renewable energy resources has the potential to create adverse effects and conflicts of values. Some compromises may be necessary in order to achieve a sustainable energy future.'
101	2	Stated Issue 1 was misleading as this is not a regional issue it is national, and the source of energy is irrelevant as all energy is supplied to the national grid so locally produced energy is not necessarily utilised locally. The economic barriers are not taken into account.
117	7	Sought the following change to issue 1: "1. Energy The Wellington region is dependant on externally generated electricity and overseas-sourced fossil fuels and is therefore vulnerable to supply disruptions and energy shortages. In addition, demand for energy is increasing. However, significant opportunities for improving the efficiency of the end use of energy and for the development of renewable energy resources exist within the region."
124	8	Sought that the issue be amended to read: 'The Wellington region is dependant on externally generated electricity and overseas-sourced fossil fuels and is therefore vulnerable to supply disruptions and energy shortages. However, significant renewable energy resources exist within the region and these can be developed to help meet the socioeconomic needs of current and future generations.' And sought consequential changes.

2.29 Section 3.3 Energy, infrastructure and waste - Issue 2: Infrastructure

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	7	Sought that Issue 2 be amended as follows: "...or owing to resource unavailability or inefficiencies (i.e. increased costs) in obtaining such resources (e.g. aggregates, steel)" Also sought a cross references to minerals provisions of the Regional Policy Statement on Pages 30-32.
86	3	Supported. Sought that the issue be retained.
91	4	Requested that the issue be amended to include incompatible land use activities that are located 'near' infrastructure.
124	9	Supported

2.30 Section 3.3 Energy, infrastructure and waste - Issue 3: Waste

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	8	Sought Issue 3 be amended as follows: "...Clean and managed fills can provide an appropriate means of disposing of material that is not needed to be disposed of to landfill due to it either being inert or having low potential to create contamination when appropriately managed. Quarry sites and sites in close proximity to quarries can have added efficiency as cleanfills because the trucks which dispose of fill are able to backload with aggregate products, thereby minimising fuel consumption, exhaust emissions and vehicle fleet efficiency."

2.31 Objective 9

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
33	5	Queried whether energy production is covered by objective 9(b). Made reference to policy 63 from the draft Regional Policy Statement.
40	1	Sought retention
68	1	Sought that the word 'maximise' should be changed to 'make best use of'. Stated that maximise indicates a use of all resource at any cost, regardless of any community or effects-based drawbacks. Also sought addition of wording: 9(f) 'do not adversely affect local communities'
69	2	Sought that the word 'maximise' be changed to 'make best use of'. Stated that maximise indicates a use of all resource at any cost, regardless of any community or effects-based drawbacks. Also sought addition of wording: 9(f) 'do not adversely affect local communities'.
82	6	Sought retention
83	7	Sought that the objective be amended to read: 'The region's and nation's energy needs are met in ways that...'
100	3	Sought that the intent of the objective and its' policies and methods be retained. However, requested that Greater Wellington consider adding a method under the objective for Greater Wellington to lead a region-wide strategy for renewable energy development to assist in determining the location, appropriateness and priority of development encouraged by objective 9 in relation to other resource management issues and activities.
112	12	Sought an additional clause: (f) while recognising amenity values, protecting significant landscapes and biodiversity and not adversely affecting local communities.
117	8	Supported and sought retention of objective 9
124	10	Sought the objective be amended so clause (b) read: '(b) promotes renewable energy developments of a diverse type and scale;

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		Or, sought alternatively to retain clause (b) as written and insert a new sub-clause: (f) promotes development of renewable energy generation

2.32 Objective 10

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
4	2	Sought that the objective be retained in current form without modification as gives protection to the Wellington International Airport and essential radio communication facilities.
15	9	Sought a new objective 10A as follows: "Resources required for infrastructure construction (such as aggregates, concrete and steel) are provided for and are able to be produced efficiently to reduce economic, social and environmental costs in infrastructure provision."
40	2	Sought that objective 10 be amended to read: 'The social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of regionally significant infrastructure are recognised, protected and provided for.'
82	7	Sought retention of objective 10.
83	8	Sought objective 10 be amended to read: 'The social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of nationally and regionally significant infrastructure are recognised and protected.'
86	4	Supported the inclusion of the regionally significant infrastructure objective10 and sought that it be retained. Stated that the recognition of regionally important infrastructure and the protection of that infrastructure is appropriate. Also sought a new consideration policy which seeks to protect regionally significant infrastructure at the regulatory approval stage.
117	9	Sought amendments to objective10 as follows:

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		The social, economic, cultural and environmental, benefits of regionally and nationally significant infrastructure are recognised and promoted.
124	11	Sought retention
134	3	Supported

2.33 Objective 11

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	10	Sought objective11 be amended as follows: The quantity of waste disposed is reduced, and waste that is disposed of is disposed of in appropriate locations e.g. so as valuable landfill space is not taken up by material that can be disposed of in managed fills or cleanfills.
50	8	Sought amendments to methods of implementation for objective11 to include stakeholders and community – not just councils
65	2	Sought retention
124	12	Sought retention

2.34 Section 3.4 Fresh water

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	11	<p>Sought that the Freshwater Section of the Regional Policy Statement be deleted and re-notified with appropriate provisions in terms of the Resource Management Act 1991 which provide for industrial use of water resources.</p> <p>Stated that in doing so it is also necessary to include a policy which provides for primarily non-consumptive takes, such as the abstraction of water for aggregate extraction and processing activities to be considered without having regard to maximum flow or level requirements; as the bulk of the water taken is generally returned to the water body from which it came as it is used for activities such as aggregate washing and then treated prior to being returned to the water body.</p>
23	5	Requested deletion of references to public access to and along the Coastal Marine Area as this is not an appropriate section for this matter.
35	11	Sought the insertion of a footnote with a link to the technical reports or studies to support the statements made in relation to water quality. Or alternatively state that some land uses can adversely effect water quality and elevate levels of nitrogen found in surface and ground water
48	3	<p>Sought that the Regional Policy Statement provide clear guidance as to how water is to be allocated within regional plans and specify that a priority allocation system be used that recognises the needs of activities that have a significant public good, such as aggregates extraction and processing.</p> <p>Sought inclusion of a new policy that seeks to enable aggregate activities to occur that intercept the groundwater table, subject to best practice measures and the avoidance, remediation or mitigation of any adverse effects on groundwater quality.</p> <p>Sought the Regional Policy Statement be amended to include provisions that recognised the importance of river based aggregate extraction and enable extraction for the purpose of aggregate for infrastructure as well as for flood management and river control.</p>
49	10	Sought a list of contaminants from the transport system and changes to the objectives accordingly.
50	9	Stated that efficient use of water is a matter that deserves some particular consideration. The term is used a number of times throughout the Regional Policy Statement but is not clearly defined apart from the explanation in relation to policy 18. In particular the proposed Regional Policy Statement should direct that provision for demand side efficiencies are made in the region, including a definition for reasonable domestic take,

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		<p>encouragement of water recycling and water management plans where practicable, and provision for research on the state and availability of water resources in the region.</p> <p>Sought that a definition for water efficiency that includes economic, technical and allocative efficiency be included. Also sought a definition of reasonable domestic take along the lines of the World Health Organisation.</p> <p>Sought amendment to policies on efficient use of water to include a definition for reasonable domestic take, encouragement of water recycling and water management plans where practicable, and provision for research on the state and availability of water resources in the region.</p>
56	5	<p>Agreed with the issues raised in the chapter specifically:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • that freshwater is a fundamental issue for the region both in terms of stormwater discharges from urban areas and agricultural runoff; • that in general the rivers and streams of the region are not functioning well; and • that there is increasing demand for water across the region. In relation to this issue the Council notes that this is a particular concern for the Kapiti District. <p>Stated particularly concern that the possible influence of climate change had not been included in this section. Climate change will have significant impacts on the availability of freshwater resources that are reliant on rainfall. It will also affect the quantity of stormwater reaching rivers, streams and the coast.</p>
74	3	<p>Sought that the objectives and policies of the chapter be amended to provide a better balance for the use of the waterways.</p>
74	4	<p>Sought that the chapter be re-written to reflect the language and presumption of the Resource Management Act 1991, for example avoiding remedying and mitigating adverse effects of activities on the environment.</p>
82	8	<p>Sought the inclusion of a new issue to read:</p> <p>'5. Water is essential for sustaining people and communities – The water in the region's rivers, streams and lakes is a natural resource of vital importance for sustaining the wellbeing of people, communities, and the regional economy. Water needs to be available for use to meet the foreseeable needs of current and future generations.'</p>
83	9	<p>Sought that the recognition of the activities that can generate poor ecosystem function in rivers, lakes, and</p>

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		wetlands be retained. Sought that the explanation be amended to include that the effects of an activity can be considered where they can be offset by another form of environmental compensation, using a 'no net loss' approach.
83	10	Sought the inclusion of a new 'plan' policy that recognises the economic and social benefits obtained from the use of water resources.
100	4	Commended the efforts of the Regional Policy Statement to reduce stormwater contamination, minimise the effects of earthworks and vegetation clearance, and maintaining and enhancing the aquatic ecosystem health in water bodies. Stated that such policies are vital to maintaining and improving the quality and ecological health of Porirua Harbour and its catchments. For this reason, the environmental focus of the fresh water objectives and policies were strongly supported.
109	1	Sought that Greater Wellington co-ordinate and make potable water supplies available to all districts within the region and that water metering of individual ratepayers not be a management tool to ration drinking supply by price
112	13	Page 34 - sought that it be recognised that some urban water supplies are supplied by rivers, for example Greytown and indirectly Martinborough. Page 34 - Noted the linking of poor water quality with farming/agriculture is implied through the document and stated that while agricultural land use has an impact on water quality; it is just one of many factors and needs to be assessed against the economic and community benefit.
114	7	Supported policies in this chapter to eliminate pollution of these waters and more generally to protect the natural ecosystems.
127	2	Page 34 - Stated that it was unhelpful to speculate on causes of elevated nitrate levels without evidence – The submitter asked that the wording be amended to “This could be from farming or from septic tanks.” The recognition that water resources are limited and in some cases fully allocated and the impact of climate change in increasing this pressure was supported. The statement that Wairarapa ground water levels are declining year by year without some indication of a reason was not considered helpful. Stated that if it is due to abstractions, then this is within the Council's control. If not, then stated that some research is needed on the naturally occurring circumstances causing this ongoing decline.

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		Stated that the same is true of the statement on low flows in surface water, asked whether this was natural or within Council control?
131	6	Supported the objectives, policies and methods relating to fresh water, subject to consideration of stormwater
133	8	Opposed the introduction to Freshwater and issues raised. Stated that concerns could be addressed by noting the impact on water ways due to increasing sediment loads as a result of some land uses.
136	1	Stated that the present system of retaining metering for industrial, commercial and large residential users only, should be retained, and sensible measures introduced to reduce wasteful consumption.

2.35 Section 3.4 Fresh water - Issue 1: Pollution is affecting water quality in water bodies

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	12	Sought Issue 1 be amended as follows: 1. Discharges may cause pollution and adversely affect water quality in water bodies Or alternatively 1. Pollution is affecting water quality in water bodies The water quality of rivers and streams, lakes, wetlands and groundwater in the region is being polluted by discharges.
50	10	Sought that Issue 1 be amended to read: 'Discharges may cause pollution and adversely affect water quality in water bodies.' And 'and by intensive land uses' be removed. Also sought that non point source and point source discharges be differentiated and defined in the issue statement.
133	9	Supported

2.36 Section 3.4 Fresh water - Issue 2: Poor ecosystem function in rivers, lakes and wetlands

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
83	11	Sought an additional clause to issue 2 to state that the effects of an activity can be considered where they can be offset by another form of environmental compensation, using a 'no net loss' approach.
133	10	Supported

2.37 Section 3.4 Fresh water - Issue 3: There is increasing demand on limited water resources

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
124	13	Sought that be amended to read: 'There is a limited amount of water in rivers and groundwater aquifers available for human use and demand is increasing. The amount of water taken for farm pasture irrigation has more than doubled over the last 10 years. Increasing populations in the region's urban areas also means increased demand for water, reducing the availability of water for other uses with national or regional benefits such as renewable energy developments.'
133	11	Supported

2.38 Objective 12

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	1	Sought that objective 12 be retained. Noted that the objective is viewed positively as aligns with the submitter's interest in promoting a range of activities in Paraparaumu Town Centre.
50	11	Sought that for objective12 and relevant policies be amended to differentiate between water quality and water

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		quantity.
56	6	Supported objective 12 regarding safe-guarding the quantity and quality of freshwater but requested that greater consideration be given to water supplies, and the impact of development on these supplies and associated policies.
65	3	Sought retention of the objective.
82	9	Sought that objective 12 be amended to read: objective 12 Freshwater is available for use and development and the quantity or quality of water: (a) meet the range of uses and values for which water is required; (b) safeguarding the life supporting capacity of water bodies; and (c) meets the reasonably foreseeable needs of future generations Or alternatively sought a new objective or make other amendments to acknowledge the value of water as a natural resource essential and available for sustainable use and development.
83	12	Sought the addition of a clause which recognises that adverse effects can be remedied or mitigated by environmental compensation, using a 'no net loss' approach.
112	14	Stated that this was the only objective that recognises that water is required for the social and economic wellbeing of people and communities.
133	12	Opposed. Stated that concerns could however be addressed by adding to the objective: (d) "is maintained to meet recreational values". Also stated that the policies and methods under objective 12 were opposed, but could be met by making changes to policy 11 as requested and by including a new policy and methods which addresses the issues of non point source pollution from agriculture and horticulture, on freshwater resources.

2.39 Objective 13

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	12	Sought that for objective13, and relevant policies, that they be amended to differentiate between water quality and water quantity.
133	13	Supported. But sought clarification that also included streams and creeks. Generally supported policies and methods under objective, except policy 17.

2.40 Objective 14

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	13	Sought that for objective14, and relevant policies, that they be amended to differentiate between water quality and water quantity.
82	10	Stated that as an alternative to amending objective12, objective14 be amended to read 'Fresh water is available for use and development and is used efficiently and is not wasted.'
133	14	Supported. But opposed the specification of "non-regulatory" standards as applied to policy 65.

2.41 Section 3.5 Historic heritage

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
56	7	Supported the policies which are in accordance with Kapiti Coast District Council's existing approach. In particular, welcomed the further guidance around the criteria for listing buildings and natural heritage in the District Plan Heritage Register
112	15	Noted that the Regional Policy Statement had carefully balanced the language used in the Resource Management Act 1991 with the terminology in the New Zealand Icomos Charter. Supported following of

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		guidance in National documents such as ICOMOS, where this is able to be integrated with the Resource Management Act 1991.
131	7	Supported the objectives, policies and methods related to this topic.
133	15	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to the maintenance of historic heritage throughout the Greater Wellington Region and sought that they be retained.

2.42 Objective 15

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	12	Sought objective 15 be amended as follows: Historic heritage is identified and protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.
35	13	Sought objective 15 be amended as follows: Historic heritage sites are identified and any effects on them of inappropriate subdivision use and development are avoided remedied or mitigated
87	6	Sought retention of objective 15.
123	9	Sought retention of objective 15 without modification.

2.43 Section 3.6 Indigenous ecosystems

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	13	Sought the addition of the following paragraph to the background section of 3.6:

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		Mitigation and remediation for the loss or degradation of an indigenous ecosystem can be achieved through undertaking works elsewhere on the subject site or off site. Such works include but are not limited to planting, covenanting of bush and stream habitats, pest control and environmental monitoring.
27	2	Opposed section. Stated that the Regional Policy Statement did not consider landowner rights and that there was no compensation to landowners who are affected.
35	14	Sought inclusion of a paragraph to provide an accurate picture of the stakeholders involved And that the following paragraph be inserted into the introduction section; The Wairarapa today is very different with forest cleared and wetlands drained to make way for farming, forestry, viticulture, cropping and urban development. The dominant species of the Wairarapa Plains are now pasture grasses, shelter belts of macrocarpa, pampas grass, radiata pine and riparian willows (such as crack willow). Sheep, beef, dairy farming, cropping are the main forms of agriculture with viticulture increasing. Primary production is the mainstay of the economic prosperity of the Wairarapa and is dependent on introduced biodiversity for agriculture, horticulture, viticulture and forestry. Therefore, it is important to acknowledge the importance of introduced biodiversity while incorporating indigenous biodiversity into the modified environment. The challenge for the Wairarapa is to find the balance between the benefits provided by introduced species and the threats they present to indigenous biodiversity (or words to this effect)
56	8	Supported the explicit listing of ecosystem types that are significantly reduced in extent and therefore a priority for action. Stated this provides clear guidance to decision makers by eliminating uncertainty.
83	13	Sought amendments to emphasise the maintenance, and where appropriate, the enhancement of the overall biodiversity of the region.
114	8	Agreed with the Statement's description of this topic
130	3	Requested amendment to include discussion of biodiversity, biodiversity values, rationale for inclusion of only significant biodiversity values, the relationship with climate change, the contribution of indigenous biodiversity to 'sense of place', and an explanation that some species indigenous to New Zealand are not indigenous to the Wellington region and may pose a threat. Supported the inclusion of the impact of human activities and the gradual erosion of ecosystem sustainability. Also requested the amendment of reference to the Tararua and Orongogongo ranges in paragraph 3 to reference to the Tararua, Rimutaka and Aorangi ranges.

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130	4	Requested reinstatement of poor knowledge of the health of indigenous ecosystems as a significant resource management issue or in the alternative a discussion of progress made on this issue by territorial authorities.
131	8	Supported the objectives, policies and methods related to this topic.
133	16	Opposed the issues, policies and methods relating to indigenous ecosystems. Stated that all ecosystems and biodiversity values should be protected including trout spawning values and all wetlands, including man made.

2.44 Section 3.6 Indigenous ecosystems - Issue 2: The region's indigenous ecosystems are under threat

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	15	Sought Issue 2 be amended as follows: 'Monitoring change in the quality of ecosystems at a regional scale is difficult' And reference to technical reports and monitoring results be included in footnotes

2.45 Objective 16

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	14	Sought objective 16 be amended as follows: Adverse effects on indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values are avoided, remedied or mitigated.
35	16	Sought objective 16 be amended as follows: Indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values are maintained and enhanced

66	2	Requested a new policy to read 'Support tangata whenua and the community to identify and establish ecological corridors.'
83	14	Sought that objective 16 be deleted and replaced with 'Net indigenous biological diversity is maintained or enhanced.'
114	9	Strongly supported
130	5	Requested an additional objective with associated policies and rules to protect indigenous ecosystems for reasons other than their biodiversity values

2.46 Section 3.7 Landscape

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	15	Sought deletion of Section 3.7 including objective 17, policies 24-27 and 49, and the relevant methods.
27	3	Opposed section. Stated that the Regional Policy Statement did not consider landowner rights and that there was no compensation to landowners who are affected.
56	13	Supported objective 17 and policies 24, 25 and 26 in relation to identifying and protecting outstanding natural features and landscapes. Was pleased to see amenity areas and natural features included as well as more general landscapes. The criteria in the policies were considered to be very helpful both when changing District Plans and considering resource consents. Stated a concern that there is limited recognition, identification and management for potentially significant or notable landscapes i.e. currently degraded landscapes that could be outstanding. Requested that this be given further consideration in the policy statement.
82	11	Sought that paragraph 5 be amended to read: '...This potentially affects more sensitive landscapes...' And that the issue be amended to read: 1. The potential for inappropriate subdivision, use and development to modify or destroy the defining characteristics and values of outstanding natural features and landscapes. 2. The potential for inappropriate subdivision, use and development to compromise the defining amenity values of significant amenity landscapes. The adverse effects of some subdivision, land use and

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		development activities have the potential to adversely affect the defining characteristics and values of outstanding natural features and landscapes or the amenity values of significant amenity landscapes.'
83	15	Sought retention of the key resource management issues.
100	5	Supported the approach to identifying and managing significant landscapes and supported objective17 and its policies and methods. However, noted that at present there was no guidance addressing how territorial authorities are meant to give effect to these policies or address cross-boundary issues, particularly where there may be conflicting views between councils about what qualifies as outstanding or significant. Requested that this issue be addressed by method 49, and that the method is implemented as soon as practicable.
113	3	Supported policies that prevent inappropriate modification and destruction of outstanding natural features and landscapes. Requested stronger policies be included that protect the landscapes in the Wellington area from inappropriate development such as wind farms.
114	10	Strongly supported protecting, maintaining or enhancing the value of outstanding natural features and of landscapes which are outstanding or of significant amenity value.
124	14	Sought that the section be amended to read: 'Within all communities in the region there is an increasing awareness of the distinctive character of local landscapes and natural features, and their importance to our quality of life. Landscapes influence our sense of identity and our experiences of the places we live. Landscape is regarded as a physical resource that shapes and is shaped by many of our activities such as farming, tourism, renewable energy generation, forestry and urban development. For Maori it provides earthly links with ancestors and tribal history, and is intrinsic to the wellbeing of the people of that place. The rohe, or tribal area for tangata whenua, is often associated with landscapes and features and therefore they have powerful cultural significance. Landscape change is inevitable, even without human action. However, the degree of change caused by human activities has been accelerating. The distinctive aspects of the Wellington region's landscapes are at risk of being lost or degraded by inappropriate activities that do not efficiently use the region's renewable resources.'

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
131	9	Support for the objectives, policies and methods related to this topic, subject to consideration of policies 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (35 and 39).
133	17	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to landscape and sought that they be retained.

2.47 Section 3.7 Landscape - Issue 1: Inappropriate modification and destruction of outstanding natural features and landscapes, and significant amenity landscapes

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	17	Sought Landscape Issue 1 be amended as follows: Inappropriate subdivision, use and development can adversely affect outstanding natural features and landscapes.

2.48 Objective 17

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	18	Sought that objective 17 be amended as follows: The region's outstanding natural features and outstanding landscapes are identified and their values are protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development
82	12	Sought amendments so read: 'The region's outstanding natural features and landscapes are identified and their values are protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. Objective17A The region's significant amenity landscapes are identified and their defining characteristics and values are maintained and enhanced.'
83	16	Sought retention of objective17 in its entirety.

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	7	Sought retention of objective 17.
104	1	Sought review of objective17 and associated policies 24-27 to take in to account the need to balance the protection of outstanding and significant landscapes with the importance of resource use.
104	2	Sought further guidance on how the objective and associated policies 24-27, objective30, and policy 60 are to be balanced in order to provide certainty and reduce subjectivity.
123	10	Sought: A. The reference in objective17 to the identification, protection or enhancement of the values of the region's outstanding natural features and landscapes. B. Deletion from objective17, the reference to 'landscapes and significant amenity landscapes'.

2.49 Section 3.8 Natural hazards

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	16	Sought that the Council either reinstate Issue 8, operative policies 4 and 5 and the methods (refer to pages 94, and 100-101, 107-109) from the Operative Regional Policy Statement together with appropriate amendments to objective19; or amend the Regional Policy Statement, in particular Section 3.8 Issues and objectives 18-20 and policies 50 and 51 to reflect the operative provisions. Sought additional amendments where necessary to the methods to reflect the policy changes sought.
24	2	Sought retention, in principle, of the relevant objectives, policies and methods on natural hazards. Sought that wide consultation be encouraged when developing plan changes on natural hazards .
27	4	Opposed section. Stated that the Regional Policy Statement did not consider landowner rights and that there was no compensation to landowners who are affected.
33	6	Supported improvements made from draft Regional Policy Statement.

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
127	3	Page 52 The recognition that climate change will result in a drier Eastern part of the region and a wetter Western part including the Tararua range was supported. Sought some comment on the water management issues/opportunities coming out of this in terms of water harvesting and flow augmentation. Stated that this should reflect the benefits to the region from allowing for the best, most efficient use of water to be made at the times of greatest need by harvesting and storing in times of surplus.
131	10	Support for the objectives, policies and methods relating to this topic.
133	18	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to natural hazards and sought that they be retained.

2.50 Section 3.8 Natural hazards - Issue 3: Climate change will increase both the magnitude and frequency of natural hazard events

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	19	Sought that Natural Hazards Issue 3 be amended as follows: Climate change has the potential to increase both the magnitude and frequency of natural hazard events Or, sought deletion of the issue and for clauses (a), (b) and (c) to be moved to issue 1.

2.51 Objective 18

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
56	14	Generally supported the intention of objective18 regarding avoiding or minimising natural hazard risk.
92	4	Sought retention of the focus on risk (as opposed to activities) in objectives 18.

123	11	Sought retention of the focus on risk (as opposed to activities) in objectives 18
125	2	Supported the intent of objectives 18.

2.52 Objective 19

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
92	5	Sought retention of the focus on risk (as opposed to activities) in objectives 19.
123	12	Sought retention of the focus on risk (as opposed to activities) in objectives 19.
125	3	Supported the intent of objective19

2.53 Objective 20

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
33	7	Supported improvements made from draft Regional Policy Statement.
125	4	Supported the intent of objective20

2.54 Section 3.9 Regional form, design and function

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
56	15	Supported objective 21 and the inclusion of policies 29, 30, 31, 32, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58 and 67. Stated that this integrated approach to land use and transportation is appreciated.

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
61	1	Supported Section 3.9 in particular, which they stated they understood related to the need to ensure that the existing centres of the Wellington Region are supported and intensified where possible. However, requested that the Wellington Central Business District, which is included in the definition of Regionally Significant Centres, is clearly identified as being at the top of the hierarchy.
83	17	Sought that the explanation and objective21 be amended to include recognition that reverse sensitivity effects need to be considered as part of the achievement of good regional form.
91	5	Supported issues - subject to changes requested to issue 3.
100	7	Supported the inclusion of regional form, design and function as a matter of regional significance. Stated that the inclusion of this issue is consistent with the Wellington Regional Strategy and its focus area three: investment in good regional form.
112	16	Stated concern that there was no mention of the smaller towns, their contribution to the region, requirements for public transport or good urban design albeit in a smaller way.
123	13	Sought objective 21 be amended to recognise that regional form may be affected by existing infrastructure. This could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: "A compact, well designed and sustainable regional form that has an integrated, safe and responsive transport network and: (j) efficient of use and development of existing infrastructure"
131	11	Support for the objectives, policies and methods relating to this topic
133	19	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to regional form, design and function and sought that they be retained.
134	4	Supported objectives and policies on efficient use of existing infrastructure, improvements to east west linkages and integration of landuse and transportation strategies as stated that being geographically constrained, sustainable management of Wellington's existing infrastructure was a key consideration.
138	4	Page 57. Sought a further sentence added to the introductory paragraph as follows (or words to like effect): "Encouraging use and development of existing centres of business activity can also lead to social and economic benefits."

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138	5	<p>Page 57.</p> <p>Sought a further sentence be added to the introductory paragraph as follows (or words to like effect): “Encouraging use and development of existing centres of business activity can also lead to social and economic benefits.”</p> <p>Also sought further wording be added to the second paragraph as follows (or words to like effect): “They also have the potential to support new development and increase the range and diversity of activities, where such development does not affect the viability and vibrancy of other centres in the Region.”</p>

2.55 Section 3.9 Regional form - Issue 1: Poor quality urban design

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
62	2	Sought clarification of the issues so that there is clear linkages between the issue and the objectives, policies and methods

2.56 Section 3.9 Regional form - Issue 2: Sporadic and uncoordinated development

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	20	Sought deletion of element (c) from Issue 2
62	4	<p>The following changes were sought to Issue 2:</p> <p>2. Sporadic, uncontrolled and/or uncoordinated development</p> <p>Uncoordinated and sporadic development (including of infrastructure) can adversely affect the region’s compact form. This can, among other things, result in:</p> <p>(a) new development that is poorly located in relation to existing infrastructure (such as</p>

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
		roads, sewage and stormwater systems) and is costly or otherwise difficult to service (b) development in locations that restrict access to the significant physical resource in the region – such as aggregate (c) the loss of rural or open space land valued for its productive, ecological, aesthetic and recreational qualities (d) insufficient population densities to support public transport and other public services (e) new infrastructure that can encourage development in locations that undermine existing centres and industrial employment areas. (f) loss of vitality and/or viability in the regional central business district of Wellington City and the other regionally significant centres; and (g) displacement of industrial employment activities from established industrial areas.
138	6	Stated that Issue 2, ‘sporadic and uncoordinated development’, should be amended to read (or words to like effect): “(e) development in locations that undermine existing centres and employment areas.”

2.57 Section 3.9 Regional form - Issue 3: Integration of land use and transportation

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
91	6	Sought amendment of Issue 3 to read ‘(c) reduced opportunities for alternate means of travel (such as walking and cycling), increased community severance, and increased costs associated with upgrading roads (d) ...compromising the efficient and safe operation...’
62	3	Sought the following changes to Issue 3: 3. Integration of land use and transportation A lack of integration between land use and the region’s transportation network can create patterns of development that increase the need for travel, the length of journeys and reliance on private motor vehicles, resulting in: (a) increased emissions to air from a variety of pollutants, including greenhouse gases

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		<p>(b) increased use of energy and reliance on non-renewable resources</p> <p>(c) reduced opportunities for alternate means of travel (such as walking and cycling) and increased costs associated with upgrading roads</p> <p>(d) increased road congestion leading to restricted movement of goods and services to, from and within the region, and compromising the efficient operation of the transport network.</p> <p>(f) inefficient use of existing infrastructure (including transport orientated infrastructure)</p>

2.58 Objective 21

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	17	Sought a new clause (k) in objective21 as follows: (k) does not compromise access to significant regional resources (including minerals) and these resources can be accessed in close proximity to the areas they are needed most (e.g. urban areas).
32	3	Sought that objective 21 be retained in part but amended to include: (k) provides for social infrastructure and essential social services
33	8	Stated that promoting high density development should not be at the expense of sacrificing green spaces and gardens for asphalt.
40	3	Sought an amendment by adding an additional clause to read '(k) strategically planned corridors for the transportation of over dimensions loads.'
62	5	Sought that the vibrancy and vitality in all of the regionally significant centres be reinforced. The following changes were sought: objective21 A compact, well designed and sustainable urban form that has an integrated, safe and responsive transport network and: (a) a viable and vibrant regional central business district in Wellington city;

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		(b) an increased range and diversity of activities in and around the regionally significant centres to maintain vibrancy and vitality; (c) sufficient industrial-based employment locations or capacity to meet the region's needs; (d) urban development in existing urban areas, or when beyond urban areas, development that reinforces the region's existing urban form; (e) strategically planned rural development; (f) a range of housing (including affordable housing); (g) integrated public open spaces; (h) integrated land use and transportation; (i) improved east-west transport linkages; and (j) efficient use of existing infrastructure (including transport network infrastructure).
87	8	Sought retention of objective 21.
104	3	Sought review of objective 21 (e) and associated policy 55 and method 4 to give direction on how this will effect existing and future rural developments.
123	14	Sought objective 21 be amended to recognise that regional form may be affected by existing infrastructure. Stated that this could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: "A compact, well designed and sustainable regional form that has an integrated, safe and responsive transport network and: (j) efficient of use and development of existing infrastructure".
135	2	Sought an amendment to include new paragraph (k) provides for social infrastructure and essential social services, including emergency services
138	7	Sought that objective 21 be amended as follows (or words to like effect): A compact, well designed and sustainable regional form that has: (aa) an integrated, safe and responsive transport network; (a) a viable and vibrant regional central business district in Wellington city; (b) regionally significant centres which are viable and are supported by an increased range and diversity of activities in and around the centres;

2.59 Section 3.10 Resource management with tangata whenua

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
56	16	Stated that the role of tangata whenua is not given prominence in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement and the submitter would like to see tangata whenua issues outlined at the start of the policy statement. Generally supported the intent of the objectives and policies. Noted that method 31 shows lwi management plans as a significant document that will inform statements and policies. Expressed concern as to whether lwi would receive adequate support to develop these plans. Requested that significant resources be provided to enable lwi to develop these management plans.
100	8	Strongly supported the objectives and policies relating to resource management with tangata whenua.
112	17	Sought rewording to include tangata whenua also working with Councils.
131	12	Supported the objectives, policies and methods related to this topic.
133	20	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to resource management with tangata whenua and sought that they be retained.
134	5	Supported

2.60 Objective 22

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	9	Sought retention of objective 22.

2.61 Objective 23

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	10	Sought retention of objective 23.

2.62 Objective 24

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	11	Sought retention of objective 24.

2.63 Objective 25

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	12	Sought retention of objective 25.

2.64 Objective 26

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	13	Sought retention of objective 26.

2.65 Objective 27

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
82	13	<p>Sought that objective 27 be amended to read: objective27 Adverse effects on the cultural relationships of Maori with their ancestral lands, water, sites, waahi tapu and other taonga are avoided, remedied or mitigated.’ Or, sought other amendments to address concern that the focus on avoidance was inconsistent with the Resource Management Act 1991.</p>

2.66 Section 3.11 Soils and minerals

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
3	1	Sought that the explanation be amended to provide greater recognition for aggregates and their value to the region.
15	18	<p>Sought that the description be amended as follows: 'In the Wellington region, sand, rock, gravel and limestone are extracted, from rivers, beaches, coastal cliffs and inland quarries...As the region's population continues to expand, the demand for mineral resources, particularly aggregate will increase. A sustained supply of aggregate will be needed to provide for building, construction and roading projects associated with this growth but also to maintain and redevelop existing infrastructure. Mineral resources are fixed in location, unevenly distributed and finite. Extraction processes, sites and transportation routes can create adverse environmental effects. If activities sensitive to the effects of extraction, and processing and transportation are established nearby, the full and efficient future extraction of these resources can be compromised. In the case of working sites, 'reverse sensitivity' effects can arise — meaning the extractive or processing operations may be forced to restrict or change their activities to avoid affecting the new neighbour. If resources closer to areas of high demand (such as the Wellington urban area including Wellington, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua cities) are compromised or precluded</p>

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		<p>from being extracted, resources have to be obtained from further away, at significantly greater economic and environmental costs associated with aggregate transportation.</p> <p>And, the addition of a new paragraph as follows:</p> <p>It is important that potentially significant aggregate deposits and access routes to these resources are protected to ensure their availability. Obtaining access to resources in recent times has become a key issue addressed by the Environment Court in numerous cases, as residents and occupiers of sensitive activities (e.g. childcare centres, schools) along access routes object to noise and vibration generated by heavy vehicle movements, and quarries are severely limited in their output volume by restricted truck movements. In particular, it is important from economic, social and environmental perspectives that areas that have high demand for aggregate such as the Wellington urban area (including Wellington, Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua cities) are able to be provided for by the extraction of resources in close proximity, as opposed to resources located at considerable distances away.</p>
26	2	Supported the matters raised under Issues and objectives in 3.11 Soil and Minerals
27	5	Opposed section. Stated that the Regional Policy Statement did not consider landowner rights and that there was no compensation to landowners who are affected.
35	21	<p>Sought the introduction be amended as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Reference technical reports and monitoring results in footnotes 2. Delete reference to Intensive farming as being responsible for declining soil quality 3. Amend paragraph 5 page 68 to include the full range of soil types and productive possibilities of the region 4. Delete second sentence in paragraph 7 page 68 "It is the legacy of poor land and/or waste management" <p>And</p> <p>Sought consequential changes to give effect to this relief sought</p>
36	1	Noted that any soil is unable to sustain high levels of growth, whether farmed intensively or extensively, without minerals and nutrients being replaced within the soil reserve. Stated that this is not a phenomena peculiar to intensive farming.
56	17	Supported the objectives and policies, in particular policy 33 on avoiding development of contaminated land.

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100	9	Supported the objectives, policies and method relating to this theme. policy 68, and corresponding methods 15 and 54, were particularly supported.
127	4	Page 69 The recognition that the region contains highly productive soils that have an economic value as an input to primary production and should be protected in some way from non-primary sector development such as subdivision was welcomed by the submitter
131	13	Supported the objectives, policies and methods relating to this topic.
133	21	Supported the issues, policies and methods relating to soils and minerals and sought that they be retained.

2.67 Section 3.11 Soils and minerals - Issue 2: Reduction of soil health

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	22	Sought Issue 2 be amended as follows: 2. Reduction of soil health Some land use practices can impact on the health of soil
50	14	Stated that objective 29 applies to all soils in the region – not just some. Yet policy 59 only sought to protect Class I and II soils. Stated that trying to protect Class 1 and II land from development was not supported as was inconsistent with the Resource Management Act 1991. Sought amendments to Issue 2 as follows: Some land use practices can impact on the health of the soil.

2.68 Section 3.11 Soils and minerals - Issue 3: Highly productive agricultural land under threat from development

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35	23	Sought that Issue 3 be deleted And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the policy and method sections, to give effect to this relief sought
50	15	Stated that objective 29 applies to all soils in the region – not just some. Yet policy 59 only sought to protect Class I and II soils. Stated that trying to protect Class 1 and II land from development was not supported as was inconsistent with the Resource Management Act 1991. Sought that Issue 3 be deleted

2.69 Section 3.11 Soils and minerals - Issue 5: Limited mineral resources

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
3	2	Sought retention of Issue 5
15	19	Sought that Issue 5 be deleted and replaced with the following two new issues: 5a Responsible and efficient utilisation of the region's significant mineral resources may be compromised through incompatible land uses, such as residential activity, located in the vicinity of mineral deposits and quarries and access routes to these deposits and quarries. The problem is most likely to arise where hard rock quarry sites and their access ways, are adjacent to residential and rural-residential subdivisions or adjacent to areas which can be subdivided. 5b A sustained supply of aggregate is essential to provide for the people of the region's social, economic and cultural wellbeing.
48	4	Sought that the discussion be expanded in order to 'set the stage' for more specific objectives, policies and methods to be included so as to ensure integrated management of aggregates and aggregate associated activities.

2.70 Objective 28

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	24	Sought objective 28 be amended as follows: Land management and development practices do not accelerate soil erosion

2.71 Objective 29

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	25	Sought objective 29 be amended as follows: Soils maintain those desirable physical, chemical and biological characteristics that enable them to retain their ecosystem function and range of uses, including uses that may not currently take place in the region.

2.72 Objective 30

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
3	3	Sought retention of objective 30
15	20	Sought that objective 30 be amended as follows: The demand for mineral resources is met from local sources as much as possible and mineral deposits and access routes are protected to ensure their availability. In particular, areas that have high demand for aggregate such as the Wellington urban area (including Wellington, Lower Hut, Upper Hutt and Porirua cities) are able to be provided for by the extraction of resources in close proximity, as opposed to resources located considerable distances away. And, sought the addition of the following new objective which was included in the June 2007 draft revision of the Regional Policy Statement Minerals Provisions as follows:

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		The locations of the region's significant mineral resources are identified and their use provided for.
48	5	Supported in part. Sought additional methods directing regional plans and district plans to include specific objectives, policies and methods to enable aggregate extraction and processing activities, provided their adverse effects on the environment are avoided remedied or mitigated where practicable. Sought inclusion of provisions recognising the importance of river based aggregate extraction and to enable extraction for the purpose of the provision of aggregate for infrastructure as well as flood management and river control.
104	4	Sought retention.

2.73 Chapter 4 Policies and methods

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	21	Sought addition of a new policy to give effect to the proposed objective by the submitter as follows: District and Regional Plans make provision for rules which enable the development of clean and managed fills so as to avoid compromising valuable landfill space through the disposal of such material.

2.74 Section 4.1 Regulatory policies - direction for district and regional plans and the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
3	4	Sought inclusion of an additional policy to read 'District and regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that: a) recognise the social, economic, and environmental benefits from utilising mineral resources within the region; and

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		b) protect the extraction and processing of significant mineral resources from incompatible or inappropriate land uses alongside.'
91	7	Requested a new policy be added to require district plans to include policies, rules, and/or other methods that will discourage new subdivision and/or development from locations where infrastructure capacity is limited and will remain limited for the foreseeable future.
112	18	Stated that in section 4.1 there should be policies that specifically look at the whole catchment of the Ruamahanga River. Noted that objectives 12, 13, 14 & 8 are all relevant and so are policies 11,12,13,14 15, 18, 39, 41, 43. Sought assurance that the whole river situation is addressed.
117	10	Sought a new policy as follows in section 4.1: "Renewable energy in the coastal environment – district and regional plans District and regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that recognise: (a) the benefits to be derived from the use and development of renewable energy sources in the coastal environment including national, regional and local benefits; and (b) the nationally significant wind and marine energy resources within the coastal environment and the need for electricity generation facilities to locate where these resources exist."
131	14	Sought: 1. That account be taken of the proposed amendment to the Resource Management Act 1991 deleting the requirement for the review of district plans after 10 years and to clarify when policies will have to be given effect to. 2. That an appropriate statement be included in the Regional Policy Statement recognising that in some cases the work required to give effect to policies may be substantial and this will affect the timing of when policies will be able to be given effect to.

2.75 Policy 1: Reverse sensitivity associated with odour, smoke and dust - district plans

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3	5	Sought retention of policy 1
15	22	Sought that policy 1 be amended as follows: "Policy 1: Reverse sensitivity associated with odour, smoke and dust– district plans District plans shall include policies and rules that prevent: (a) new sensitive activities locating near land uses or activities that emit odour, smoke or dust, which can affect the health of people and lower the amenity values of the surrounding area; and Explanation New sensitive activities should not establish near land uses or activities that generate odour, smoke or dust."
31	1	Stated that in addition to amenity values, significant indigenous biodiversity values can also be adversely affected by the emissions of odour, smoke and dust. Sought that policy 1(b) be reworded so that it reads: "new land uses or activities that emit odour, smoke or dust and which can affect the health of people and lower the amenity or significant indigenous biodiversity values of the surrounding areas, locating near sensitive activities or areas."
32	4	Sought that policy 1 be retained in current form without modifications as they will potentially benefit Corrections by ensuring that sensitive activities are protected from new land uses or activities that emit odours, smoke or dust.
33	10	Stated the term 'reverse sensitivity' is grammatically odd and should be replaced with something more appropriate such as 'Separating sensitive from...' or 'Dissociating sensitive and (heavy) industrial activities'.
35	26	Sought that policy 1 be amended as follows: Reverse sensitivity associated with odour, smoke and dust – district plans District plans shall include policies and/or rules that manage the interface of different environmental zones and potential conflicts between established land uses and activities that may not normally be anticipated in those zones. Councils will focus on providing sources where potential landowners can obtain information in respect to land and the surrounding area. And

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		Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
48	6	Sought retention of policy
50	16	Sought inclusion of 'off target agrichemical spray drift' in policy 1.
86	5	<p>Sought retention of the intent to policy 1, but the following changes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Amendments to the policy as follows: District plans shall include policies and/or rules that restrict: (a) new sensitive activities locating near land uses or activities that emit odour, smoke or dust, which can affect the health of people and/or lower the amenity values of the surrounding area; and.... 2. In the explanation bullet point 2 on page 80 be amended by deletion of the word "backyard". 3. That explicit cross referencing of policy 1 with policies 6, 7 and 38 be made. 4. The addition of a new consideration policy relating to air quality and reverse sensitivity effects which must be given particular regard to when assessing and deciding upon resource consents, notices of requirement or when changing, varying or replacing city, district or regional plans and a cross reference to a new consideration policy for the protection of regionally significant infrastructure (as also requested by this submitter).
100	10	<p>Opposed use of district plans to control the reverse sensitivity effects of odour, smoke and dust. Stated that such reverse sensitivity effects should be addressed by regional plans when considering applications for air discharge consents.</p> <p>Noted that earthworks and vegetation clearance are a necessary component of land development, and often occur in proximity to sensitive land uses (e.g. "Greenfield" sites adjacent to existing established residential areas) and that dust effects of such activity can be satisfactorily controlled through resource consent conditions. However, despite the necessity of such activities and satisfactory control of dust effects, policy 1 could be interpreted as requiring district plans to discourage such activity.</p> <p>Sought deletion of policy 1</p>
104	5	Sought retention to prevent reverse sensitivity issues from arising.

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105	1	<p>Stated that district plans should include policies and/or rules that discourage land uses or activities that produce discharges of other contaminants to air, for example, fine particulate in the close proximity of sensitive activities. For example, locating an early childhood centre next to a busy road or intersection where vehicles produce significant amounts of fine particulate and other potentially hazardous contaminants could adversely affect the health of children at the centre.</p> <p>Sought following changes policy 1:</p> <p>Policy 1: Reverse sensitivity associated with odour, smoke, dust and other contaminants– district plans</p> <p>(a) new sensitive activities locating near land uses or activities that emit odour, smoke, dust or other contaminants (e.g. fine particulate matter), which can affect the health of people and lower the amenity values of the surrounding area</p> <p>(b) new land uses or activities that emit odour, smoke, dust or other contaminants (e.g. fine particulate matter), which can affect the health of people and lower amenity values of the surrounding areas, locating near sensitive activities.</p> <p>Explanation</p> <p>New sensitive activities should not establish near land uses or activities that generate odour, smoke, dust or other contaminants that may adversely affect the health of people. The reverse is also true; new land uses and activities should be distanced from sensitive activities.</p> <p>Land uses or activities that may affect sensitive activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • activities which emit or cause odour – such as rendering, spray painting and solvent use, landfills, sewage treatment plants, silage feeding and effluent spreading. • activities which emit or cause smoke such as backyard burning. • activities which emit or cause dust – such as earthworks, quarries, and vegetation disturbance. • activities which emit or cause other contaminants that may adversely affect the health of people (e.g. fine particulate matter) – such as roads with high traffic use.

2.76 Policy 2: Reducing adverse effects of the discharge of odour, smoke, dust and fine particulate matter – regional plans

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4	3	<p>Sought that policy 2 be amended as follows: Policy 2: Reducing adverse effects of the discharge of odour, smoke, dust , high velocity vertical discharges and fine particulate matter – regional plans Regional plans shall include policies and/or rules that: (a) protect or enhance the amenity values of neighbouring areas from discharges of odour, smoke and dust; (b) protect people’s health from discharges of dust, smoke and fine particulate matter; and (c) prevent discharges to air taking place within an Aerodrome Area, or outside an Aerodrome Area with a stack height of over 30m, without an aeronautical report confirming that it will not constitute a hazard to navigable airspace under Civil Aviation Rule Part 77.19(b) or (c).</p>
15	23	<p>Sought that policy 2 be amended as follows: Regional plans shall include policies and/or rules that: (a) avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on the amenity values of neighbouring areas from discharges of odour, smoke and dust; and (b) avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects on people’s health from discharges of dust, smoke and fine particulate matter.</p>
31	2	<p>Stated that in addition to amenity values, significant indigenous biodiversity values can also be adversely affected, for example estuarine environments. Sought the following decision from the Council: A third statement is included that sets out: “(c) protect significant indigenous biodiversity values from discharges of dust, smoke and fine particular matter.”</p>
35	27	<p>Sought policy 2 be amended as follows: Reducing adverse effects of the discharge of odour, smoke, dust and fine particulate matter in accordance with what is appropriate for the predominant land use and environmental quality of the character areas within the region (or words to this effect). And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular</p>

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		the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
48	7	Sought amendment to policy 2 to allow activities involving discharges to air where effects on the environment can be avoided, remedied or mitigated and to state that a reduction in adverse effects on air quality is only necessary where existing levels of pollution are elevated.
50	17	Sought an amendment to the explanation to policy 2 by stating: "The amenity values of an area will vary across the region and reflect the nature of activities undertaken in the area. For instance the rural area is a rural working production environment and the level of amenity value will reflect the odours, smoke, dust and agrichemical spray drift associated with rural production activities."
74	6	Requested that the preparation of an Airshed Action Plan be carried out in consultation with the Masterton District Council and their community.
114	11	Stated that it would be more appropriate to put avoiding, and assuming that is impractical, reducing the amount of, discharge of pollutants (whether to land, sea or air) before taking steps to reduce the adverse effects of such pollution.
117	11	Sought the following addition to the explanation to policy 2: There is potential in the region for the use of cleaner fuels combined with modern burning technologies which utilise wood pellets, firewood, fire-logs and wood chips in residential and commercial wood burners. These can reduce fine particulate matter compared with non-renewable fuels, and displace carbon dioxide emissions and improve local amenity"

2.77 Policy 3: Discouraging development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment – district and regional plans

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25	9	Stated that it needed to be recognised that much of the Wairarapa is farmed, this includes fencing, farm buildings, dams, and tracks as part of normal practice. These should not be subject to extra layers of intervention just because the land is on the coast.

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31	3	<p>Stated that despite the intention to protect natural character in the coastal environment by the inclusion of such a policy, stated that the Regional Policy Statement did not require councils to undertake such an assessment of natural character.</p> <p>Policies 22, 24, and 26 require councils to identify significant biodiversity values, outstanding natural features and landscapes, and significant amenity landscape values, and while these policies may identify many of the areas of natural character in the coastal environment, it will not identify all such areas in the coastal environment. For the Regional Policy Statement to be internally consistent with policies 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26 the form and focus of policy 3 needs to be restated in the same format as those policies.</p> <p>Sought the following decisions from the Council:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy 3 be replaced with the following two policies: Policy 3A: District and regional plans shall identify areas [or places] of natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area) using the following criteria: [use the factors identified in policy 35]. Policy 3B: Where natural character values of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area) have been identified in accordance with policy 3A, district and regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that protect the natural character values of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area) from inappropriate subdivision, use or development. 2. That any policy relating to the natural character in the coastal environment is not qualified by the use of the word 'high', or any other similar qualifier.
35	28	<p>Sought policy 3 be amended as follows: Discourage inappropriate development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment – district and regional plans And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point</p>
50	18	<p>Sought deletion of b) inappropriate use from policy 3. Concerned that there is no direction as to how 'inappropriate use' may be determined.</p>
56	18	<p>Stated that policy was not strong enough to prevent developments in currently rural areas along the Kapiti Coast. Requested that as a minimum the words "high natural character" be modified to "high natural</p>

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		<p>character or amenity value" in policies 3 and 35 to cover a wider range of land. Was concerned that 'high' natural character is very subjective. It could be argued that an area used for agriculture, this is not entirely 'natural', does not have high natural character. Stated that policy 3 seems to read that we would enable new subdivision, use and developments in areas that are not identified as having "high natural character".</p> <p>Stated that policy 35 goes into some detail to assist planners in determining what 'high natural character' means. But the criteria in policy 35 did not indicate any tipping point for when natural character is no longer 'high'. Stated that greater guidance on coastal subdivision would be useful due to the continuing demand for coastal subdivision.</p>
73	1	<p>Objected to the principle of "discouraging" development in the coastal environment, stating that new subdivisions are a natural part of progress, and sought for councils to be encouraged to consider new subdivisions and developments that blend in and enhance the coastal location.</p>
81	1	<p>Sought that policy 3 be amended to include flexible criteria, taking into account sustainability, ecological protection and "community good" when assessing development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment to ensure the process is simple, easily accessible, straightforward and affordable particularly for 'low level' or "mini-developments".</p>
82	14	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'District and regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that discourage (a) new subdivision; and (b) inappropriate use or development; on land in the coastal environment that has high natural character' and consequential amendments to the explanation.</p>
83	18	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'District and regional plans shall include policies, rules and methods which discourage inappropriate subdivision, use and development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment.'</p>
100	11	<p>The submitter did not specifically oppose this policy. However, raised concern that the implementation of this policy will have potential difficulties, as it will either require district plans to identify areas with high natural character, or introduce generic policies and rules for this purpose that could be difficult to apply. In particular, it may be difficult to apply this policy to areas in the coastal environment that contain boat sheds. Sought that Greater Wellington give further consideration to how this policy will be interpreted and the methods by which it shall be applied, having regard to its efficiency and effectiveness.</p>

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114	12	Accepted that, as the explanation says, "the Resource Management Act 1991 does not preclude appropriate use and development" and so the policy cannot be stronger than to discourage "(a) new subdivision and/or development". However, state that almost by definition the policy can and should prevent, not simply discourage, "(b) inappropriate use". Sought that the Statement be modified to specify that.
124	15	Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'Discouraging inappropriate development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment – district and regional plans District and regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that discourage inappropriate subdivision, use, and/or development on land in the coastal environment with high natural character.' Also sought that the explanation be amended to read: 'Policy 3 requires district and regional plans to discourage inappropriate subdivision, use, and development in areas considered to have 'high' natural character. Councils must assess land in the coastal environment to ascertain which areas have high natural character, in order to discourage inappropriate subdivision, use and development in these areas, and to determine what potentially would be appropriate development and use on this land, depending on the attributes associated with an area's high natural character. Potentially appropriate development and use should include those activities with regional and/or national benefits that have been carefully designed to avoid, remedy or mitigate any actual or potential adverse effects on the coastal environment.'
131	15	Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. Stated that it must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.

2.78 Policy 4: Identifying the landward extent of the coastal environment - district plans

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25	10	Sought that farming be recognised as an existing and legitimate use of coastal land, to ensure that rules are not applied where they were not intended, such as to pasture as coastal vegetation.
31	4	Sought the following decision from the Council: The policy be retained with the proposed wording, but the explanation is amended to note that the Regional Council shall assist district councils in identifying the landward extent so that there is consistency across territorial boundaries.
35	29	Sought policy 4 be amended as follows: Identify in consultation with landholders, the community, tangata whenua and other key stakeholders, the landward extent of the coastal environment – district plans Also sought inclusion of reference to following recommendations in the Explanation section. "Federated Farmers recommends that: where there is a change in landscape category as a result of the reclassification or identification of the coastal environment, that those landowners be identified, contacted and informed of exactly what the proposed changes will mean to them prior to the notification of the plan change. That if requested these landowners are given an opportunity to discuss landscape boundaries on their properties." And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
50	19	Sought that policy 4 under objective 4 be amended in respect to identifying the landward extent of the coastal environment and place responsibility to the regional council.
50	20	Sought that policy 4 be amended to ensure that the provisions for identifying the coastal environment are through the Regional Plan, not district plans and based on principles in the Coastal Policy Statement.
56	19	Stated that further guidance on the implementation of the criteria would be useful, for example whether land which is likely to be affected by sea-level rise associated with climate change (in the next 20 – 50 years) is to be included within the coastal environment. Requested that Regional Council assist this process with resources for each District Council to undertake the work.
73	2	Sought for those landscapes identified as being part of the landward extent of the coastal environment to be formally identified by way of survey and available to current and prospective landowners.

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83	19	Sought retention in its entirety.
100	12	In order to assist Porirua City Council and other councils with completing such work, Porirua City Council urged Wellington Regional Council to quickly commence the regional landscape character description required by method 49.
124	16	Sought retention of the policy as proposed but with additional effect by amending method 49 as requested by the submitter.

2.79 Policy 5: Maintaining and enhancing coastal water quality for aquatic ecosystem health - regional plans

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31	5	Sought that the policy be retained with the proposed wording.
35	30	Sought that the Council clarify how the stated goal will be achieved and what this will mean for everyone in the catchment, this will be more consistent with integrated catchment management thinking
131	16	Sought: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Regional Policy Statement include a definition of “healthy ecosystems” in the definitions section. 2. That policy 5 includes wording that states that regional plans will include clear guidance on standards and requirements for water quality and coastal environmental monitoring. 3. That method 2 includes clear reference to the regional plan including standards and requirements for water quality.

2.80 Policy 6: Recognising the benefits from regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy – regional and district plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	1	Requested amendment of policy 6(a)(i) to read ‘People can travel to, from and around the region efficiently by a choice of modes including non-motorised and public transport.’
4	4	Sought that the policy be retained in current form without modification as they give protection to the Wellington International Airport and essential radio communication facilities.
15	24	<p>Sought that the Definition of Regional Significant Infrastructure in policy 6 be amended as follows: Regionally significant infrastructure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pipelines for the distribution or transmission of natural or manufactured gas or petroleum • strategic telecommunications facilities, as defined in section 5 of the Telecommunications Act 2001 • strategic radio communications facilities, as defined in section 2(1) of the Radio Communications Act 1989 • the national electricity grid, as defined by the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 • facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the national electricity grid • the local authority water supply network and water treatment plants • the local authority wastewater and stormwater networks, systems and wastewater treatment plants • the Strategic Transport Network, as defined in the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 2007-2016 • Wellington city bus terminal and Wellington Railway Station terminus • Wellington International Airport • Aggregate resources and quarries such as those found within the Western Hills of the Hutt Valley, within river systems, coastal sites and elsewhere throughout the region • Commercial Port Areas within Wellington Harbour (including Miramar, Burnham and Seaview wharves) and adjoining land and storage tanks for bulk liquids.

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23	6	Sought that policy 6(a) be amended to refer to 'goods' as well as 'people'.
31	6	Neutral submission, but noted that renewable energy sites (wind, tidal, wave and ocean current) may also have other significant or important values that require protection, which district and regional councils are required to identify and protect.
40	4	Sought that the policy be amended to read: '...the National Grid and electricity distribution and transmission networks defined as the system of transmission lines, subtransmission and distribution feeders (6.6kV and above) and all associated substations and other works to convey electricity...facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where the electricity generated is supplied to the electricity transmission and distribution networks'
51	2	Sought for policy 6 to be rewritten to take into account the government's energy policy, which centres on security of supply and affordable power generation. Submitter felt that statements regarding renewable energy's (i.e. wind generation) ability to meet these policies are incorrect and misleading to the general public and believed that Transpower should have been consulted to obtain more correct information.
56	20	Stated that policy 6 could be strengthened by changing "recognising" to "enabling the development of" in the explanation to the policy. Also stated that it would be more accurate to say "energy generated from renewable sources" rather than "energy generated from renewable energy"
74	7	Sought that a new policy be introduced for the recognition and protection of territorial government strategic assets as listed in their Long Term Council Community Plans, or that they are incorporated into the existing policy.
82	15	Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'District and regional plans shall include policies and rules that recognise:... (c) the operational and technical constraints affecting the location of renewable energy development activities and regionally significant infrastructure which derive from the reliance of those activities on natural and physical resources or conditions that exist only limited areas of the region' and consequential amendments to the explanation.
83	20	Sought retention in its entirety.

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86	6	Supported intent of policy 6. However sought addition of 'New Zealand Defence Force infrastructure' to the list of regionally significant infrastructure as identified in the explanation.
91	8	Supported but requested amendment to policy 6(a)(i) to read 'people and freight can travel to, from and around the region efficiently and safely' Sought amendment to the explanation to explicitly recognise the economic growth and productivity benefits of maintaining and improving SH1, and the linkage between policy 6(a)(i) and the WRLTS.
91	9	Sought amendment or alternatively a new policy to read: 'District and regional plans shall include policies that: recognise that the construction, operation, and maintenance of regionally significant infrastructure may affect the environment (including aspects of the environment highlighted for protection in this statement); and allow for such effects, provided they are remedied or mitigated to the extent practicable.'
91	10	Requested amendment of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure to read: 'Regionally significant infrastructure includes existing and proposed:' and consequent amendments of the definition in policies 7 and 38 and the Definition.
92	6	Sought retention of policy 6 insofar as it is an inclusive policy that recognises the regional and wider benefits of regionally significant infrastructure, and requires district and regional council to include policy provisions to give effect to this.
92	7	Sought that policy 6 be amended to include the use of methods, including rules, in addition to policies by making amendments to the following effect: Policy 6: Recognising the benefits from regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy – regional and district plans. District and regional plans shall include policies and methods, including rules, that recognise: (a) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of regionally significant infrastructure including: (i) people can travel to, from and around the region efficiently; (ii) public health and safety is maintained through the provision of essential services, supply of potable water and the collection and transfer of sewage; (iii) people have access to energy so as to meet their needs; and (iv) people have access to telecommunication services.

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		(b) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of energy generated from renewable energy resources including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) security of supply and diversification of our energy sources; (ii) reducing dependency on imported energy resources; and (iii) reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
92	8	Sought the deletion of the full text of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure from the explanations to policy 6, 7 and 38. Stated that if necessary simply cross-reference to the definitions section of the Regional Policy Statement.
100	13	Supported. But sought that the title be amended as follows: Recognising the benefits from renewable energy and regionally significant infrastructure.
100	14	Noted the sentence: Imported energy resources include as oil, natural gas and coal in the explanation to policy 6 contains an error and the word 'as' should be deleted.
101	3	Requested all sections of policy 6 that refer to renewable energy generation be deleted.
112	19	(a)(iv) "access to telecommunication services" — sought 'where available' be added. Also noted that the description "imported energy sources" is perhaps incorrect because much of the natural gas and coal used comes from NZ. Suggested "carbon based energy source" as a more accurate description.
117	12	Sought the following amendments to policy 6: "Policy 6: Recognising and promoting the benefits from regionally and nationally significant infrastructure and renewable energy – regional and district plans District and regional plans shall include policies that recognise and promote: (a) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of regionally and nationally significant infrastructure ..." "(b) the regional and national social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits to be derived from the generation and transmission of energy from renewable energy resources including: (i) security of supply and diversification of our energy sources;

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		<p>(ii) reducing dependency on imported and non-renewable energy resources;</p> <p>(iii) reducing greenhouse gas emissions; and</p> <p>(iv) reducing dependency on the national grid and reducing transmission losses.</p> <p>(c) the nationally significant wind and marine energy resources within the region and the need for electricity generation facilities to locate where these resources exist.</p> <p>Explanation</p> <p>Energy generated from renewable energy and regionally and nationally significant infrastructure can provide benefits both within and outside the region. Renewable energy benefits are not only generated by large scale renewable energy projects but also smaller scale projects.</p> <p>Renewable energy means energy produced from solar, wind, hydro, geothermal, biomass, tidal, wave and ocean current sources. There is significant potential for the development of renewable energy resources in the Wellington region.</p> <p>Imported energy resources include non-renewable resources such as oil, natural gas and coal.</p> <p>When considering the benefits from renewable energy generation the contribution towards national goals in the New Zealand Energy Strategy (2007) and the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (2007) including the 90% renewable electricity target by 2025 and the Proposed National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity will also need to be given regard.</p> <p>Regionally and nationally significant infrastructure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the local distribution network or the national electricity grid.”
123	15	Sought policy 6 be amended to remove the full definition of regionally significant infrastructure from the explanation text. If necessary, include an appropriate cross-reference to the definition.
123	19	<p>Sought A: Retain policy 6 insofar as it is an inclusive policy that recognises the regional and wider benefits of people having access to energy so as to meet their needs, and requires district and regional council to include policy provisions to give effect to this.</p> <p>B: Amend policy 6 to include the use of methods, including rules, in addition to policies.</p>
124	17	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read:</p> <p>‘Recognising and providing for the national benefits of regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy development</p> <p>District and regional plans shall include policies that recognises and provide for:...</p>

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		<p>(b) that renewable electricity energy generation is a key issue for New Zealand and there are the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits from any scale of energy generated from renewable energy resources. Recognised benefits include:</p> <p>...</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (ii) reducing dependency on imported energy resources and the national grid; (iv) efficient use of natural resources; (v) reduction in transmission losses; (vi) reliability; (vii) development benefits and (viii) contribution to the renewable energy target. <p>Sought retention of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure in relation to “facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the national electricity grid” as stated in the explanatory text.</p>
124	18	<p>Stated that as an alternative to the amendments requested for policies 6 and 10, the insertion of a new policy to read:</p> <p>‘Recognising and providing for the benefits of renewable energy generation development and use – regional and district plans</p> <p>District and regional plans shall recognise that renewable electricity energy generation is a key issue for New Zealand and therefore shall include policies that recognise and provide for the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits at any scale of energy generated from renewable energy resources. Recognised benefits include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) security of supply and diversification of our energy sources; (ii) reducing dependency on imported energy resources and the national grid; (iii) reducing greenhouse gas emissions; (iv) efficient use of natural resources; (v) reduction in transmission losses; (vi) reliability; (vii) development benefits; and contribution to the renewable energy target. <p>Explanation: Climate change and renewable electricity generation are key issues for the Region. New Zealand has a target of providing 90% of our energy use by renewable sources by 2025. Policy xxx seeks</p>

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		to ensure that planners and decision-makers actively take into account the recognised national benefits of renewable energy generation consistent with the proposed National Policy Statement on Renewable Energy Generation.
134	6	Supported

2.81 Policy 7: Protecting regionally significant infrastructure - regional and district plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	2	Requested amendment to read: 'Protect existing and planned regionally significant infrastructure'.
4	5	Sought that the policy be retained in current form without modification as they give protection to the Wellington International Airport and essential radio communication facilities.
15	25	Sought that the definition of regionally significant infrastructure in policy 7 be amended as follows: Regionally significant infrastructure includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pipelines for the distribution or transmission of natural or manufactured gas or petroleum • strategic telecommunications facilities, as defined in section 5 of the Telecommunications Act 2001 • strategic radio communications facilities, as defined in section 2(1) of the Radio Communications Act 1989 • the national electricity grid, as defined by the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the national electricity grid • the local authority water supply network and water treatment plants the local authority wastewater and stormwater networks, systems and wastewater treatment plants • the Strategic Transport Network, as defined in the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 2007-2016

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellington city bus terminal and Wellington Railway Station terminus • Wellington International Airport • Aggregate resources and quarries such as those found within the Western Hills of the Hutt Valley, within river systems, coastal sites and elsewhere throughout the region • Commercial Port Areas within Wellington Harbour (including Miramar, Burnham and Seaview wharves) and adjoining land and storage tanks for bulk liquids.
40	5	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read: “...the National Grid and electricity distribution and transmission networks defined as the system of transmission lines, subtransmission and distribution feeders (6.6kV and above) and all associated substations and other works to convey electricity...facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where the electricity generated is supplied to the electricity transmission and distribution networks’</p>
82	16	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read: ‘District and regional plans shall include policies and rules that protect regionally significant infrastructure from incompatible subdivision, use and development occurring under, over or alongside the infrastructure’ and consequential amendments to the explanation. Also sought amendments to the 4th and 5th bullet points of the explanation to read ‘the electricity transmission network (as defined by the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008); facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where that electricity is supplied to the electricity transmission network (as defined by the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008)’. Further amendments were also sought to the last paragraph of the explanation to reflect the amendment to National Policy Statement terminology and paragraph 3 of the explanation to read ‘Incompatible subdivisions, land uses or activities are those which adversely affect the efficient operation of infrastructure or its ability to give full effect to any consent or other authorisation or restrict its ability to be maintained...’</p>
83	21	Sought retention in its entirety.
86	7	Supported intent of policy 7. However sought addition of 'New Zealand Defence Force infrastructure' to the list of regionally significant infrastructure as identified in the explanation.
91	11	Supported references to incompatible land uses and development. Requested amendment to the cross

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		referencing beside the policy so it referred to objective 21. Requested that the explanation be amended to include incompatible land use activities that are located 'near' infrastructure.
91	12	Requested amendment of the fourth paragraph to read: '...any effects that may be associated with that infrastructure and to include policies and rules that enable the effects of such activities on regionally significant infrastructure to be robustly assessed.' Requested an addition to the last paragraph of the explanation to read: 'Similarly, consultation should occur with all operators of regionally significant infrastructure.'
92	9	Sought amendments to the text in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the explanation to policy 7 to appropriately identify that regionally significant infrastructure needs to be protected from land uses and activities that not only adversely affect their efficient operation and ability to be maintained, but also that affect their ability to be upgraded, and to replace the text 'alongside' with the text 'adjacent'. Stated that this could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: Policy 7: Protecting regionally significant infrastructure – regional and district plans District and regional plans shall include policies and rules that protect regionally significant infrastructure from incompatible new land uses or activities under, over, or adjacent. Explanation Incompatible land uses or activities are those which adversely affect the efficient operation of infrastructure and/or restrict its ability to be maintained and upgraded. It may also include new land uses that are sensitive to activities associated with infrastructure. Protecting regionally significant infrastructure does not mean that all land uses or activities under, over, or adjacent are prevented. The Wellington Regional Council and city and district councils will need to ensure that activities provided for in a district or regional plan are compatible with the efficient operation, maintenance and upgrading of the infrastructure and any effects that may be associated with that infrastructure.
92	10	Sought deletion of the full text of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure from the explanations to policy 6, 7 and 38. Stated that if necessary simply cross-reference to the definitions section of the Regional Policy Statement.
117	13	Sought the following amendments to policy 7: "Policy 7: Protecting regionally and nationally significant infrastructure – regional and district plans District and regional plans shall include policies and rules that protect regionally and nationally significant

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		<p>infrastructure from incompatible new land uses or activities under, over, or alongside.</p> <p>Explanation</p> <p>Regionally and nationally significant infrastructure is an important physical resource that enables people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing, and their health and safety. Regionally and nationally significant infrastructure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the local distribution network or the national electricity grid.”
123	16	Sought policy 7 be amended to remove the full definition of regionally significant infrastructure from the explanation text. If necessary, include an appropriate cross-reference to the definition.
123	20	<p>Sought:</p> <p>A. Amend the regionally significant resource management issue for Infrastructure (Section 3.3) as outlined in section 4 of this submission.</p> <p>B. Amend policy 7 to appropriately identify that regionally significant infrastructure needs to be protected from land uses and activities that not only adversely affect their efficient operation and ability to be maintained, but also that effect their ability to be upgraded.</p>
124	19	<p>Sought policy to be amended to read:</p> <p>'District and regional plans shall include policies and rules that protect regionally significant infrastructure from incompatible new land uses or activities under, over, alongside or in close proximity.'</p>
126	2	<p>Sought the addition of wording to policy 7: Protecting regionally significant infrastructure - regional and district plans of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement to read:</p> <p>"The owners or operators of regionally significant infrastructure shall be consulted with when such infrastructure is affected by any proposed potentially incompatible land use or activity."</p> <p>Also sought that the explanation associated with policy 7: Protecting regionally significant infrastructure - regional and district plans of the Proposed Regional Policy Statement be amended to read:</p> <p>"Incompatible land uses or activities are those which adversely effect the efficient operation of infrastructure or restrict its ability to be maintained or sufficiently protected ...</p> <p>... The Wellington Regional Council and city and district councils will need to ensure that activities provided for in a district or regional plan are compatible with the efficient operation, maintenance and protection</p>

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		requirements of the infrastructure and any effects that may be associated with that infrastructure."
134	7	Supported

2.82 Policy 8: Reducing the use and consumption of non-renewable transport fuels and carbon dioxide emissions from transportation – Regional Land Transport Strategy

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23	7	Sought the policy be amended to refer to the need to not detrimentally impact on the activities of Regionally Significant Infrastructure.
65	4	Sought retention
91	13	Requested amendment of the second paragraph to reflect that regional land transport strategies are now prepared for a 30 year timeframe under the Land Transport Management Act 2003.
112	20	Opposed the statement that "Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that contributes to climate change". Stated that there is considerable scientific evidence available which has a contrary view to the statement. State that the focus should be on fuel efficiency and the use of sustainable energy so we have resources for the future rather than focusing on science that is still under debate. Suggested rewording the statement to 'Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas that may contribute to climate change'.
128	2	Supported.

2.83 Policy 9: Promoting travel demand management - district plans and the Regional Land Transport Strategy

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	3	Requested addition of '(c) inefficient land use patterns that lead to (a) and (b)' and consequential

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		grammatical changes.
23	8	Supported in part but concerned at the potential use of cordon charges or congestion pricing mechanisms if freight operators were not exempt. Sought that the policy be amended to make reference to essential commercial uses such as the movement of freight and refer to the need to not detrimentally impact on the activities of regionally significant infrastructure.
128	3	Supported. Stated that the policy should not just be related to non-renewable transport fuels and carbon dioxide, but also other impacts on landscape, land forms, biodiversity, water, coastal environment, public open space, noise, air pollution etc.

2.84 Policy 10: Promoting energy efficient design and small scale renewable energy generation – district plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	4	Requested 'promote energy efficient design and urban form and the use of small scale renewable...' Requested addition of '(c) Establish minimum sunlight exposure thresholds for new residential subdivision.' with consequential grammatical changes.
31	7	Sought the following decision from the Council: That the explanatory note sets out that, in achieving this policy, freshwater ecosystems and fish passage are not to be adversely impacted upon.
40	6	Sought retention
65	5	Sought retention of policy as is.
74	8	Sought that policy 10 be amended to read: 'Encouraging energy efficient design and large and small scale renewable energy generation'.
82	17	Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'District plans shall include policies and, where appropriate, rules that: ...'

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100	15	Supported the intent to policy 10. However requested that Greater Wellington reconsider the use of the term 'small scale'. Noted that the proposed National Policy Statement for Renewable Energy Generation defines small scale renewable energy as up to 4MW, which is the size of the turbines being constructed at Makara. Noted that this is inconsistent with the scale described in the explanation to the policy. Therefore sought, to avoid this inconsistency and future conflict, that the term 'small scale' be replaced with the term 'domestic scale'.
117	14	Supported and sought retention of policy 10.
124	20	Sought that the policy explanation be amended by adding '...District Plans should promote the use and development of renewable energy generation, including small scale renewable energy generation activities ...'

2.85 Policy 11: Maintaining and enhancing rivers for aquatic ecosystem health in water bodies – regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	8	Sought the following decision from the Council: That the policy be retained but the explanation be amended to also note that management of the riparian margin, vegetation clearance, and infilling of streams and ephemeral streams can adversely impact upon aquatic ecosystem health.
35	31	Sought that the Council clarify how the stated goal will be achieved and what this will mean for everyone in the catchment, this will be more consistent with integrated catchment management thinking And Sought recognition of all uses of water and ensure that environmental flows and levels are based on robust science.
50	21	Stated that the approach to setting 'bottom lines' for water quality is generally supported, to the extent that rivers are to be assessed for the appropriate purpose and management. This is much preferred to a blanket purpose across the region. However states that it also includes managing water bodies for other identified purposes. It needs to be clear how determination of 'other purposes' will be undertaken through the regional plan.

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		Sought retention of policy 11 but addition to the explanation with criteria for managing for identification for other purposes
66	3	Supported policy.
74	9	Sought that a policy should be included for the use of waterways to convey water.
74	10	Sought that provision should be made for the maintenance of waterways to prevent flooding and damage to private property.
74	11	Sought that policy. 11(b) be expanded to list the 'other identified purposes' which should include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the transfer and control of stormwater • protection of private property
82	18	Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'Regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that: (a) enable sustainable use of water and require, as a minimum, that water quality, flows and water levels, and aquatic habitat sufficient to maintain the life supporting capacity of the aquatic ecosystem' and consequential amendments to the explanation, to make policies 11, 12, and 39 consistent with each other and section 5 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
83	22	Sought that the policy be amended to provide the ability to remedy and/or mitigate the adverse effects of water for purposes not identified in the policy, and provide for environmental compensation in some circumstances.
105	2	Sought following change to explanation to policy 11. Some water bodies may be managed for other purposes – such as food gathering, contact recreation, water supply, groundwater protection or cultural purposes. Stated that the use of the term food gathering is more consistent with the wording used in policy 5: maintaining and enhancing coastal water quality for aquatic ecosystem health – regional plans and in policy 48: Avoiding adverse effects on matters of significance to tangata whenua – consideration.
124	21	Sought clause (a) be amended to read:

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		<p>'require, as a minimum, that water quality, flows and water levels, and the aquatic habitat of all water bodies are to be managed in such a way that ensures the maintenance and enhancement of aquatic ecosystem health is given particular regard; and'. that clause (b) be amended to read:</p> <p>'(b) manage water bodies for other identified purposes including:'</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Water supply (ii) Renewable energy generation (iii) Contact recreation (iv) Groundwater supply (v) Trout fishery (vi) Cultural purposes <p>Also that the explanation be amended to read:</p> <p>'... Some water bodies may also be managed for other purposes – such as trout fishery, contact recreation, water supply, renewable energy generation, groundwater protection, or cultural purposes. Where they are identified in regional plans, management purposes will establish limits and guide decisions on water quality, flows and water levels, and managing aquatic habitat.'</p>
127	5	The safeguarding of habitats and ecosystems was supported. Welcomed the recognition that water bodies may be managed for other than environmental purposes and that in these cases, base limits will be established. Stated that these limits will need to take account of all of the potentially competing needs of the different management purposes.
133	22	Opposed. Sought addition of "(c) enhance or maintain river suitable for contact recreation"

2.86 Policy 12: Allocating water - regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	9	Sought that the policy be retained with the proposed wording.
35	32	Sought policy 12 be amended to include recognition of all uses of water and ensure that environmental flows and levels are based on robust science.

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36	2	Supported the addition of explicit considerations of and support for the storage and associated improvements to water infrastructure, to assist in meeting the medium to long term water needs of the rural and urban communities.
50	22	Sought retention of policy 12.
56	21	Supported the intention of policy 12 (allocating water)
82	19	Sought that the policy be amended to read 'Regional plans shall include policies and/or rules that: (a) establish allocation limits for the total amount of water that can be taken from rivers and groundwater without compromising the life-supporting capacity of the aquatic ecosystem health; and (b) establish guidelines or assessment criteria for determining the appropriate balance between use and development of water resources to meet human needs and maintaining or enhancing aquatic ecosystem health' and consequential amendments to the explanation, to make policies 11, 12, and 39 consistent with each other and section 5 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
83	23	Sought that the explanation be amended to recognise that the allocation limits should not be absolute and that there are circumstances where environmental compensation may be an appropriate alternative to complying with the minimum flows.
127	6	Believed that it is vital that any policies and/or rules on allocation limits are clear, definitive and based on scientific fact. They must also be set in consultation with all users of the resource.

2.87 Policy 13: Minimising contamination in stormwater from new development - regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	10	Sought the following decision from the Council: The policy be retained with the proposed wording, but that the explanation be amended as follows: "Wellington and Porirua Harbours and Pauatahanui Inlet are places where ecotoxic contaminants in bottom sediments have been found to occur at concentrations that exceed guidelines for aquatic life."

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38	1	Stated that policy 13 should make explicit the impact of flow quantity on the effects of contaminants in stormwater (i.e. a more explicit link between policies 13 and 16). Stated that this could be achieved through the following wording: "Regional plans shall include policies, methods and/or rules that protect aquatic ecosystem health by minimising additional stormwater flow, and ecotoxic and other...., from new subdivision and development".
50	23	Sought deletion of 'development' from policy 13 or for the Council to specify the type of development that the policy will apply to.
56	22	Requested that policies 13 (minimising contamination in stormwater) be stronger by specifying a desired level or by particular method such as those set out in policy 41. Stated that it may be useful to either include a specific target such as Auckland Regional Councils "75% removal of total suspended solids (TSS) on all sites", noting that this is a very high standard that Auckland is having trouble meeting or identify problem areas and have continuous improvement in those areas. Stated that current practice is to seek continuous improvement in trouble spots identified through water quality monitoring. Setting a high target could be very expensive for developers and the Council.
112	21	Sought that the paragraph should be headed "Minimising contamination in stormwater from new development and upgrades to existing development"

2.88 Policy 14: Minimising the effects of earthworks and vegetation disturbance - district and regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	11	Stated that the policy, and any rules and other methods that flow from this policy, should address the effects – erosion and siltation – and not the activities of earthworks and vegetation clearance. These activities may not necessarily have adverse effects, and it is the adverse effects of activities that council should be concerned with.
31	11	Sought that the policy be retained with proposed wording.
35	33	Sought policy 14 be amended as follows:

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		Minimising the effects of large scale earthworks and vegetation clearance on erosion prone land – district and regional plans
35	34	<p>Opposed the activity based focus of the policy. Stated that there are a number of generic issues for landowners in relation to earthworks which must be given consideration before any policies, rules and methods are introduced to control these activities. These were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earthworks are undertaken on farming properties as a legitimate part of operating a farm business 2. Ancillary earthworks that might be captured by rules in an urban situation (such as earthworks required for a wintering pad) are important to the efficient and effective running of a farming operation – these should remain as permitted activities wherever possible with appropriate site standards 3. Key maintenance activities that ensure the efficient running of farming operations should be permitted such as maintenance of existing tracks and fence lines, yards and service areas 4. Careful consideration should be given to the management of earthworks in landscape areas – landowners should not be penalised by the public’s want to impose landscape management controls on their properties – routine farming activities should continue to be permitted where the effects can be managed in a way that restrict their impact to what would normally be expected in a rural zone – any compliance restrictions through the consent process required over and above those in the rural zone should be at no cost to the landowner as they are required by Council on behalf of the public not necessarily to manage the actual environmental effects – Federated Farmers considers that such requirements can be managed through a permissive regime and appropriate site standards 5. Earthworks provisions should not be duplicated through district and regional rules – for example where a consent would be required to manage the effects of earthworks on water through a regional rule, the district plan should be an adjunct to that rule not a replacement for it or an additional requirement – one consent for each activity – where earthworks provisions are covered by regional rules then the district plan should be explicit in stating that a consent may be required from the Wellington Regional Council for earthworks to ensure that any effects can be assessed and managed appropriately 6. Definitions must be appropriate to the activity and ensure that no anomalies are created that capture other activities where the effects of the activity would be no more than minor. <p>Sought amendment to include consideration of those above points And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular</p>

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		the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
38	2	Stated that as the policy relates to silt and sediment (not just silt), the explanation should be consistent. The words “and sediment” should be added after “silt” in the fourth line of the explanation for policy 14 (p 88).
50	24	Sought inclusion of a definition for earthworks and vegetation disturbance and that the roles of the district councils and regional councils be clarified through the Regional Policy Statement process.
56	23	Particularly supported the need to have sediment control as part of earthworks consents in policy 14.
83	24	Sought that policy be amended to read ‘Regional and district plans shall include policies, rules and methods that control earthworks and vegetation disturbance in order to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of...’
87	14	Sought retention of policy 14
124	22	Sought retention as currently worded.

2.89 Policy 15: Promoting discharges to land - regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	12	Stated that prior to discharging human or animal waste to land that it should be appropriately treated so as to avoid/mitigate the effects on the environment. Sought the following decision from the Council: Policy 15(a) be replaced with the following wording: “promote the treatment of human and animal waste and the discharge of such treated waste to land rather than water, particularly discharges of sewage; and”
35	35	Sought that policy 15 be amended to differentiate between point source and non point source discharges.
36	3	Supported the use of rules and methods that promote discharges of animal waste to land rather than to water

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74	12	Sought that policy 15 uses the words 'encourage and consider', instead of 'promote'.
75	1	Requested the term 'collective' be deleted from policy 15(b) and the second paragraph of the explanation be deleted.
100	16	Sought that the policy be retained
112	22	Sought clause (b) be changed to include "promote the use of collective sewerage treatment systems where feasible."
125	5	Sought that policy 15(b) be amended to read: (b) promote, where practical and acceptable to the territorial authority concerned, the use of collective sewerage treatment systems that discharge to land... or such other relief to address the submitters concerns.
129	1	Sought the following changes to policy 15 of the Regional Policy Statement – add (c) promote greywater re-use for irrigation purposes

2.90 Policy 16: Protecting aquatic ecological function of water bodies - regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	12	Stated that policy 16(f) was not sufficiently clear as to whether ephemeral streams are included. Ephemeral streams should not be included, and there should be a size threshold for wetlands to be included as well.
31	13	Stated that retaining the natural features of water bodies promotes the retention of both habitat diversity and ecological function. While the terms habitat diversity and ecological function are related and essentially complementary they are not synonymous. The protection of the aquatic ecological function of water bodies requires that indigenous animals are also prevented from being removed or destroyed. Sought the following decision from the Council: policy 15(a) be replaced with the following wording: "promote the retention of in-stream habitat diversity and ecological function by retaining natural features of

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		water bodies – such as pools, runs, riffles, and the river’s natural form;” and that clause (h) be replaced with the following wording: “prevent the removal or destruction of indigenous plants or animals in water bodies; and”
35	36	Sought: 1. Clause (d) be amended as follows: (d) promote the installation of water storage including online dams with appropriate mitigation techniques. 2. Clause (f) be amended as follows: (f) promote best practice guidelines in relation to stock access to rivers, lakes and wetlands
36	4	Supported actions to prevent stock access to rivers, lakes and wetlands where such access causes adverse environmental impacts. Requested that 1) method 35 be the initial approach taken to achieve this; and 2) the range of water ways etc from which stock are to be excluded are defined following consideration of the balancing of desired environmental benefits with the costs to the land owner and practicality of achievement
56	24	Supported policy 16 but sought that the policy be improved by including a regional rule and/or methods in regional plans to require hydraulic neutrality for all new subdivision and developments.
66	4	Supported policy 16. Requested amending paragraph (i) to read ‘Maintain fish passage and mitigate the effect of existing fish pass impediments in waterways’.
74	13	Sought that policy 16 uses the words 'encourage and consider', instead of 'promote'.
82	20	Sought deletion of sub-clause (d) and make consequential amendments to the explanation.
87	15	Sought retention of policy 16.
100	17	Supported policy 16.
118	1	Sought control of vehicle access to rivers, lakes and wetlands
124	23	Sought that the policy be amended by adding a new sub-clause to read: ‘(g) recognise that some disturbance to waterbodies may be appropriate, particularly in developing new regionally significant infrastructure including renewable energy developments’ Also sought that the explanation be amended by adding ‘While disturbances to waterbodies should be

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		discouraged, some disturbances may be appropriate if they are required for the development of regionally significant infrastructure and are designed to avoid, remedy and mitigate any actual or potential adverse effects of waterbodies including their ecological function.'

2.91 Policy 17: Protecting significant values of rivers and lakes - regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	14	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
35	37	Sought that policy 17 be amended as follows: Regional plans shall include policies and rules that consider:
38	3	Supported policy 17 in part. Considered it offered good protection to significant rivers and lakes as identified in Appendix 1 and strongly supported the inclusion of Owhiro Stream, along with comparable streams in the region (including urban streams). Owhiro Stream, although currently degraded in some respects, is the only natural stream flowing to urban Wellington's south coast and the Taputeranga Marine Reserve. Stated that policy 17 was also deficient in that it only recognised the natural values of the identified lakes and rivers. Sought policy 17 be amended to: "Regional plans shall include policies and rules that protect: (a) significant amenity and recreational values, including those associated with the rivers and lakes listed in Appendix 1; and (b) significant indigenous ecosystem values, including those associated with the rivers and lakes listed in Appendix 1."
82	21	Sought policy 17 be amended as follows: 'Regional plans shall include policies and rules that: (a) Protect the significant indigenous ecosystems associated with the rivers and lakes listed in Appendix 1; and

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		(b) Maintain and, where practicable, enhance the significant amenity and recreational values associated with the rivers and lakes listed in Appendix 1' And sought consequential amendments to the explanation.
83	25	Sought policy be amended to read: '...(b)... from inappropriate use and development.'
133	23	Opposed. Sought deletion of word "significant".

2.92 Policy 18: Using water efficiently - regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
17	1	Sought the following: 'Insert c) promote the recycling of water, especially on-site; Insert d) promote the capture of rainwater on-site; Insert into Explanation: The capture of rainwater on-site reduces demand for centralised infrastructure for water provision. The recycling of water on-site reduces demand for centralised infrastructure for water provision and for wastewater treatment. On-site water systems usually have lower life cycle costs (both financial and environmental) than centralised water systems, comparable or reduced risks and greater resilience.
31	15	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
35	38	Sought that policy 18 be retained as proposed.
36	5	Supported the promotion of the efficient use of water
56	25	Supported the intention of policy 18 (using water efficiently)
56	26	Supported policy 18
74	14	Sought that policy 18 use the words 'encourage and consider', instead of 'promote'.

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124	24	Sought that the explanation be amended by adding 'Non consumptive uses of water shall be recognised in Regional Plans as efficient uses, as water is able to be reallocated for a future use.'
127	7	Strongly supported this policy.
129	2	Sought the following changes to policy 18 of the Regional Policy Statement by adding: (c) promote greywater re-use for irrigation purposes

2.93 Policy 19: Prioritising water abstraction for the health needs of people - regional plans

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31	16	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
35	39	Sought policy 19 be amended to require Demand Management Plans as a compulsory condition of any municipal abstraction consent and that points (b) and (c) be deleted.
36	6	Sought clarity that this policy provides equal priority for water takes for public water supply as that held by qualifying Section 14 (3) water takes and does not provide greater priority for such a take
50	25	Sought amendment to policy 19 to include efficient and reasonable use of water for community and public water supply
56	27	Supported the intention of policy 19 (prioritising water use)
82	22	Request relocation to follow from either amended objective 12 or 14 which addresses the value of water for use and development.
82	23	Sought that policy 19 be amended as follows: "Policy 19: Enabling water abstraction for the health needs of people – regional plans Regional plans shall include policies and/or rules that ensure the allocation of water from any river or groundwater source provides sufficiently for the abstraction of water to meet the reasonably foreseeable future health needs of people, including...'

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		And sought consequential amendments to the explanation to be more in line with section 14 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
83	26	Sought retention in its entirety.
100	6	Strongly supported policy 19's prioritisation of water abstraction for the health needs of people, and sought that the policy be retained in its current form.
117	15	<p>Sought the following amendments to policy 19:</p> <p>“Policy 19: Prioritising water abstraction for the health and wellbeing of people and communities – regional plans Regional plans shall include policies and/or rules that give priority to the abstraction of water for the health and wellbeing of people and communities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the taking of water by any statutory authority that has a duty for public water supply under any Act of Parliament; (b) the taking of water for reticulation into a public water supply network; (c) the taking of water for domestic and community supplies; and (d) the taking of water for the use and development of renewable energy.” <p>“Explanation There is potential for small scale hydro energy generation in the region to enable people and communities to provide for their social, economic and cultural wellbeing.”</p>
119	1	Sought the deletion of (a) and (b) in policy 19 and that it be clearer that the taking of water, by entities that do so under statutory authority, should indeed be subject to the proviso that there are no adverse effects on the environment, and also that the choice made for any bulk water supply is specifically accepted as one that requires an evaluation of alternatives and has regard to all the other provisions of the Regional Policy Statement and complying regional plans; and there should be no special reference to or analogy with a water supply for individual property owners. Stated that if community supplies are to get special treatment, these need to be defined as communities that rely on a local water supply and not on a metropolitan or regional supply.
124	25	Sought a new sub-clause to read: ‘(d) the taking of water for regionally significant infrastructure, particularly where it is non-consumptive.’ Also sought the explanation be amended to read:

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		'...This policy gives the same priority to the abstraction of water by public authorities for public water supply over other takes of water. This policy also includes a priority for regionally significant infrastructure, particularly where it is non-consumptive (such as hydroelectricity generation) above other takes of water. Non consumptive uses of water shall be recognised in Regional Plans as efficient uses, as water is able to be reallocated for a future use.'

2.94 Policy 20: Identifying places, sites and areas with significant historic heritage values – district and regional plans

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25	13	Stated that it is very important that areas are identified before regulation is put in place to protect them under policy 21. This will decrease uncertainty for landowners and the likelihood of perverse incentives being created.
31	17	Stated that the Resource Management Act 1991, in the identification of matters of national importance, does not use the qualifier "significant" at s6(f), when referring to the protection of historic heritage from inappropriate subdivision, use, and development. This is unlike the requirement at s6(c) where such a qualifier of significance is required in respect of indigenous vegetation and habitats or outstanding natural features. Sought the following decision from the Council: Remove the word "significant" from the policy and explanation.
34	2	Sought reference to method 20 be corrected to 22.
35	40	Sought retention of policy as proposed.
40	7	Sought that the policy be deleted or amended to read 'Regional and district plans shall identify places, sites and areas with significant historic heritage values, affording consideration to whether the place, site or area makes an important contribution to an understanding and appreciation of history and culture, and the

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		following matters ...'
87	16	Sought the addition of the following criterion: (h) Statutory Recognition: Whether the place or area has recognition in New Zealand legislation or international law including: (i) World Heritage Listing under the World Heritage Convention 1972 (ii) Registration under the Historic Places Act 1993 (iii) An archaeological site as defined under the Historic Places Act 1993 (iv) Statutory acknowledgement under claim settlement legislation (v) Recognition under special legislation.
100	18	Supported policy 20 and its criteria for the identification of heritage sites and areas.
112	23	Noted that it would be useful to insert in the 'explanation' how the criteria have been established.

2.95 Policy 21: Protecting historic heritage values - district and regional plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	18	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
35	41	Sought retention of policy as proposed.
86	8	Sought retention of intent of policy and sought that it be retained - subject to submission points on regionally significant infrastructure.
87	17	Sought retention of policy 21.
100	19	Supported policy 21's onus on protecting historic heritage values, as opposed to protecting historic heritage sites and areas.

2.96 Policy 22: Identifying indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant indigenous biodiversity values – district and regional plans

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15	26	Sought that policy 22 be amended as follows: Regional plans will identify indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values in the coastal marine area, wetlands and the beds of lakes and rivers. District plans will identify indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values for all land, except the coastal marine area and the beds of lakes and rivers and where an activity for which ecosystem removal is provided for by way of an existing consent, Certificate of Compliance or permitted activity rule in a relevant district plan.
31	19	Stated that protected species under the Wildlife Act 1953 and the Marine Mammals Protection Act 1978 are not necessarily threatened species; however the indigenous ecosystems and habitats important to these species should still be identified in district and regional plans. Conversely, not all threatened indigenous species (in particular invertebrates) are protected under legislation. Sought the following decision from the Council: That policy 22 (d)(iii) be amended by inserting the following wording: "provides seasonal or core habitat for protected or threatened indigenous species."
34	3	Sought that for conformity with policy 20 that "... and having determined that the ecosystem or habitat makes an important contribution, meets" be added to the first sentence. Also sought that appropriate text be added to refer readers to method 23.
35	42	Sought that the proposed criteria under policy 22 be replaced with the following: (a) representativeness (concerning the extent of range of genetic and ecological diversity) (b) diversity and pattern (in relation to ecosystems, species and landforms) (c) diversity and pattern rarity factors and/or special features (d) naturalness/intactness (e) size and shape (affecting the long-term viability of species, communities and ecosystems, and amount of diversity) (f) inherent ecological viability/long-term sustainability (g) relationship between natural areas and other areas of more modified character (inasmuch as well-buffered areas linked to other natural or semi-natural areas tend to have higher value than unbuffered isolated ones)

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		<p>(h) vulnerability to “threat processes” liable to disturb existing equilibrium (i) management input required to maintain or enhance an area’s significance (including nature and scale of input or degree of intervention, and degree of restoration potential). And, that a new policy as follows be included: Provide or facilitate as appropriate support for landowners' efforts to protect and manage indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values – district and regional plans And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the policy and methods section, to give effect to this submission point</p>
40	8	<p>Sought that the policy be deleted or amended to: define ‘commonplace’, ‘poorly represented’ and ‘scarce or threatened in a local, regional, or national context’; include an additional criterion requiring a site to be ‘positive for sustainability’ as defined by Norton and Roper-Lindsay (2004) as well as meeting one of the other criteria to be termed ‘significant’; delete references to tangata whenua values.</p>
56	9	<p>Stated support for policy 22 which provides a standard minimum framework with which to assess the indigenous biodiversity values of indigenous ecosystems, identification of significant ecosystems and protection of these. Stated that the inclusion of these policies in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement will assist in retaining protection for these areas as part of the District Plan review.</p>
66	5	<p>Supported policy 22. Requested deletion of ‘threatened’ from paragraph (d)(ii). Requested amending paragraph (d) to include ‘Avoiding incremental loss of indigenous ecosystems and habitats’ and ‘Avoiding the cumulative effects of the incremental loss of indigenous ecosystems and habitats.’</p>
82	24	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read: ‘District and regional plans shall identify indigenous ecosystems and habitats that have been assessed as having significant indigenous biodiversity values using the following ecological significance criteria: Primary Assessment Criteria a)... (d)(ii) provides seasonal or core habitat for threatened indigenous species. Secondary Assessment Criteria</p>

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		(e) Key ecological processes remain viable or still influence the site; and key ecosystems within the site are known to be or are likely to be resilient to existing or potential threats under some realistic level of management activity. ...' to better reflect best practice and the wording endorsed by the Environment Court.
82	25	Sought that the explanation be amended to read: '...To be identified as having significant biodiversity values, an indigenous ecosystem or habitat must meet at least one of the Primary Assessment Criteria (Representativeness, Rarity, Diversity or Ecological Context). Noted that any assessment of indigenous ecosystems and habitats undertaken under policy 22 should include field verification of sites for inclusion.
83	27	Sought that the policy be amended to read: '...one or more of the following criteria and are considered positive for sustainability as defined below: (a) Representativeness: high representativeness values are given to particular ecosystems and habitats: (i) are now less than approximately 20% of their known or likely former cover in the ecological district; (ii) are a high quality example of an ecosystem; or (iii) are less than 10% formally protected in existing protected areas...' Delete paragraphs (c) and (e). Amend paragraph (d) to read: '...(iii) the ecosystem or habitat has a natural diversity of ecological units, ecosystems, species and/or physical features within a prescribed area.' Add new paragraph to read: 'A site is considered positive for sustainability if it meets all of the following criteria: (i) Key ecological processes remain viable or still influence the site; (ii) The key ecosystems within the site are known to be or are likely to be resilient to existing or potential threats under some realistic level of management activity; (iii) The potential exists for ecological restoration in fragmented landscapes and environments where the original vegetated cover has been removed; (iv) Existing or potential land and water uses in the area around the site could be feasibly modified to protect ecological values.'
87	18	Sought retention of policy 22.
100	20	Supported.

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112	24	Noted that it would be useful to insert in the 'explanation' how the criteria have been established.
124	26	<p>Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'District and regional plans shall identify indigenous ecosystems and habitats that have been assessed as having significant indigenous biodiversity values in accordance with the following best practice ecological significance criteria: Primary Assessment Criteria .. (d)(ii) provides seasonal or core habitat for threatened indigenous species. Secondary Assessment Criteria (e) Key ecological processes remain viable or still influence the site; and key ecosystems within the site are known to be or are likely to be resilient to existing or potential threats under some realistic level of management activity...'</p> <p>Also sought the explanation be amended to read: 'Policy 22 will ensure that indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values are identified in district and regional plans in a consistent way. Wellington Regional Council, and district and city councils are required to assess indigenous ecosystems and habitats against the relevant criteria. To be identified as having significant biodiversity values, an indigenous ecosystem or habitat must meet at least one of the Primary Assessment Criteria (Representativeness, Rarity, Diversity and Ecological Context). These criteria are consistent with Environment Court accepted and best practice criteria. Any assessment of indigenous ecosystems and habitats undertaken under policy 22 should include field verification of sites for inclusion.</p>
130	6	<p>Requested additional criteria be added to read: 'Community values: the health of the ecosystem or habitat is of social, cultural or historical importance to the community as evidenced by their contribution over time to its protection or restoration' and 'potential biodiversity significance: where individuals, communities or public organisations have already taken steps to protect the indigenous habitats and ecosystems and/or facilitate their restoration'</p> <p>Requested that Greater Wellington ensure that implementation of method 21 includes identifying processes for establishing 'significance'; providing guidance on the degree of specificity required when identifying these ecosystems and habitats; requiring identification of places not just ecosystem types; encouraging a focus on identifying ecosystems and habitats that are potentially at risk either from</p>

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		infrastructure proposals or by being on private land that has not been covenanted; making the assessments of significance available to the public as part of consultation on district and regional plans; encouraging councils to collaborate with other councils and Department of Conservation to establish combined work programmes.

2.97 Policy 23: Protecting indigenous ecosystems, habitats and areas with significant indigenous biodiversity values – district and regional plans

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3	6	Sought inclusion of an additional policy that provides guidance on what inappropriate subdivision, use or development is. Stated that the guidance should take into consideration the significance of any adverse effects, if the subdivision, use or development can be located elsewhere or is restricted to a particular locality and any benefits that it may generate.
15	27	Sought policy 23 be amended as follows: District and regional plans shall include policies, rules and methods to protect indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values from inappropriate subdivision, use and development except where an activity for which ecosystem removal is provided for by way of an existing consent, Certificate of Compliance or permitted activity rule in a relevant district plan. Also sought similar amendments to policy 61.
25	14	States that the techniques used to identify areas in Table 16 identify broad areas and while the sentiments expressed are laudable the lack of recognition of the sustainable practices that have produced the current situation may lead to perverse incentives.
31	20	Stated that Table 16 in Appendix 1 identifies ecosystems, habitats and areas with regionally significant indigenous biodiversity values located in river and lake environments. This should be extended to include wetlands, as wetlands with regionally significant indigenous biodiversity values have been identified in the 2008 Landcare Research publication: "Wetland ecosystems of national importance for biodiversity: Criteria,

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		<p>methods and candidate list of nationally important inland wetlands".</p> <p>Sought the following decision from the Council: The explanation be reworded: "Table 16 in Appendix 1 identifies ecosystems, habitats and areas with regionally significant indigenous biodiversity values located in wetland, river and lake environments."</p>
56	10	<p>Stated support for policy 23 which provides a standard minimum framework with which to assess the indigenous biodiversity values of indigenous ecosystems, identification of significant ecosystems and protection of these. Stated that the inclusion of these policies in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement will assist in retaining protection for these areas as part of the District Plan review.</p>
66	6	<p>Supported policy 23.</p> <p>Requested amending the explanation to read 'Where indigenous ecosystems and habitat with significant biodiversity values have been identified in accordance with policy 22, district and regional plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that protect indigenous ecosystems and habitat with significant biodiversity values from inappropriate subdivision, use or development.'</p>
81	2	<p>Sought:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Policy 23 be amended to include encouragement of partnerships with landowners over protection of ecosystems and landscape values that those land owners who comply and/or exceed regulatory requirements be acknowledged in some way including the possibility of rates relief. 2. That landowners who allow public access to Te Araora have legal protection from vandalism, pollution and nuisance so that their rights to privacy and sovereignty are not diluted.
83	28	<p>Sought retention of policy in its entirety.</p>
100	21	<p>Supported</p>
124	27	<p>Sought that the explanation be amended to read:</p> <p>'Policy 23 applies to provisions in regional and district plans and seeks to ensure that indigenous ecosystems and habitat with significant indigenous biodiversity values throughout the region are protected from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. Policy 23 does not seek to prevent subdivision, use and development in these areas and recognises that disturbances associated with regionally significant infrastructure activities may be appropriate.'</p>

2.98 Policy 24: Identifying outstanding natural features and landscapes - district and regional plans

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25	15	Stated that naturalness under policy 24(b)(iii) does not adequately identify the disconnect between 'natural = indigenous' and 'natural = what people like'. Stated that the policy should recognise that pasture is man made and extensively managed, and landowners should therefore not be frozen into the current point in time under the policy, rules, and methods. Changes in land use on farmland may also be against coherence but people should not be prevented from changing land use to make a living. Expressiveness is created by clearing of land and maintenance of short cover – grass.
31	21	Stated that natural features or landscapes, if assessed individually, may not be considered to be outstanding. However, if assessed as a group or collection then the sum of those features or landscapes may indeed be considered to be outstanding. Sought the following decision from the Council: The policy be reworded: "District and regional plans shall identify outstanding natural features and landscapes or collections of features and/or landscapes using the following criteria, and having determined that the natural feature or landscape or collection of features and/or landscapes is exceptional or out of the ordinary under one or more of the criteria and the natural components dominate over the influence of human activity:"
33	11	Sought policy 24(b)(ii) be amended by replacing 'vividness' with 'visual impact'.
34	4	Stated that except for the first sentences this policy and policy 26 are identical and need to be either merged or more adequately differentiated. State preference as separation as 'natural science policy' and 'others (amenity, aesthetics) policy'. Sought appropriate text referring readers to method 24. Also sought correction and reference to method 49 be changed to 48.
35	43	Sought policy 24 be amended as follows: District and regional plans [in consultation with landowners, the community and other key stakeholders] shall identify outstanding natural features and landscapes using the following criteria and having determined that the [feature or landscape is conspicuous, eminent or remarkable and that it has a high degree of naturalness,]

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35	44	Sought policy be retained as proposed.
40	9	Sought that the policy be deleted or amended to read 'District and regional plans shall identify outstanding features and landscapes affording consideration to whether natural components dominate over the influence of human activity, and to the following matters...'
66	7	Requested amendment to explain what happens after district and regional councils have determined features are significant.
67	1	Noted that the main purpose of the submission is to draw the council's attention to a national 'Landscape Planning Initiative' that the NZILA Education Foundation began in 2008. The purpose of the initiative is to develop a 'best practice' for landscape planning. The Initiative was in its early stages at the time that the Proposed Regional Policy Statement was being finalised, so could not be taken into account at that stage, but the Initiative offers an opportunity to ensure the Regional Policy Statement landscape provisions are aligned with commonly accepted landscape assessment best practice. Suggested wording to align with the outcome from this best practice, correct application of the criteria (factors) and amend a grammatical error were as follows: "District and regional plans shall identify outstanding natural features and landscapes having determined that each identified natural feature or landscape is exceptional or out of the ordinary and the natural components dominate over the influence of human activity, taking into account the following matters and their characteristic combination within the natural feature or landscape:..."
73	3	Asked that if the council wishes to preserve additional outstanding features and landscapes on private land, then these should be areas should be formally identified and landowners compensated.
82	26	Sought that policy be amended to read: 'District and regional plans shall identify outstanding and natural features and landscapes using the following criteria: (a) Natural science values: these values relate to the geological, ecological, topographical and natural elements, patterns and processes: (i) Representativeness: the combination of natural components that form the feature or landscape and is a good example of its type. ... (b) Aesthetic values: these values relate to sensory appreciation of the feature or landscape: ... (c) Expressiveness (legibility): the feature or landscape clearly shows the formative natural processes that

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		led to its existing character...' to better reflect current practice and wording endorsed by the Environment Court.
82	27	Sought that policy explanation (2nd para) be amended to read: '...and out of the ordinary in accordance with that criteria where the natural components...' to better reflect current practice.
83	29	Sought that policy 24 be combined with policy 26 to read: 'District and regional plans shall identify outstanding natural features and landscapes and significant amenity landscapes using the following criteria, and having determined that either: - the natural feature or landscape is exceptional or out of the ordinary under one or more of the criteria and the natural components dominate over the influence of human activity; or – the landscape has important landscape value under one or more of the criteria:...'
87	19	Sought retention of policy 24.
87	20	Sought retention of policy 24.
100	22	Supported the criteria identified in the policy
112	25	Noted that it would be useful to insert in the 'explanation' how the criteria have been established.
131	17	Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. It must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.
141	2	Agreed that landscapes are shaped by activities such as farming. Noted that it is not just Maori for which land provides earthly links and family history, for example Paekakariki and its hill have powerful cultural significance to their family, as they are a family who have been farming the same land for five generations. As such, stated that they would like to have policies 24 and 27 changed to reflect the many non-Maori families in the same situation so not disadvantaged just because of ethnicity. Sought policy 24 be changed to read: "Identify, in conjunction with the landowners, outstanding natural features and landscapes — district and

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		regional plans".

2.99 Policy 25: Protecting outstanding natural features and landscape values - district and regional plan

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3	7	Sought an additional policy that provided guidance on what inappropriate subdivision, use or development is. Stated that the guidance should take into consideration the significance of any adverse effects, if the subdivision, use or development can be located elsewhere or is restricted to a particular locality and any benefits that it may generate.
31	22	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed
81	3	Sought: 1. Policy 25 be amended to include encouragement of partnerships with landowners over protection of ecosystems and landscape values that those land owners who comply and/or exceed regulatory requirements be acknowledged in some way including the possibility of rates relief. 2. That landowners who allow public access to Te Araora have legal protection from vandalism, pollution and nuisance so that their rights to privacy and sovereignty are not diluted.
83	30	Sought retention of the policy in its entirety.
87	21	Sought retention of policy 25.
100	23	Supported the onus on protecting 'values' in this policy.
114	13	Stated that the wording is too weak and sought that it be strengthened by replacing "must be done with a full understanding of its value" with "must be done without adversely impacting its values". State that without strengthening objective 17 would not be achieved.
124	28	Sought that the policy explanation be amended to read: '...policies 25 and 27 are not intended to prevent change, but rather to ensure that change is carefully considered, has demonstrated regional or national benefits and is appropriate in relation to the landscape

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		values identified in policy 24...'
131	18	Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. It must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.

2.100 Policy 26: Identifying significant amenity landscape values - district and regional plans

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25	16	Stated that while it may be reasonable to identify farmland as significant, it must be recognised that farmland is a working landscape that provides a livelihood for the owner.
31	23	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed
33	12	Sought that policy 26(b)(ii) be amended by replacing 'vividness' with 'visual impact'
34	5	Stated that except for the first sentences this policy and policy 24 are identical and need to be either merged or more adequately differentiated. State preference as separation as 'natural science policy' and 'others (amenity, aesthetics) policy'. Sought appropriate text referring readers to method 24.
35	45	Submitted that only those landscapes that are classified as Outstanding Landscapes should be considered for their sensitivity to any primary industry activities. In the context that the extensive farming systems present on those landscapes has shaped those landscapes it is difficult to see how these activities are having any detrimental effect in terms of section 6(b) of the Act. Sought that policy 26 be deleted And Sought any consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point

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40	10	Sought that the policy be deleted or amended to read: 'District and regional plans shall identify significant amenity landscapes taking into consideration the following matters'
67	2	<p>Noted that the main purpose of the submission is to draw the Council's attention to a national 'Landscape Planning Initiative' that the NZILA Education Foundation began in 2008. The purpose of the initiative is to develop a 'best practice' for landscape planning.</p> <p>The Initiative was in its early stages at the time that the Proposed Regional Policy Statement was being finalised, so could not be taken into account at that stage, but the Initiative offers an opportunity to ensure the Regional Policy Statement landscape provisions are aligned with commonly accepted landscape assessment best practice.</p> <p>Suggested wording to align with the outcome from this best practice, correct application of the criteria (factors) and amend a grammatical error were as follows: "District and regional plans shall identify significant amenity landscapes having determined that each identified landscape has important landscape value, taking into account the following matters and their characteristic combination within the landscape:..."</p>
82	28	Sought deletion of all proposed criteria and that they be replaced them with criteria that derive more explicitly from the definition of 'amenity values' in the Resource Management Act 1991 and consequential amendments to the explanation.
87	22	Sought retention of policy 25.
100	24	Supported and that it is separated from policy 24.
112	26	<p>Noted that it would be useful to insert in the 'explanation' how the criteria have been established.</p> <p>Suggested the word 'values' be deleted. Stated that are identifying the landscapes not the criteria, which are the values listed in the policy. Noted that there is a definition of significant amenity landscapes (Appendix 3 page 169) and stated that the criteria mentioned in the definition are supposedly the criteria in policy 26. Therefore thought it would be useful to have a cross reference.</p>
123	21	Sought the deletion of policy 26.
124	29	Sought to amend policy 26 and the relating explanatory text so that it is not a mandatory requirement for district and regional councils to identify significant amenity landscape values.

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131	19	Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. It must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.

2.101 Policy 27: Maintaining and enhancing significant amenity landscapes - district and regional plans

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25	17	Stated that while farmed landscape may be identified as significant it is not reasonable to try and regulate the look of the farmed environment. Farming must have the right not to be frozen in time and treated like a public park.
31	24	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed
35	46	Submitted that only those landscapes that are classified as Outstanding Landscapes should be considered for their sensitivity to any primary industry activities. In the context that the extensive farming systems present on those landscapes has shaped those landscapes it is difficult to see how these activities are having any detrimental effect in terms of section 6(b) of the Act. Sought that policy 27 be deleted And Sought any consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
83	31	Sought an amendment to state that the maintenance or enhancement of a significant amenity landscape will occur where it is reasonably practicable to do so. Also sought an amendment to the explanation so states that sometimes the benefits of a development will mean that a compromise on the maintenance or enhancement of a significant amenity landscape will need to occur.
100	25	Supported. Stated that the separation of this policy from policy 25 was also supported.

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114	14	Stated that the wording was too weak and sought that it be strengthened by replacing "must be done with a full understanding of its value" with "must be done without adversely impacting its values". State that without such strengthening objective 17 will not be achieved.
123	22	Requested deletion of policy 27.
131	20	Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. It must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.
141	3	Agreed that landscapes are shaped by such activities as farming. Noted that it is not just Maori for which land provides earthly links and family history, for example Paekakariki and its hill has powerful cultural significance to their family, as they are a family whom has been farming the same land for five generations. As such stated that they would like to have policies 24 and 27 changed to reflect the many non-Maori families in the same situation so not disadvantaged just because of ethnicity. Sought policy 27 be changed to read: Maintaining and enhancing, in conjunction with landowners, significantly amenity landscape values — district and regional plans.

2.102 Policy 28: Avoiding subdivision and development in areas at high risk from natural hazards – district plans

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2	5	Requested addition of: '(c) identify land uses suitable for areas at high risk from natural hazard where opportunities arise to retire such land from more vulnerable uses.' with consequential grammatical changes.
31	25	Sought retention of the policy as proposed
33	13	Supported.
33	14	Supported improvements made from draft Regional Policy Statement.

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34	6	Sought that appropriate text be added to refer readers to method 49.
35	47	Sought policy 28 be amended to ensure that development does not include activities undertaken as part of rural production. And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
42	1	Sought strengthening of policy 28 to ensure district plans require fault rupture avoidance zones of 20m setbacks from eroding coastlines; hazard areas on floodplains are mapped; and require geotechnical investigations for areas prone to landslide (p 96).
42	2	Sought reference to Geological and Nuclear Science to be amended to GNS Science (p 96);
46	1	Greater Wellington has responsibility (in accordance with proposed policy 62) for objectives, policies and methods, for the control of the use of land, to avoid or mitigate natural hazards in the coastal marine area and the beds of lakes and rivers. Policy 28 therefore applies to regional plans. District plan have responsibility for other land in accordance with proposed policy 62. Sought reference to regional plans in policy 28 alongside district plans.
50	26	Sought that the explanation to policy 28 be amended as follows: Generally activities undertaken as part of rural production activities will not be included as requiring extensive mitigation works.
56	28	Supported the intent of policy 28 which is to 'avoid subdivision and development in high hazard risk areas' when developing plans and assessing resource consents and specifically includes fault rupture zones in the list of hazards. However, was concerned in relation to the practicalities of implementing policy 28 specifically in relation to fault rupture and flooding. Noted that the interpretation of "high hazard risk areas", particularly in relation to climate change impacts, currently varies across the region. Stated that a regionally consistent approach would be very valuable, and advocated that this be developed between Councils as a non-regulatory measure as part of the Plan. Requested changes to policy 28 to make it more specific that the impact of climate change needs to be included in these assessments, e.g. "Assessment of hazards shall include the potential for climate change

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		and sea level rise to increase the frequency or magnitude of hazard events". Also requested that the explanation to this policy be amended to reflect the uncertainties relating to earthquake fault traces and flooding by removing the word 'likely' from the explanation to the policy or that a definition 'likely' is included to clarify the situation for low probability high risk hazards which could be seen as unlikely at any given time if the dictionary definition of 'likely' is to be relied upon.
82	29	Sought an amendment to policy 28(b) to read: 'include policies and rules to avoid subdivision and inappropriate development in those areas (with exceptions for essential infrastructure of regional significance where necessary).'
92	11	Sought policy 28 be amended to clarify that it is not the natural hazards areas per se that subdivision and development needs to avoid, but rather that increasing the associated risk needs to be avoided and consequentially amend the associated Anticipated Environmental Result. Stated that this could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: Policy 28 ... District plans shall: (a) identify areas at high risk from natural hazards ; and (b) include policies and rules to avoid subdivision and development in those areas, if such activities would result in unacceptable levels of risk.
100	26	Opposed the blanket avoidance of subdivision and development in high hazard areas that is required by policies 28(b) and 50(g). Considered policy to be unrealistic given that significant areas of Porirua, Wellington, Hutt Valley and Kapiti Coast are located within areas that could be considered to be at high risk from seismic, flooding and/or tsunami hazard events. Requested that policy 28 be amended to state: District Plans shall... (b) include policies and rules to manage, where appropriate, or avoid subdivision and development in those areas. Stated that policy 50(g) should also be amended to read: avoiding or managing development in areas at high risk from natural hazards.
100	27	Stated that policy 28 refers to subdivision and development, however, its corresponding consideration policy refers only to development. Queried whether this distinction is deliberate, and if not, suggested rewording

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		policy 50(g) to be consistent with policy 28.
123	23	Sought an amendment to policy 28 by making amendments to the following effect: Policy 28 ... District plans shall : (a) identify areas at high risk from natural hazards; and (b) include policies and rules to avoid subdivision and development in those areas, if such activities would increase the associated risk.
124	30	Sought an amendment to sub-clause (b) to read: 'include policies and rules to avoid inappropriate subdivision, use and development in those areas.' Also sought an amendment to the explanation by adding 'Notwithstanding the above, this policy does not seek to prohibit development in areas of high risk to natural hazards as some types of development and use, such as regionally significant infrastructure may be appropriate.'
125	6	Sought clarification from Greater Wellington as to the precise applicability of the policy, and if required amendment to the policy so it would not preventing appropriate development on land affected by natural hazards (such as the St Patricks College site in Silverstream).
142	1	Sought that polity 28 and associated explanations and cross referencing be deleted from the proposed Regional Policy Statement or attentively re-worded to allow for a more managed and innovative approach.

2.103 Policy 29: Maintaining and enhancing the viability and vibrancy of regionally significant centres – district plans

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24	3	Sought retention of policy, but asked that local authorities be encouraged to engage in consultation with key stakeholders when regionally significant centres create their visions and principles.
25	18	Sought that Wairarapa towns other than Masterton should be included. Stated that smaller towns may have

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		greater potential for development which could have adverse effects if taken in isolation.
32	5	Sought that policy 29 be retained, in part, but amended to read: District plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that encourage a range of land use activities and social infrastructure that maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the regional central business district in Wellington city and the following centres of regional significance:
33	15	Supported.
37	1	Opposed in part and associated method 1 as they may be applied too prescriptively. Requested a new policy be added to detail how retail development outside regionally significant centres may be appropriate in some instances
62	6	Sought the inclusion of emphasis on the need to control retail activity to encourage and protect the vitality and vibrancy of the regionally significant centres, whilst ensuring the maintenance and enhancement of the Wellington City Central Business District as the pre-eminent centre in the Wellington region. The following changes were sought: Policy 29: Maintaining and enhancing the viability and vibrancy of regionally significant centres – district plans District plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that enable and manage a range of land use activities (including retail activity) at a rate that maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the regional central business district in Wellington city as the preeminent centre and the following centres of regional significance: (a) Upper Hutt city centre (b) Lower Hutt city centre (c) Porirua city centre (d) Paraparaumu town centre (e) Masterton town centre (f) Petone town centre (g) Kilbirnie town centre (h) Johnsonville town centre. Explanation In achieving this District plans shall ensure that the range of land use activities within the centres of regional significance listed in (a) – (f) shall not reduce the viability and vitality of the regional central business district

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		<p>in Wellington City.</p> <p>The region's central business district in Wellington city and the centres of regional significance identified in policy 29 were identified in the Wellington Regional Strategy as regionally significant centres for economic development, transport movement, civic and community investment.</p> <p>The Wellington central business district is the regional central business district, with 73,000 people working there each day. The regional central business district is at the top of the hierarchy of regional centres and it is therefore important to ensure its viability and vibrancy is maintained above other regionally significant centres. The other regionally significant centres are the civic centres of Upper Hutt city centre, Lower Hutt city centre, Porirua city centre, Paraparaumu town centre, Masterton town centre, and other major town centres of Petone, Kilbirnie and Johnsonville.</p> <p>Maintaining and enhancing the viability and vibrancy of these centres is important in order to encourage investment and development that supports an increased range and diversity of activities. It is also important for their prosperity and resilience in the face of social and economic change. The success of the other regionally significant centres must however not be achieved by reducing the viability and vitality of the regional central business district.</p> <p>Although the range of appropriate land uses to be encouraged through this policy will vary depending on the character and context of each centre the need to manage the dispersal of retail activity is fundamental to achieving objective 21. For this reason, policy 29 requires the region's district and city councils to determine the range of land uses (including retail activity) to be encouraged and/or controlled in order to maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the relevant centre managed through its district plan. However, when maintaining and enhancing the regionally significant centres within a district, councils also need to consider the viability and vibrancy of the regionally significant centres outside their district, in particular the Wellington central business district.</p>
87	23	Sought retention of policy 29.
100	28	<p>Sought that policy 29, and consequentially Appendix 3, Section 3.9 and objective 21(b), be amended to be consistent with the Wellington Regional Strategy.</p> <p>Stated that the Wellington Regional Strategy identified that "the Wellington Central Business District and the regional centres are the engine rooms of economic development" (p.39 Wellington Regional Strategy).</p> <p>Porirua City Council understands that these regional centres include Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt, Porirua,</p>

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		<p>Paraparaumu and Masterton city/town centres.</p> <p>Stated that the suburban commercial centres of Petone, Kilbirnie and Johnsonville do not provide the same function and role as the city centres of Lower Hutt, Upper Hutt and Porirua, or the district centres of Paraparaumu and Masterton.</p> <p>Also noted that the language used to define the centres in the policy is inconsistent. For example, 'Masterton town centre' and 'Upper Hutt city centre' are more defining terms than 'Petone' or 'Johnsonville'. If Petone, Kilbirnie and Johnsonville are to be retained within the Regional Policy Statement as 'sub-regional centres' the extent of these areas should be better defined by stating whether the entire suburb is of significance, or the commercial/suburban centre is of significance. This could be achieved by using the term 'suburban centre'.</p>
112	27	<p>Stated that South Wairarapa District Council is already implementing this policy through the proposed Wairarapa Combined District Plan for all three of its town centres. Stated that exclusion from this policy is not justified. More people come to the Wairarapa to visit the towns in the South Wairarapa than they do to visit Masterton.</p>
135	3	<p>Sought policy 29 be amended to read 'District plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that encourage a range of land use activities and social infrastructure that maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the regional central business district in Wellington city and the following centres of regional significance.'</p>
138	8	<p>Sought that policy 29 be amended as follows (or words to like effect):</p> <p>“Policy 29: Maintaining and enhancing the viability and vibrancy of regionally significant centres – district plans</p> <p>District plans shall include policies, rules and/or methods that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the regionally significant centres; and • enable a range of complementary land use activities in and around regionally significant centres. <p>When implementing this policy for centres within their district, councils shall consider the viability and vibrancy of the regionally significant centres outside their district.</p> <p>Regionally significant centres include the regional central business district in Wellington city and the following centres of regional significance:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Upper Hutt city centre (b) Lower Hutt city centre

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		<p>(h) Johnsonville Explanation The region's central business district in Wellington city and the centres identified in policy 29 are of regional significance and the Wellington Regional Strategy has reiterated their importance in respect of economic development, transport movement, and civic and community investment.</p> <p>The Wellington central business district is the regional central business district, with 73,000 people working there each day. The regionally significant centres are the civic centres of Upper Hutt city centre, Lower Hutt city centre, Porirua city centre, Paraparaumu town centre, Masterton town centre, and other major centres of Petone, Kilbirnie and Johnsonville. Maintaining and enhancing the viability and vibrancy of these centres is important in order to encourage investment and development that supports an increased range and diversity of activities. It is also important for their prosperity and resilience in the face of social and economic change. Accordingly, policy 29 requires the policies, rules and/or methods within district plans to respond to the positive and negative factors which can affect the viability and vibrancy of centres.</p> <p>The range of appropriate land uses to be enabled through this policy will vary depending on the character and context of each centre. For this reason, policy 29 requires the region's district and city councils to determine the range of land uses to be enabled in order to maintain and enhance the viability and vibrancy of the relevant centre managed through its district plan. However, when maintaining and enhancing the regionally significant centres within a district, councils also need to consider the viability and vibrancy of the regionally significant centres outside their district."</p>

2.104 Policy 30: Identifying and promoting higher density and mixed use development - district plans

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1	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
2	6	Requested insertion of new sub-paragraph: '(c) identify locations where with necessary investment good access to the public transport network can be

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		provided, and prevent inefficient forms of land use in those locations that would be incompatible with the creation of future high density and/or mixed use development; and' with consequential renumbering and grammatical changes.
5	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
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18	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
19	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
20	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
21	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
24	4	Supported policy in principle, but asked that the policy be reviewed to ensure a flexible approach when applying the policies to new development.
28	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
29	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
30	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
31	26	Neutral submission, but noted that that higher density development may result in increased impermeable surfaces and increased stormwater run-off, with consequential impacts on streams and estuaries, but that district and regional councils are required by other policies within the Regional Policy Statement to avoid these adverse impacts.
32	6	Sought that policy 30 be retained in part but amended to read: (d) includes policies, rules and/or methods that support local social infrastructure and essential social services in areas of higher density and mixed use development
33	9	Stated that promoting high density development should not be at the expense of sacrificing green spaces and gardens for asphalt.

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37	2	Supported in part. Stated that flexibility is required by developers.
41	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
43	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
47	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
52	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
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56	29	<p>Supported policy 30 in principle. Requested that the wording be more specific to reflect the intent as expressed in the Wellington Regional Strategy. Noted that Kapiti Coast District Council made a submission on the Draft Policy Statement suggesting a more specific policy which has only been partially addressed in the Proposed Policy Statement.</p> <p>Stated that an important part of targeted intensification is ensuring that intensification away from key centres is discouraged. Noted that policy 55 for rural areas links to relevant Council strategies and the use of similar criteria would assist in making policy 30 more robust.</p> <p>Stated that within all the district's centres we need to carefully manage the mix of uses and avoid intensification at the smallest commercial nodes. Stated that this could be eroded by private plan changes relying on policy 30 as it was proposed.</p> <p>Requested that the policy be reworded to include a reference to Council Strategies or the key centres in the Wellington Regional Strategy if there is no relevant local council strategy</p>
57	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation

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58	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
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80	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation

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84	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
85	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
87	24	Sought retention of policy 30
90	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
93	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
96	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
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110	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
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116	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
120	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
121	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
122	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
125	7	Sought that the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement as relating to Regional Form, be retained as notified, excepting the explanatory provisions to policy 30. That the location criteria for the 'strategic public transport network' in the explanatory text of policy 30 be removed or qualified to be suggestive rather than directive. That the word 'Urban' be added after 'Council' in reference to the Upper Hutt City Council Urban Growth Strategy.
135	4	Sought policy 30 be amended to include new paragraph (d) includes polices, rules and/or methods that support locating social infrastructure and essential social services in areas of high density and mixed development.
138	9	Sought that the explanation to policy 30 be amended to read as follows (or words to like effect): "Key centres include the regionally significant centres identified in policy 29, as well as other significant local centres that a city or district council considers are integral to the functioning of the region's or a district's

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		form. Generally, regionally significant centres are preferred for higher density and mixed use development, given their importance in respect of economic development, transport movement, and civic and community investment.”
139	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
140	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation
143	1	Sought that the explanatory notes following policy 30, including the definition of "locations", be retained as provide definition and clarification of the policy intent and guidance for the implementation

2.105 Policy 31: Identifying and protecting key industrial-based employment locations - district plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	5	Sought retention of the policy. Considered that industrially zoned land should be protected from inappropriate and sporadic development of retail and ad hoc commercial areas.
25	19	Stated that while the policy may be directed at heavy or light industry, the value of the farming industry should be recognised in the Regional Policy Statement as well.
37	3	Requested deletion of policy and associated method 43.

2.106 Policy 32: Supporting a compact, well designed and sustainable regional form - Regional Land Transport Strategy

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	6	Supported policy in principle, but asked that the policy be reviewed to ensure a flexible approach when applying the policies to new development.
31	27	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.

2.107 Policy 33: Avoiding activities on contaminated land - district plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
23	9	Sought that policy be amended to read: 'District plans shall include policies and rules that require the management of new activities on contaminated land in a way that avoids, remedies or mitigates adverse effects of the contamination on the activity.'
50	27	Sought policy 33 be amended to include Regional Council functions for identifying and monitoring contaminated land and remove reference to the HAIL list.
86	9	Supported the intent to policy 33 and sought that it be retained.
92	13	Sought that policy 33 be clarified so that it clearly reflects the 'fit for purpose' concept and is applied only when the land use is changed. Noted that this could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: District plans shall include policies and rules to manage new activities on contaminated land to ensure that any adverse effects arising from the contamination do not adversely affect the activity.
100	29	Stated reservations about the implementation of policy 33. Noted that the policy requires district plans to not allow activities on contaminated land if that activity could be adversely affected by contamination. Stated that at present, there is no verified database of contaminated land in the Wellington region.

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		<p>Therefore, the policy places a significant onus on Councils to identify and verify all contaminated sites within their jurisdictions in order to fairly apply the rule required by policy 33.</p> <p>Opposed such an approach, as the identification and verification of contaminated sites is a regional council obligation, and the policy seeks to pass this work and expense to district and city councils.</p> <p>However, recognised the need for district plans to manage land use activities on verified contaminated sites. Therefore, the following amendments to policy 33 were requested:</p> <p>District plans shall include policies and rules that do not allow activity on 'verified contaminated land' if that activity could be adversely affected by the contamination.</p> <p>For the purposes of this policy, 'verified contaminated land' is land that is identified within Wellington Regional Council's verified contaminated sites register.</p> <p>Also noted that to successfully apply the above amendments to policy 33, a new method is required under Section 3.5.2 stating that Greater Wellington shall compile a verified register of verified contaminated sites within the Wellington region.</p>
124	31	<p>Sought that it be amended to read:</p> <p>'Policy 33: Avoiding inappropriate activities on contaminated land – district plans District plans shall include policies and rules that prevent activities on contaminated land if that activity could be adversely affected by the contamination.'</p>

2.108 Section 4.2 Regulatory policies - matters to be considered

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
82	30	Sought amendment of the chapter to make it clear that policies in the proceeding section must be given effect to in accordance with sections 67(3) and 75(3) of the Resource Management Act 1991.
100	30	<p>Generally supported the use of consideration policies, within section 4.2 however, requested that Greater Wellington review whether the broad application and consideration of the 'continuous' section 4.2 policies is appropriate to all resource consent applications and decision making, and; review the 'interplay' between the section 4.2 policies, which have continuous effect, and the section 4.1 policies.</p> <p>Also questioned whether the 'consideration' policies should be relevant matters to be addressed in all</p>

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		resource consent assessments and decision making. Suggested that some form of threshold needs be applied to these policies so that they do not apply to all resource consent decision making.
123	24	<p>Sought a specific regulatory policy (matters to be considered) and method responding to policy 14 of the National Policy Statement for Electricity Transmission 2008 and method drafted that has the following effect:</p> <p>Policy X: Accommodating Future Transmission Corridors To accommodate a transmission route between new sources of electricity generation and the National Grid, and to take into account whether land use activities, including new or redeveloped urban areas, will prematurely foreclose or compromise options for accommodating future transmission corridors.</p> <p>Explanation: Security of energy supply is a key issue and existing and new transmission networks must have sufficient capacity to support growth both within and outside of the region. Ongoing investment in the transmission network, along with significant upgrading, is required in order to meet the demand for electricity and the Government's objective for a renewable energy future. For example, there will be grid connection requirements for new entry developments, including new sources of generation, in the region. Strategic planning to provide for transmission infrastructure is required.</p> <p>Policy 14 of the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission states that: Regional councils must include objectives, policies and methods to facilitate long-term planning for investment in transmission infrastructure and its integration with land uses.</p> <p>Accordingly, it is important to recognise the national significance of the electricity transmission network and the need for ongoing investment in the transmission network, including the establishment of new transmission resources, if required, to meet the needs of present and future generations.</p> <p>Method: Implement policy X: Accommodating Future Transmission Corridors via method 4</p>
131	21	<p>Sought that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Section 4.2 be amended to identify the policies that may be applied through non regulatory/non Resource Management Act 1991 processes. 2. Appropriate provision be made to ensure that there is no 'blanket' requirement for the policies to apply in all cases under Resource Management Act 1991 processes. 3. Where policy topic areas have been given effect to in the District Plan the provisions of section 4.2 shall

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		not apply.

2.109 Policy 34: Preserving the natural character of the coastal environment – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	20	Sought a new clause to read: '(h) protecting the right to farm, which contributes significantly to the character of the coast.
31	28	Stated that the phrase "special values" introduces ambiguity into the policy and would otherwise need to be defined. Given that the preservation of the coastal environment is identified as a matter of national importance I consider that the phrase "special values" is redundant, as well as creating a level of unnecessary ambiguity. Sought the following decision from the Council: That clause (b) be reworded: "protecting estuaries and bays, beaches and dune systems, including the unique physical processes that occur within and between them, so that healthy ecosystems are maintained."
35	48	Sought policy 34 be amended to include the following consideration: (h) Recognition of existing land uses within the coastal environment.
66	8	Supported
82	31	Sought amendments so read: '...(b) protecting the special values of estuaries and bays, beaches and dune systems (including the unique physical processes that occur within and between them) from inappropriate subdivision, use and development so that healthy ecosystems are maintained; ...(g) protecting geological and scientific features from inappropriate subdivision, use and development' and consequential amendments to the explanation.
100	31	Supported. In particular 34(b) which is of significance to Porirua Harbour. Sought retention of the policy.
124	32	Sought that the policy be amended to read: '...(b) protecting as far as practicable the special values of estuaries and bays, beaches and dune

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		<p>systems, including the unique physical processes that occur within and between them, so that healthy ecosystems are maintained;</p> <p>(c) maintaining or enhancing an appropriate level of amenity – such as, open space and scenic values – and opportunities for recreation and the enjoyment of the coast by the public;</p> <p>(d) avoiding, remedying, or mitigating any significant adverse effects from use and enjoyment of the coast by the public;</p> <p>... (g) protecting as far as practicable scientific and geological features; and</p> <p>(h) restricting coastal development to those activities with recognised regional benefits.’</p>

2.110 Policy 35: Discouraging development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment – consideration

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25	21	<p>Sought a new clause to read:</p> <p>‘(d) Economic values: the place, site or area produces income for people which should not be adversely affected.</p>
31	29	<p>Stated that the Resource Management Act 1991, in the identification of matters of national importance, does not use the qualifying adjective “high” at s6(a). This is unlike the clauses relating to indigenous vegetation and habitats, or natural features, which use the adjectives ‘significant’ and ‘outstanding’.</p> <p>Stated that it is a requirement, under both the Resource Management Act 1991 and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement, to preserve the natural character of the coastal environment, being a matter of national importance. Including resource consents in this policy will ensure that this requirement is met, and will also ensure that the policy is consistent with other policies within the Regional Policy Statement.</p> <p>Sought the following decision from the Council: The policy be reworded: “When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to discouraging new subdivision and development, and inappropriate use, on land in the coastal environment to preserve the natural character”, and that “high” be removed from</p>

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		the explanation.
35	49	Sought policy 35 be amended as follows: Discouraging inappropriate development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment – consideration And the inclusion of the following consideration Recognition of existing land uses within the coastal environment.
56	30	Stated that policy was not strong enough to prevent developments in currently rural areas along the Kapiti Coast. Requested that as a minimum the words “high natural character” be modified to “high natural character or amenity value” in policies 3 and 35 to cover a wider range of land. Were concerned that ‘high natural character is very subjective. It could be argued that an area used for agriculture, this is not entirely ‘natural’, does not have high natural character. Stated that policy 3 seems to read that we would enable new subdivision, use and developments in areas that are not identified as having “high natural character”. Stated that policy 35 goes into some detail to assist planners in determining what ‘high natural character’ means. But the criterion in policy 35 does not indicate any tipping point for when natural character is no longer ‘high’. Stated that greater guidance on coastal subdivision would be useful due to the continuing demand for coastal subdivision.
82	32	Sought that be amended to read: ‘When considering a notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to discouraging new subdivision and inappropriate use or development on land in the coastal environment with high natural character...’ Also sought deletion of sub-clause (c) and consequential amendments to the explanation.
83	32	Sought that be amended to read: ‘When considering a notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to discouraging inappropriate subdivision, use and development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment ...’
114	15	Sought that "to discouraging new subdivision and development, and inappropriate use, on land ..." be changed to "to discouraging new subdivision and development, and preventing inappropriate use, on land".

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124	33	<p>Sought policy 35 be amended to read: "Policy 36: Discouraging inappropriate development in areas of high natural character in the coastal environment – consideration When considering a notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to discouraging inappropriate subdivision, development, and use, on land in the coastal environment with outstanding natural character...' Also sought changes to the explanation so read: 'Discouraging inappropriate subdivision, development, and inappropriate use in places, sites or areas with outstanding natural character in the coastal environment is also a matter of regional importance.'</p>
131	22	<p>Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. It must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.</p>

2.111 Policy 36: Safeguarding life-supporting capacity of coastal ecosystems – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	30	<p>Stated that the New Zealand Coastal Policy uses the term "significant" in policy 1.1.2. This covers concepts of important and vulnerable. Sought the following decisions from the Council: That the title be reworded: "Policy 36: Safeguarding life-supporting capacity of coastal and marine ecosystems – consideration" And that clause (c) the policy be reworded: "habitats in the coastal environment that are important significant during the vulnerable life stages of indigenous species;"</p>
124	34	<p>Sought that it be amended to read: 'When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement, or a change, variation or</p>

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		<p>replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to safeguarding the life-supporting capacity of coastal and marine ecosystems by maintaining or enhancing as far as practicable.'</p> <p>And, a new sub-clause to read: '(g) the national or regional benefits of the proposed activity.'</p> <p>Also sought an amendment to the explanation by adding: 'Notwithstanding the above, this policy recognises that some disturbance to coastal ecosystems may be necessary and appropriate, such as regionally significant infrastructure designed that avoids, remedies or mitigates any significant adverse effects on the coastal environment.'</p>

2.112 Policy 37: Identifying the landward extent of the coastal environment – consideration

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25	22	<p>Stated that it needs to be recognised that coastal terraces are part of the coastal landscape but are farmed and as such should not be subject to blanket restrictions as might be applicable to other parts of the coastal environment.</p>
31	31	<p>Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.</p>
35	50	<p>Stated that coastal terraces may be part of the coastal environment, but they are farmed, this needs to be recognised and they should not be subject to blanket restrictions as might be applicable to other parts of the coastal environment such as sand dunes.</p> <p>Sought that policy 37 be deleted</p>
50	28	<p>Sought that the criteria in policy 37 be amended to provide greater clarity and definition as to how the policy may be applied and ensure that the information required is relative to the scale of resource consent that may be sought.</p>

2.113 Policy 38: Recognising the benefits from regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy - consideration

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4	6	Sought that the policy be retained in current form without modification as they give protection to the Wellington International Airport and essential radio communication facilities.
23	10	Sought that policy 38(a) continue to have effect after policy 6 is given effect.
31	32	Neutral submission, but noted that renewable energy sites (wind, tidal, wave and ocean current) may also have other significant or important values, but that district and regional councils are required by other policies within the Regional Policy Statement to identify and protect those values.
40	11	Sought policy 38 be amended by adding a new clause to read: '(c) protecting sites of nationally significant wind renewable energy resource within the region from incompatible or inappropriate land uses alongside.'
51	3	Sought for policy 38 to be rewritten to take into account the government's energy policy, which centres on security of supply and affordable power generation. Submitter felt that statements regarding renewable energy's (i.e. wind generation) ability to meet these policies are incorrect and misleading to the general public and believed that Transpower should have been consulted to obtain more correct information.
68	2	Stated that policy 6 defines renewable energy as energy produced from various sources including solar and this was supported. However, concerned when the policy becomes more specific, such as in paragraph 38(b), renewable energy that is to be considered is limited to only wind and marine. The term 'nationally significant' is used to describe the level of these renewable energy resources and there is also a reference to the need to place these sorts of generation facilities near to where these resources exist. Stated that the term 'national significance' is inappropriate and that the term should not be used in this context as it is a term particularly associated with resource consent 'weighting' considerations. Sought that the words "the nationally significant..." be deleted and (b) begin with the words "wind, marine and solar renewable energy resources ...".
69	3	Stated that while policy 6 defines renewable energy as energy produced from various sources including solar, 38(b) limits the consideration to wind and marine, using the term 'nationally significant' and the need

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		to place these generation facilities near to where the resources exist. Submitted that this also applies to solar, both in terms of its national significance (the Wellington Region receives more sunlight hours on average than any other area in NZ on an annual basis) and in terms of its technological development (domestic and industrial solar arrays are becoming more affordable). Submitted that the term 'national significance' should not be used in this context as it is a term particularly associated with resource consent 'weighting' considerations and should not be confused as a consideration. Suggested (b) begin with the words "wind, marine and solar renewable energy resources ...".
74	15	Sought that the Masterton Hood Aerodrome be recognised as regionally significant.
82	33	Sought addition of a new sub-clause to read: '(c) the need to protect regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy generation facilities from potentially adverse effects of reverse sensitivity arising from the establishment of incompatible subdivision, use and development nearby.' And consequential amendments to the explanation. Also sought amendments to the 4th and 5th bullet points of the explanation regarding regionally significant infrastructure to read: the electricity transmission network, as defined by the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission 2008; facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it that electricity is supplied to the electricity transmission network, as defined by the National Policy Statement on Electricity Transmission.' Also sought clarification as to how the interim effect of policy 37 can be achieved by way of an 'explanation'.
83	33	Generally supported the direction and intent of policy 38. Sought that policy 38 be amended to read as follows: "Policy 38 – Recognising the benefits from nationally and regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy – consideration When considering an application for resource consent, notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to: (a) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of nationally and regionally significant infrastructure and / or energy generated from renewable energy resources; and (b) the nationally and regionally significant renewable energy resources within the region and the need for electricity generation facilities to locate where these resources exist."

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86	10	Supported intent of policy 38. However sought addition of 'New Zealand Defence Force infrastructure' to the list of regionally significant infrastructure as identified in the explanation.
91	14	Supported, in particular policy 38(a). Requested first bullet point of explanation be amended read 'People and freight can efficiently and safely move around the region...'. Requested amendment of explanation to note explicitly the economic growth and productivity benefits of maintaining and improving SH1 and explicitly link policy 38(a) and the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy.
91	15	Sought deletion of 'policy 38(a) shall cease to have effect once policy 6 is given effect in a relevant district or regional plan.'
92	14	Sought that policy 38 be amended to address the broader range of issues that have been, or that need to be, identified when assessing and deciding on resource consents, notices of requirement, or when changing, varying or replacing city, district or regional plans, including the effects of and on regionally significant infrastructure. Noted that this could be achieved by making amendments with the following effect: Policy 38: Recognising the benefits from regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy – consideration When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to: (a) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of regionally significant infrastructure and/or energy generated from renewable energy resources; (b) the protection of regionally significant infrastructure from incompatible new land uses or activities under, over, or adjacent; (c) the recognition and provision for a reasonable envelope of effects in which to facilitate the ongoing operation, maintenance and upgrading of regionally significant infrastructure (d) the nationally significant wind and marine renewable energy resources within the region and the need for electricity generation facilities to locate where these resources exist. Explanation When considering the effects on and of regionally significant infrastructure, the benefits of regionally significant infrastructure must be taken into account.

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		<p>The benefits of energy generated from renewable energy resources include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • security of and the diversification of our energy sources • reducing our dependency on imported energy resources – such as oil, natural gas and coal • reducing greenhouse gas emissions. <p>The benefits are not only generated by large scale renewable energy projects but also smaller scale, distributed generation projects.</p>
92	15	<p>Sought deletion of the following text from the Explanation of policy 38: Policy 38(a) shall cease to have effect once policy 6 is given effect in a relevant district or regional plan.</p>
92	16	<p>Sought deletion of the full text of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure from the explanations to policy 6, 7 and 38. Stated if necessary simply cross-reference to the definitions section of the Regional Policy Statement.</p>
101	4	<p>Requested all sections of policy 38 that refer to renewable energy generation be deleted.</p>
117	16	<p>Sought that policy 38 and amend as follows: “When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to: (a) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of nationally and regionally significant infrastructure and/or energy generated from renewable energy resources; and (b) the nationally significant wind and marine renewable energy resources within the region and the need for electricity generation facilities to locate where these resources exist. Explanation The benefits of energy generated from renewable energy resources include: • security of and the diversification of our energy sources • reducing our dependency on imported and/or non-renewable energy resources – such as oil, natural gas and coal • reducing greenhouse gas emissions • reducing dependency on the national grid and reducing transmission losses. The benefits are not only generated by large scale renewable energy projects but also smaller scale, distributed generation projects. The benefits of nationally and regionally significant infrastructure include...” “Energy generation from renewable energy and nationally and regionally significant infrastructure can</p>

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		<p>provide benefits both within and outside the region. Regionally and nationally significant infrastructure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the local distribution network or the national electricity grid...” <p>“When considering the benefits from renewable energy generation, the contribution towards national goals in the New Zealand Energy Strategy (2007) and the National Energy Efficiency and Conservation Strategy (2007) including the 90% renewable electricity target by 2025 and the Proposed National Policy Statement on Renewable Electricity will also need to be given regard. The national significance of the Wellington region’s marine and wind resources is identified in two reports. These reports are ‘Marine Energy – Development of Marine Energy in New Zealand with particular reference to the Greater Wellington Region Case Study by Power Projects Ltd, June 2008’ and, ‘Wind Energy – Estimation of Wind Speed in the Greater Wellington Region, NIWA, January 2008’. The Renewable Energy Assessment for the Wellington Region, August 2006 identifies the first order magnitude potential for renewable energy development in the region.”</p> <p>Note: includes deletion of last sentence in proposed explanation to policy 38</p>
123	18	Sought policy 38 be amended to remove the full definition of regionally significant infrastructure from the explanation text. Stated that if necessary, include an appropriate cross-reference to the definition.
123	25	<p>Sought:</p> <p>A. Amend policy 38 to address the broader range of issues that have been, or that need to be, identified. This could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect:</p> <p>Policy 38: Recognising the benefits from regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy – consideration</p> <p>When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, particular regard shall be given to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the social, economic, cultural and environmental benefits of regionally significant infrastructure and/or energy generated from renewable energy resources; and (b) the protection of regionally significant infrastructure from incompatible new land uses or activities under, over or adjacent; (c) the recognition and provision for a reasonable envelope of effects in which to facilitate the ongoing

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		<p>operation, maintenance and upgrading of the National Grid; (d) the extent to which any adverse effects of new transmission activities have been avoided, remedied or mitigated by appropriate site, route and method selection; and (e) the nationally significant wind and marine renewable energy resources within the region and the need for electricity generation facilities to locate where these resources exist.</p> <p>Explanation When considering the effects on and of regionally significant infrastructure, the benefits of regionally significant infrastructure must be taken into account. The benefits of energy generated from renewable energy resources include: B. Delete the following text from the Explanation of policy 38: Policy 38(a) shall cease to have effect once policy 6 is given effect in a relevant district or regional plan.</p>
124	35	<p>Sought a new sub-clause to read: ‘the need to appropriately balance the national benefits of regionally significant infrastructure and/or energy generated from renewable energy resources alongside local adverse effects.’ Amendments to the explanation to read ‘The benefits of energy generated from renewable energy resources include: security of supply and diversification of our energy sources; reducing dependency on imported energy resources and the national grid; reducing greenhouse gas emissions; efficient use of natural resources; reduction in transmission losses; reliability; development benefits; and contribution to the renewable energy target.</p> <p>Also sought amendments to the explanation by deleting the last paragraph.</p>

2.114 Policy 39: Maintaining and enhancing aquatic ecosystem health – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	33	<p>Stated that policy 39 should be consistent with policy 34 (Preserving the natural character of the coastal environment – consideration), which has as one of its clauses the requirement for: “minimising any adverse effects from point source and non-point source discharges, so that aquatic ecosystem health is safeguarded.”</p> <p>Sought the following decisions from the Council: An additional clause be added to this policy as follows:</p>

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		"minimising any adverse effects from point source and non-point source discharges, so that aquatic ecosystem health is safeguarded."
50	29	Sought policy 39 be amended to add after 'city and district councils' "within the extent of interface with territorial authority land use functions'
66	9	Supported
82	34	Sought that the policy be amended to read: '...(a) requiring, as a minimum, that water quality, flows and water levels and aquatic habitat are sufficient to maintain the life supporting capacity of the aquatic ecosystem' And consequential amendments to the explanation, to make policies 11, 12, and 39 consistent with each other and section 5 of the Resource Management Act 1991.
83	34	Sought amendments to provide the ability to remedy and/or mitigate the adverse effects of water for purposes not identified in the policy, and provide for environmental compensation in some circumstances.
131	23	Sought that, in relation to the implementation of policy 39, a new method be included in the Regional Policy Statement that requires a Regional Stormwater Strategy to be developed that will include guidance on the standards to be attained for water quality and receiving environments to minimise the adverse environmental effects of stormwater discharges.

2.115 Policy 40: Minimising the effects of earthworks and vegetation disturbance – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	23	Stated that the policy should address the effects – erosion and siltation – not the activities themselves.
31	34	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed
33	16	Supported.

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35	51	<p>Opposed the activity based focus of the policy. Stated that there are a number of generic issues for landowners in relation to earthworks which must be given consideration before any policies, rules and methods are introduced to control these activities. These are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Earthworks are undertaken on farming properties as a legitimate part of operating a farm business 2. Ancillary earthworks that might be captured by rules in an urban situation (such as earthworks required for a wintering pad) are important to the efficient and effective running of a farming operation – these should remain as permitted activities wherever possible with appropriate site standards 3. Key maintenance activities that ensure the efficient running of farming operations should be permitted such as maintenance of existing tracks and fence lines, yards and service areas 4. Careful consideration should be given to the management of earthworks in landscape areas – landowners should not be penalised by the public's want to impose landscape management controls on their properties – routine farming activities should continue to be permitted where the effects can be managed in a way that restrict their impact to what would normally be expected in a rural zone – any compliance restrictions through the consent process required over and above those in the rural zone should be at no cost to the landowner as they are required by Council on behalf of the public not necessarily to manage the actual environmental effects – Federated Farmers considers that such requirements can be managed through a permissive regime and appropriate site standards 5. Earthworks provisions should not be duplicated through district and regional rules – for example where a consent would be required to manage the effects of earthworks on water through a regional rule, the district plan should be an adjunct to that rule not a replacement for it or an additional requirement – one consent for each activity – where earthworks provisions are covered by regional rules then the district plan should be explicit in stating that a consent may be required from the Wellington Regional Council for earthworks to ensure that any effects can be assessed and managed appropriately 6. Definitions must be appropriate to the activity and ensure that no anomalies are created that capture other activities where the effects of the activity would be no more than minor. <p>Sought amendment to include consideration of those above points And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point</p>
50	30	Sought inclusions of a definition for earthworks and vegetation disturbance.

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83	35	Sought be amended to read: '...controlling earthworks and vegetation disturbance in order to avoid, remedy or mitigate the adverse effects of...'

2.116 Policy 41: Minimising contamination in stormwater from development – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	35	Stated that research has shown that the provision of information about the adverse effects of stormwater run-off on ecological values, and the mechanisms for achieving those reduced impacts can have a significant positive impact on the effectiveness of the mechanisms implemented. Public educational signs are effective ways of providing appropriate information. Sought the following decisions from the Council: An additional clause be added to the policy requiring: "provision of educational signs on the values being protected and the mechanisms being used."
33	17	Supported.
38	4	Particularly supported policy 41 with the aim of hydraulic neutrality. However, stated that this should specifically incorporated in as criteria for policy 41. E.g. "Limiting the total amount and intensity of stormwater runoff in the stormwater catchment"
50	31	Sought clarification that policy 41 will not apply to normal rural production activities.
56	31	Supported the intent of policy 41 but had concerns that the specific wording of the policy may enable unwilling developers to continue to send stormwater through kerbs and pipes only. In particular there were concerns that the wording of (e) could result in an argument that Council cannot ensure that adverse effects on groundwater will not occur as a result of a development using soakpits (e.g. for runoff from carparks or industry) due to the lack of research and monitoring of potential effects on groundwater. Concerned at the potential for debate over which alternative roof materials should be recommended to result in less pollution (policy 41 (c)). Stated that there is insufficient research into contaminants from other roof materials at this time.

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66	10	Supported
100	32	Noted that there would be difficulty in implementing this policy. Stated that there is no guidance available on how much limitation would be acceptable. Similarly, implementing policies 41(e)(1)86(g) is technically challenging in Porirua due to its topography and soil profile. Requested the addition of a new method to part 4.5.2 of the Regional Policy Statement requiring the preparation of: information about minimising contamination in stormwater from development specific to the Wellington region or words to similar effect, with Greater Wellington as the lead authority.

2.117 Policy 42: Protecting aquatic ecological function of water bodies – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	24	Stated that policy 42(d) should refer to Appendix 1 Table 15, and 42(e) to Appendix 1 Table 16, for clarity.
31	36	Stated that “Rivers and lakes” should be replaced with “water bodies”, as the latter includes rivers, lakes, streams and wetlands. Sought the following decisions from the Council: That clause (e) be modified with this or wording to similar effect: “protecting indigenous species and the significant indigenous ecosystems of rivers and lakes water bodies, including those identified in Appendix 1”.
50	32	Sought deletion of reference to Appendix 1 in the policy
66	11	Supported
82	35	Sought an amendment to clause (d) to read: ‘maintaining or enhancing the significant amenity and recreational values of rivers and lakes...’ and clause (f) to clarify if the intent of the Regional Council is to maintain a flow regime in water bodies without abstraction.
83	36	Sought clauses (d), (e), and (h) be amended by inserting the qualifying phrase ‘from inappropriate subdivision, use and development’ at the end of each clause.
118	2	Sought control of vehicle access to the bed of rivers, streams and lakes.

2.118 Policy 43: Managing water takes to ensure efficient use – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	7	Sought retention of method. Considered that industrially zoned land should be protected from inappropriate and sporadic development of retail and ad hoc commercial areas.
31	37	Stated that an applicant should be required to demonstrate that they have considered alternative supplies of water; such has harvesting water during wet periods and storing “off-line”. Sought the following decisions from the Council: That an additional clause be added to this policy with this wording: “whether the applicant has demonstrated that they have considered alternative supplies of water.” Reference should be made in the explanation to harvesting water during wet periods and storing “off-line”.
36	7	Supported the general tenor of the policy however noted that the extent to which consent holders are required to measure and report water take, and the detail of any water demand and conservation measures should be proportional to the scale and potential for adverse environmental effects of the water take, and the ability of the regulator to make use of this information.
50	33	Sought clarification as to how Greater Wellington will implement policy 43 a) in terms of assessing soil and crop type when water is taken for irrigation use and ensure that there is provision for flexibility in terms of horticultural crops.
124	36	Sought retention as stated.
127	8	The principle of ensuring that water takes are not beyond whatever is required for any particular landuse was supported. However, stated that the limits set must be based on local conditions and science rather than the application of standards from other regions or national guidelines. Stated that the requirement to measure and report water takes implies that the Council will actively analyse this data to assist in managing the resource. Given that the consent holder is undertaking much of the work at their cost, stated that the fees for consents should reflect this.

2.119 Policy 44: Using water efficiently – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
17	2	Stated that the reuse of non-kitchen greywater sources is safe for toilet flushing in a single domestic dwelling and that the current wording that 'recycled water...can be used for toilet flushing' must remain as a bare minimum to allow this practice to continue to occur (as is permitted by the Building Act/Code). Also sought addition of greywater to the above wording for clarity.
31	38	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
50	34	Stated that supports efficient use of water. However considered that water harvesting should not be restricted to off line dams in that on line dams may be possible if appropriate mitigation techniques are used. Sought a definition be included for efficiency that includes economic, technical and allocative efficiency.
56	32	Supported policy
100	33	Requested that Greater Wellington clarify its intention for the policy. They did not believe that Greater Wellington intended that the policy should be considered within every resource consent application. Noted that if the policy was intended to broadly apply, there were concerns that the section.32 cost/benefit analysis of the policy did not adequately consider the cost and consistency of applying this policy at a resource consent level. The policy also does not adequately address a significant amount of development that may be permitted. Sought that the application of this policy be reviewed, and that it only generally apply to consents for the use, take, and discharge of water.
124	37	Sought retention of policy as stated.

2.120 Policy 45: Managing effects on historic heritage values – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	28	Sought a new clause (j) to policy 45 as below: (j) Positive effects of the proposal including positive work undertaken previously or proposed to be

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		undertaken in relation to heritage values on the site or in the vicinity of the site.
31	39	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
86	11	Sought retention of intent of policy and sought that it be retained - subject to submission points on regionally significant infrastructure. Also sought cross referencing to new infrastructure consideration policy sought under submission points.
87	25	Sought that the Council amend policy 45 by including criteria which address principles 2,4 and 5 of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust's Sustainable Management of Historic Heritage Guidance Series (2007) - Information Sheet 1 and amend policy 45 so that the policy does not expire when policies 20 and 21 are in an operative district or regional plan.
100	34	Supported the use of a consideration policy for historic heritage (policy 45) and supported the policy ceasing when policies 20 and 21 are given effect.
100	35	The use of the consideration policy (policy 45), and the ceasing the policy once the earlier policies are implemented, was supported.

2.121 Policy 46: Managing effects on indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant indigenous biodiversity values - consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	29	Sought that policy 46 be amended by giving explicit recognition to positive effects of a proposal and methods of mitigation and remediation proposed as follows: Policy 46: Managing effects on indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant indigenous biodiversity values – consideration When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement, or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, a determination shall be made as to whether an activity may affect indigenous ecosystems, habitats or areas with significant indigenous biodiversity values, and in determining

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		<p>whether the proposed activity is inappropriate particular regard shall be given to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) maintaining connections within, or corridors between, habitats of indigenous flora and fauna, and/or enhancing the connectivity between fragmented indigenous habitats; (b) providing adequate buffering around areas of significant indigenous ecosystems and habitats from other land uses; (c) maintaining water bodies in their natural state; (d) avoiding the incremental loss of indigenous ecosystems and habitats; (e) providing seasonal or core habitat for specific indigenous species; (f) avoiding the cumulative adverse effects of the incremental loss of indigenous ecosystems and habitats (g) protecting the life supporting capacity of indigenous ecosystems and habitats; (h) remedying or mitigating adverse effects on the indigenous biodiversity values where avoiding adverse effects is not practicably achievable; and (i) the need for a precautionary approach when assessing the potential for adverse effects on indigenous ecosystems and habitats. (j) the remediation and/or mitigation methods proposed including (but not limited to): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Areas of enhancement planting, including areas of riparian enhancement planting, proposed; • The translocation of any native plant and animal species; • The opportunity to establish ecological linkages with existing vegetation and/or habitats; • The legal protection of the balance of any indigenous vegetation • Ongoing programmes of weed and pest control proposed: and • Fencing and stock removal. (k) the positive environmental benefits created by any activities that may have been undertaken by the applicant with the intent and effect of remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of vegetation removal including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • any planting and/or translocation of native plant and animal species that has been undertaken ahead of vegetation removal; • weed and pest management action undertaken (including action undertaken in other natural areas locally prior to the removal of vegetation); and

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fencing and stock removal in other native vegetation and riparian areas locally; (l) the positive effects of the proposal.
31	40	<p>Stated that the purpose of policy 22 was to identify significant indigenous biodiversity values. While the significance of some indigenous biodiversity values of some areas may be known, for other areas until it is assessed its significance cannot, by definition, be known. The Quality Planning web site notes that where a term like “significant” has not been defined that it should not be used (http://www.qualityplanning.org.nz/plan-development/writing-provisions-plans/ideas-providing-certainty-plan-rules.php). For the avoidance of doubt the word “significant” should be removed from policy 46. Noted that policy 45 (historic heritage values) did not include the word “significant”, whereas related policy 21 does. Stated that for internal consistency the same approach should be taken with both sets of policies. Clause (e) reads: “providing seasonal or core habitat for specific indigenous species”. States that either the specific species intended to be need to be listed somewhere, or the word removed in order to avoid ambiguity.</p> <p>Sought the following decisions from the Council: That the word “significant” be removed from all places in this policy, and that clause (e) be reworded: “providing seasonal or core habitat for specific indigenous species”</p>
56	11	<p>Stated support for policy 46 which provides a standard minimum framework with which to assess the indigenous biodiversity values of indigenous ecosystems, identification of significant ecosystems and protection of these. Stated that the inclusion of these policies in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement will assist in retaining protection for these areas as part of the District Plan review.</p>
66	12	Supported
82	36	<p>Sought an amendment to clarify more precisely which ecosystems and habitats are to be protected and for what reason, and to include in the consideration of ‘inappropriateness’ the other valid matters in Part II of the Resource Management Act 1991 and the functional or operational constraints affecting location of regionally significant infrastructure.</p>
83	37	<p>Sought an amendment to include provision for the offsetting of adverse effects on indigenous ecosystems and habitats within clause (h) of policy 46 to achieve a ‘no net loss’ outcome.</p>

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100	36	Supported the use of a consideration policy for indigenous ecosystems (policy 46) and supported the policy ceasing when policies 22 and 23 are given effect. Sought that Greater Wellington clarify what 'specific indigenous species' are in clause (e).
124	38	Sought amendment so policy read: '..., a determination shall be made as to whether an activity may adversely affect indigenous ecosystems... And deletion of sub-clauses (c) and (f), and any consequential changes.
130	7	Requested Greater Wellington try to reach agreement with city and district councils on incorporating the criteria from policy 46 into policy 23

2.122 Policy 47: Principles of the Treaty of Waitangi – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	41	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
87	26	Sought retention of policy 47.

2.123 Policy 48: Avoiding adverse effects on matters of significance to tangata whenua – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	42	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
35	52	Opposed use of the term mauri in the proposed Regional Policy Statement. Stated that this term has spiritual origins. Stated that it is impossible to define in practical terms and equally impossible to determine how it would be applied. States that its use will lead to uncertainty on the part of resource users, resource consent holders and resource consent applicants. In a regulatory context, it would be more appropriate to express the term using measurable parameters.

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		Sought deletion of value (b) from policy 48 And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the policy and methods section, to give effect to this submission point
82	37	Sought that the policy be amended to read: 'When considering...particular regard shall be given to avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects on...'
83	38	Sought that be amended to read: '...particular regard shall be given to avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects on...'

2.124 Policy 49: Managing effects on outstanding natural features and landscapes, and significant amenity landscapes - consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	25	Stated that it needs to be explicitly recognised and acknowledged that 'natural' includes farmland so that regulation developed from this policy can ensure that farmland does not get treated as a public park.
31	43	Stated that the current wording of the policy and explanation reads as though the outstanding or significant landscape features have already been formally identified. This is not the case. To avoid potential ambiguity the policy and explanation needs rewording. Sought the following decisions from the Council: The policy be reworded: "When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement or a change, variation or replacement to a district or regional plan, a determination, using the criteria in policies 24 or 26, shall be made as to whether possible outstanding natural feature or landscape, or possible significant amenity landscape may be affected by an activity, and in determining whether an activity is inappropriate particular regard shall be given to:" Stated the that the explanation also needed rewording to this effect: "In determining whether possible outstanding natural feature or landscape may be affected by an activity the criteria in policy 24 should be used. In

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		determining whether possible significant amenity landscape may be affected by an activity the criteria in policy 26 should be used.”
35	53	Sought policy 49 be amended as follows; Managing effects on outstanding natural features and landscapes – consideration And following consideration be added: (f) the past, present and future use of the land in question. And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
82	38	Sought that the policy be amended to read: ‘...a determination shall be made as to whether an activity may adversely affect an outstanding natural feature...’ And, the addition of clauses (f) and (g) to read: ‘(f) the ability to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse effects; (g) functional or operational constraints that determine the need to locate on a particular site.’ Also sought amendments to the last paragraph of the explanation to read: ‘... the context and the potential of a proposed activity to irrevocably change its character.’
83	39	Sought that the policy be deleted or amended to consider the benefits as well as adverse effects.
123	26	Sought that policy 49 be amended as a consequence of deleting policy 26 and 27 - as per submission.
131	24	Sought that the explanations to policy 3, 24, 25, 26 and 27 (and 35 and 49) include a plain-English explanation, with examples, of how the policies overlap and function together. Stated that it must clearly explain the concept of human-made and human-maintained landscapes, and explain that human-made landscapes can be as highly valued as natural landscapes.

2.125 Policy 50: Minimising the risks and consequences of natural hazards – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	44	Sought that the policy as proposed be retained.
42	3	Sought inclusion of ground displacement as an earthquake hazard (p 116)
42	4	Sought a list of guidance documents (similar to those on p 96) for assistance with policy 50.
56	33	Supported intent of policy 50
65	6	Sought retention as is.
66	13	Supported
131	25	Sought that Greater Wellington clarify its role in investigating, collecting data and researching 100 year flood levels within Wellington City and its stormwater utility network.

2.126 Policy 51: Minimising adverse effects of hazard mitigation measures – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	45	<p>Stated that the Resource Management Act 1991 and New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement requires that a number of options be assessed when considering proposals. One option that should always be considered is “do nothing”. With regards to hazard mitigation measures a closely related concept is that of “managed retreat”. Both of these options need to be given particular regard when considering hazard mitigation measures. The phrase “unacceptable risk” does not allow for clear measurable tests or thresholds and will result in difficulties in assessing the necessity to protect existing development or property.</p> <p>Sought the following decisions from the Council: An additional clause is added to this policy: setting out “whether managed retreat or do nothing is a more appropriate option”. That a definition of “unacceptable risk” be provided.</p>

66	14	Supported
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2.127 Policy 52: Public access to and along the coastal marine area, lakes and rivers – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	26	Sought addition of clauses to read: '(k) integrity and security of adjacent farmland; (l) the cost/benefit of access and who will pay for the creation and ongoing maintenance.'
31	46	Noted that Council acknowledges in the Introduction to Section 2.2 that there is a lack of strategic planning for public access, and the submitter considers that unless policy 52 could be adequately amended, a new policy should be added to address this matter. The policy should seek to achieve an integrated network of public access, as opposed to individual and unconnected accesses to potentially isolated areas of high value. The policy should promote a strategic approach to public access where linkages and connectedness have value. It was noted that the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement has as a national priority "identifying opportunities to enhance or restore public walking access" (policy 39 (e)). Sought the following decision from the Council: The policy be retained with the proposed wording, and that a new policy along the following lines be inserted: Policy 52A: Creating public access networks and links to and along the coast, lakes and rivers When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement, or a change or variation to a district plan, city and district councils shall have particular regard to enhancing public access to, and along, areas of the coast, and lakes and rivers by taking a strategic approach and seeking to create links between existing access ways and developing networks of public access that will meet community needs and aspirations and maximize the opportunity for walking to and between areas along the coast, lakes and rivers with significant values.
33	18	Considered much stronger than the version in the draft Regional Policy Statement. Requested that the policy be more than a 'consideration'.
35	54	Submitted that landowners should not be impacted or controlled in their farming activities simply because they neighbour a coastal marine area, lake or river access to or across their property. Sought that Policy 52 be deleted Or that it be amended to include a new exception linked to the consideration of protecting private property

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		as follows: (k) the rights and wishes of private property owners
45	2	Sought that in the context of policy 52 (and method 50), the addition of "the coastal access along the Greater Harbour Way". In policy 52, existing (j) means that the Port should continue to operate on Port Land but that may need to be made more specific than "the integrity and security of regionally significant infrastructure". This could be defined by adding your map from the Regional Cycling Plan as an Appendix or receiving a more detailed map from the submitter
65	7	Sought retention as is.
66	15	Supported
73	4	Objected to the policy enhancing public access to and along 'all waterways', believing that reserve strips along only lakes and rivers is commonly understood.
83	40	Sought retention of policy in its entirety.
87	27	Sought retention of policy 52.
87	28	Sought retention of policy 52 but sought that it be amended to recognise and support the role of crown agencies such as New Zealand Historic Places Trust, in facilitating and managing public access to historic places located in the coastal environment.
100	37	Stated policy 52(g) could be clearer. Suggested changing the wording from 'sensitive indigenous habitats of species' to 'habitats of sensitive indigenous species' or 'sensitive habitats and/or indigenous species'.
114	16	Stated that this policy was not strong enough in support of the matter of national importance. The importance of enhancing public access is not simply conditional on the values of the accessed location, nor is that importance necessarily subservient to the importance of other matters which may also be important or significant under the Act. Sought the following changes: (1) replace "with:" by "with additional importance given for:" (2) replace "except where there is a need to protect:" by "and be provided in a manner compatible with

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		any necessary protection of:". Stated that although the explanation notes the proposed wording does not "limit other efforts to enhance access, or the range of values to which access could be enhanced", the currently proposed wording is inadequate for addressing such a matter of national importance.
117	17	Supported and sought retention of policy 52.

2.128 Policy 53: Achieving the region's urban design principles – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
37	4	Requested amendment to the explanation to include statements that urban design principles are to be implemented to ensure the functionality of development is provided for and flexible design standards are adopted in Regional and District Plans.
87	29	Sought retention of policy 53.
91	16	Requested that the cross referencing alongside the policy also refer to policy 7.
100	38	Supported using consideration policies to achieve objective 21. However, opposed the application of policy 53 to resource consent decision making. Stated that the design principles listed by the policy and detailed by Appendix 2 are at a high level, and whilst they are useful for producing policy and design guidelines, they do not provide practical guidance to resource consent decision makers.
100	39	Noted that cross references to objective 27, but should be objective 21.

2.129 Policy 54: Maintaining a compact, well designed and sustainable regional form – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	7	Requested insertion of new sub-paragraph: ‘(c) the proposed development incorporates provision for public transport at sufficiently frequent levels of service and non-motorised transport occupants and others using the development will be able to access it by means other than private motorised transport; and’ with consequent renumbering. Requested amendment of sub-paragraph (c) renumbered as (d) to read: ‘(d) a structure plan that is up-to-date with, or has been updated to reflect, the Regional Policy Statement.’
3	8	Sought amendments to the explanation so that it more explicitly recognises the need to consider reverse sensitivity effects as part of structure planning and insert a cross reference to policy 60 in policy 54.
15	30	Sought that policy 54 (explanation) be amended as follows: The content and detail of structure plans will vary depending on the scale of development. Notwithstanding this, structure plans, as a minimum, should address: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provision of an appropriate mix of land uses and land use densities • how environmental constraints (for example, areas at high risk from natural hazards) and areas of value (for example, indigenous ecosystems, rivers, streams and ephemeral watercourses, wetlands, areas or places with historic heritage, outstanding landscapes, or significant amenity landscapes) are to be managed • integration with existing and proposed infrastructure services, such as, connections to existing and proposed transportation systems and provision of public and active transport linkages • the integration of the development with adjoining land use activities including measures to avoid or mitigate reverse sensitivity effects
24	8	Supported policy in principle, but asked that the policy be reviewed to ensure a flexible approach when applying the policies to new development.
31	47	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
32	7	Sought that policy 54 be retained, in part, but amended to include: (c) a structure plan has been prepared that incorporates social infrastructure and essential social services

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		as necessary.
81	4	<p>Sought that in relation to policy 54:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To require all regional, local and administrative bodies to incorporate into their plans new rules for a new future - one in which the land, our communities, our buildings, ourselves and our children participate in commitment to a healthy, sustainable future. 2. That sustainable eco communities be designated as appropriate subdivision and supported in the Regional Policy Statement. 3. That the document developed under the Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund, for Standards New Zealand, "New Zealand Handbook, Subdivisions for people and Environment, SNZ HB 44:2001" which addresses all aspects of the "built environment" in great breadth and depth be included as an important document for all policy relating to policies 54, 55 and 67.
83	41	Sought amendments to the explanation so it more explicitly recognises the need to consider reverse sensitivity effects as part of maintaining a compact, well designed and sustainable regional form.
87	30	Sought retention of policy 54.
91	17	Supported, particularly (a)-(c). Requested amendment of the sixth bullet point in the explanation to read: '...provision of public and active transport linkages by undertaking an integrated transport assessment'.
91	18	Requested that the cross referencing alongside the policy also refer to policy 7
100	40	Supported, however, noted that the explanation listed the current development frameworks within the region, but did not list Porirua City Council's Porirua Development Framework. Sought that the explanation also refers to this document.
100	41	Noted that cross references to objective 27, but should be objective 21.
135	5	<p>Sought policy 54(c) be amended to read:</p> <p>(c) a structure plan has been prepared that incorporates social infrastructure and essential social services, including emergency services, as necessary. [See submission for bold added text para 5.15]</p>
138	10	Sought that: (i) policy 54(a) be amended by adding the words 'for the region' to the end.

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		(ii) Policy 54(b) be amended by deleting the reference to 'or' at the end of the sentence. (iii) The explanation to policy 54 be amended in the fifth paragraph starting 'policies 53 and 55...' to add the following words at the end of the last sentence: '...on natural and physical resources'.

2.130 Policy 55: Managing development in rural areas – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	31	Sought policy 55 be amended as follows: Policy 55: Managing development in rural areas – consideration When considering an application for a resource consent or a change, variation or replacement to a district plan, in rural areas (as at March 2009), particular regard shall be given to whether the proposal will result in a loss of productivity of the rural area, including cumulative impacts that would reduce the potential for food and other primary production including extraction and distribution of aggregate resources
31	48	Stated that the proposals that result in increases in residential density of rural areas will result in increased demand for water supplies. Such use has priority, and this may have adverse cumulative impacts on other users and aquatic ecosystems. Sought the following decisions from the Council: An additional clause be added to this policy with this wording: "that the proposal will result in an increased demand for water".
32	8	Sought that policy 55 be retained in part but amended as follows: When considering an application for a resource consent or a change, variation or replacement to a district plan, in rural areas (as at March 2009), particular regard shall be given to whether: (a) the proposal will result in a loss of productivity of the rural area, including cumulative impacts that would reduce the potential for food and other primary production; (b) the proposal will reduce aesthetic and open space values in rural areas between and around settlements;

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		<p>(c) the proposals location, design or density will minimise demand for non-renewable energy resources;</p> <p>(d) the proposal is for social infrastructure or essential social services that will benefit the Greater Wellington community; and</p> <p>(e) the proposal is consistent with the relevant city or district council growth and/or development framework or strategy that addresses future rural development; or</p> <p>(e) in the absence of such a framework or strategy, the proposal will increase pressure for public services and infrastructure beyond existing infrastructure capacity.</p>
35	55	<p>Sought that policy 55 be deleted</p> <p>And</p> <p>Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point</p>
50	35	<p>Sought to add to policy 55 an additional criteria:</p> <p>“the extent that all necessary factors for a rural production system exist.”</p>
56	34	<p>Supported policy 55 as included consideration of productivity as well amenity considerations. Was pleased to see that the policy recognises that Councils may have development frameworks which also need to be taken into account.</p>
68	3	<p>Policy 55(c):</p> <p>Stated that while the intent of this clause is stated as to be encouragement for the location of residential settlements in the rural area close to existing services, with use of energy efficient design and renewable energy systems, Submitted that it provides for a higher level of weighting towards renewable energy industrial-scale generation plants in the rural area and that this is unjustified and unfair in this context.</p> <p>Policy 55(b):</p> <p>Stated that with respect to the above comment on 55(c), the word ‘settlements’ excludes consideration of any individual residential location within the rural area and the Submitter strenuously disagrees with the use of this word on it’s own. Sought that the clause should read “settlements and individual dwellings”.</p>
69	4	<p>Policy 55(c):</p> <p>Stated that while the intent of this clause is stated as to be encouragement for the location of residential settlements in the rural area close to existing services, with use of energy efficient design and renewable</p>

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		energy systems, Submitted that it provides for a higher level of weighting towards renewable energy industrial-scale generation plants in the rural area and that this is unjustified and unfair in this context. Policy 55(b): Stated that with respect to the above comment on 55(c), the word 'settlements' excludes consideration of any individual residential location within the rural area and Submitter strenuously disagrees with the use of this word on it's own. Sought that the clause should read "settlements and individual dwellings".
81	5	Sought that in relation to policy 55: 1. To require all regional, local and administrative bodies to incorporate into their plans new rules for a new future - one in which the land, our communities, our buildings, ourselves and our children participate in commitment to a healthy, sustainable future. 2. That sustainable eco communities be designated as appropriate subdivision and supported in the Regional Policy Statement. 3. That the document developed under the Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund, for Standards New Zealand, "New Zealand Handbook, Subdivisions for people and Environment, SNZ HB 44:2001" which addresses all aspects of the "built environment" in great breadth and depth be included as an important document for all policy relating to policies 54, 55 and 67.
82	39	Sought amendments to make it clear that the policy applies only to built urban residential development and not to other non-residential or non-urban forms of development that require location in a rural area.
91	19	Sought a new assessment matter be added to read: '(e) the proposal effects, including cumulative impacts, on the efficient and safe use of the existing transport network'.
91	20	Requested that the cross referencing alongside the policy also refer to policy 7
117	18	Supported and sought retention of policy 55
135	6	Sought amendment of policy 55 by inserting a new sub-paragraph (d) to read: 'the proposal is for social infrastructure or essential social services, including emergency services, that will benefit the Greater Wellington community; and' and consequent renumbering of following sub-paragraphs

2.131 Policy 56: Integrating land use and transportation – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	8	Requested addition to sub-paragraph (e) to read: '...except where provision has been made through identified and confirmed sources of funding, including developer contributions, to pay for such increases in demand and / or upgrades.'
24	9	Supported policy in principle, but asked that the policy be reviewed to ensure a flexible approach when applying the policies to new development.
31	49	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
32	9	Sought that policy 56 be retained in current form without modification as they will potentially benefit corrections by promoting the integration of landuse and infrastructure.
40	12	Sought retention but an amendment to clause (e) to read: 'whether new, or upgrades to existing, transport network infrastructure have been appropriately recognised and provided for.'
91	21	Requested that the cross referencing alongside the policy also refer to policy 7
138	11	Sought that policy 56(b) should be amended to read: '(b) connectivity with, or provision of access to, public services or activities, key centres of employment or retail activity, open spaces, or recreational areas'.

2.132 Policy 57: Co-ordinating land use with development and operation of infrastructure – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	10	Supported policy in principle, but asked that the policy be reviewed to ensure a flexible approach when applying the policies to new development.
31	50	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.

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32	10	Sought that policy 57 be retained in current form without modification as it would potentially benefit corrections by promoting the integration of landuse and infrastructure.
91	22	Sought amendment of policy 57(a) to read: 'make efficient and safe use of existing infrastructure capacity'. Sought amendment of the explanation to make explicit that the cumulative effects of the development on infrastructure needs to be assessed when considering giving effect to policy 57.
91	23	Requested that the cross referencing alongside the policy also refer to policy 7
138	12	Stated that the first sentence of the explanation to policy 57 should read: '... decisions have a direct bearing upon...'

2.133 Policy 58: Managing the Regional Focus Areas – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	11	Supported the inclusion of Paraparaumu to Paraparaumu Beach and its intensification intent. However, considered that there was a lack of clarity regarding goals of the focus area which means the implications of the policy are unclear. Sought further clarification.
31	51	Neutral submission but noted that one of the Regional Development Areas is Pauatahanui and that the Pauatahanui Inlet is particularly sensitive to urban development and emphasis needs to be placed on protecting the ecological values of this area. Noted that district and regional councils are required by other policies within the Regional Policy Statement to identify and protect those values.
37	5	Requested deletion of the goals or in the alternative amend the goals to provide clear guidance on how the focus areas should be managed
91	24	Requested that the cross referencing alongside the policy also refer to policy 7
100	42	Stated that policy 58 refers to 'management goals' within the Wellington Regional Strategy. Noted that the

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		Wellington Regional Strategy does not clearly identify 'management goals' but does list a range of actions. Suggested that the explanation of this policy be refined to clearly state which part of the Wellington Regional Strategy the policy is referring to.
138	13	Stated that policy 58 should be deleted.

2.134 Policy 59: Retaining highly productive agricultural land (Class I and II land) – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	9	Requested addition to read: 'Plans shall prohibit subdivision for urban development purposes on Class I and II soils, other than where such subdivision relates to provision of essential linear infrastructure (transport routes, power transmission lines, utilities) and that it can be demonstrated that no other possible routes exist that would result in the smaller losses of Class I and II soils.'
33	19	Supported improvements made and reference to 'retaining' high value soils instead of 'loss of' high value soils.
35	56	Sought deletion of policy 59 And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the Policy Statement, in particular the methods section, to give effect to this submission point
36	8	Supported the consideration of action that can be taken to retain highly productive agricultural land.
50	36	Stated that objective 29 applies to all soils in the region – not just some. Yet policy 59 protects Class I and II soils. Stated that trying to protect Class 1 and II land from development was not supported as was inconsistent with the Resource Management Act 1991. Stated that the statement of the issue of soil health is a concern in that it implies that the use of certain practices leads to the loss of the life supporting capacity. A reduction of soil health does not necessarily equate to a total loss of the life supporting capacity. Also stated that the issue refers to 'intensive farming' but there is no definition to determine what

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		is meant by the use of this term. Intensive farming usually refers to pig and poultry type operations but that does not seem to be the use of the term implied on Pg 58. Sought that policy 59 be deleted.
56	35	Stated that was pleased to see policy 59 which specifically addressed highly productive soils. Stated preference that this policy to be broader to address a wider range of productive potential but accepted that this is covered in policy 55.
89	2	Supported the proposed Regional Policy Statement' acknowledgment that rural land is under threat from residential development, But opposed the limitation of protection within policy 59 to Class I and II soils. Recommended that the wording of policy 59 be amended to extend also to soils suitable for winegrowing and state: "When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement, or a change, variation or replacement to a district plan, particular regard shall be given to retaining the productive capability for agriculture of Class I, II and suitable winegrowing land."

2.135 Policy 60: Utilising the region's mineral resources – consideration

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
3	9	Sought clause (b) be amended to read: 'Protecting significant mineral resources and their extraction and processing from incompatible or inappropriate land uses alongside.'
15	32	Sought the following new policies and associated Explanations: Policy 60A: Significant mineral resources District and regional plans shall include provisions that recognise and provide for the utilisation of the region's significant mineral resources. Explanation Policy 60A recognises the importance of the region's significant mineral resources. The term significant

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		<p>mineral resource includes deposits of minerals, the extraction of which is of prime importance in order to meet the current and future mineral needs of the region (an example of this is the region's aggregate resources). Implementation of this policy is supported by the compilation of information on the location and significance of mineral resources in the region.</p> <p>Policy 60B: Significant mineral resources - considerations</p> <p>When considering resource consent applications, notice of requirements and changes to and reviews of district and regional plans, local authorities shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protect existing mineral extraction sites and access routes to these sites from reverse sensitivity effects; and • Promote recognition of areas which have the potential to provide significant mineral resources and protect access to such areas <p>Explanation:</p> <p>Policy 60B seeks to ensure that the development and use of land in the region is done in such a way that existing mineral extraction sites and significant deposits are protected as are access routes to these sites. This policy recognises that it is beneficial - both economically and environmentally - that significant mineral resources be extracted in reasonable proximity to growing communities. Implementation of this policy is supported by the compilation of information on the location and significance of the significant mineral resources in the region.</p>
26	3	<p>Opposed. Sought the following addition to policy 60 "Significant mineral resources are ... the region or nation." Existing commercial mineral quarries in the region may be considered significant mineral resources.</p> <p>Method 51, when implemented, will identify further locations of significant mineral resources within the region."</p> <p>Also sought removal from the explanation of the following sentence: "Examples of methods to protect significant mineral resources include the use of buffer areas in which sensitive areas may be restricted, and the use of noise reduction methods and visual screening."</p>
48	8	<p>Sought amendment to subsection (b) so refers to protecting not only mineral resources but also aggregate extraction and processing activities from incompatible activities occurring in their vicinity.</p>
104	6	<p>Sought retention.</p>

2.136 Policy 61: Allocation of responsibilities for land use controls for indigenous biodiversity

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	33	Sought similar amendments be made to policy 61 as requested for policy 23.
31	52	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
83	42	Sought retention in its entirety.

2.137 Policy 62: Allocation of responsibilities for land use controls for natural hazards

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	53	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.

2.138 Policy 63: Allocation of responsibilities for land use controls for hazardous substances

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	37	Sought that the Council amend Table 12 to provide for Wellington Regional Council to take responsibilities for 'other land'. Stated that substances such as agrichemicals may be discharged to air, land and water and so the management of such substances needs to be with one regulator. Concerned that the Proposed Regional Policy Statement would split that function between the regional council and the districts. Given the already complex HSNO regime additional multiple regulatory levels was not supported.
86	12	Supported the intent to policy 63 and sought that it be retained.

2.139 Section 4.4 Non-regulatory policies

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
36	9	Supported non-regulatory approaches to achieving objectives and believes that this approach is well established, and successful, within the dairy industry

2.140 Policy 64: Supporting environmental enhancement initiatives - non-regulatory

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	27	Stated that if 'natural character' is confined to indigenous species then the statement 'natural character of the coast has been degraded' may be acceptable, but if 'natural character' includes farmland, then in many instances the natural character has been enhanced. The need to live and be economically viable, and the impossibility of returning to the pre-human habitation environment, is not recognised by the statement 'Setting right historical activities'.
31	54	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
38	5	Particularly supported policy 64 regarding a whole of catchment approach. However stated that the intent of policy 64 needed to be brought into policies relating to district and regional plans and consideration of resource consent application and other statutory processes.
56	12	Supported policy 64 as this policy also reinforces the approach the Council has taken with respect of indigenous ecosystems to date in that it places an obligation on local authorities to encourage environmental restoration through non regulatory methods such as the provision of information and grants.
65	8	Sought retention with a modification to support in particular those initiatives that involve community participation.
100	43	Supported along with method 52.
100	44	Noted that the policy is cross referenced to objective 3, but does not appear in table 2 under objective 3.

2.141 Policy 65: Promoting efficient use and conservation of resources - non-regulatory

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
17	3	<p>Sought insertion: Greywater recycling reduces water use and wastewater production, which in turn reduces energy use (water services being a major consumer of energy). Greywater recycling systems should be encouraged in individual households by the provision of information and advice. A reduced (preferably zero) fee should be charged for building consent applications for greywater recycling systems to recognize this benefit, which is directly comparable to the policy adopted for solar hot water systems. Also sought a similar policy for rainwater tanks should be considered where consent application fees apply.</p>
31	55	<p>Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.</p>
50	38	<p>Stated that while promotion is supported there is also a need for efficient use to be considered for all users of water in the regulatory context. Sought elsewhere in the submission that efficient use of water also be a requirement for community and public water supplies. Stated that the issue of water wastage should be elevated to a matter to which regional council should have particular regard to so that targets that are set have some degree of regulatory force behind them.</p>
56	36	<p>Stated support for policy 65 aimed at reducing demand and wastage of water through non-regulatory means.</p>
117	19	<p>Supported and sought retention of policy 65.</p>
127	9	<p>Stated that the submitter was pleased to see the recognition of the role that the Council has in information gathering and dissemination to assist people to use the resources efficiently and effectively. Also supported the investigation of transferable water permits of some form and would like to be involved in that investigation.</p>

2.142 Policy 66: Enhancing involvement of tangata whenua in resource management decision-making - non-regulatory

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	56	Sought that the policy be retained as proposed.
87	31	Sought retention of policy 66.

2.143 Policy 67: Maintaining and enhancing a compact, well designed and sustainable regional form - non-regulatory

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	12	Supported policy in principle, but asked that the policy be reviewed to ensure a flexible approach when applying the policies to new development.
50	39	Stated that the focus of the policy was on urban areas and ignored the place of rural production activities as part of the region. Sought inclusion of rural production activities as a component of regional form.
65	9	Sought retention
81	6	Sought that in relation to policy 67: 1. To require all regional, local and administrative bodies to incorporate into their plans new rules for a new future - one in which the land, our communities, our buildings, ourselves and our children participate in commitment to a healthy, sustainable future. 2. That sustainable eco communities be designated as appropriate subdivision and supported in the Regional Policy Statement. 3. That the document developed under the Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund, for Standards New Zealand, "New Zealand Handbook, Subdivisions for people and Environment, SNZ HB 44:2001" which addresses all aspects of the "built environment" in great breadth and depth be included as an important document for all policy relating to policies 54, 55 and 67.

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	32	Sought retention of policy 67.

2.144 Policy 68: Minimising soil erosion - non-regulatory

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	28	Supported
35	57	Sought that policy 68 be retained as proposed.

2.145 Policy 69: Preventing long-term soil deterioration - non-regulatory

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	29	Supported
35	58	Sought policy 69 be amended as follows (or words to this effect): To retain healthy soil ecosystem functioning by promoting and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices that minimise soil contamination, compaction or loss of minerals or nutrients
50	40	Sought retention of policy 69 as non regulatory

2.146 Section 4.5 Methods to implement policies

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
35	59	Sought the retention of the use of non regulatory methods and investigate ways to make wider use of the approach
50	41	Sought retention of the use of standards and codes of practice in the Proposed Regional Policy Statement.
50	42	Sought that where protocols are proposed to be developed between Greater Wellington and district councils outside the plan that all relevant stakeholders are identified and included in such process.
123	27	Sought: A. Amendments to methods 1 and 2 to insert reference to policy 4 and to new policy X Accommodating Future Transmission Corridors. B. Amendments to method 4 to insert reference to policies 6 and 7 and to new policy X Accommodating Future Transmission Corridors. C. Amendments to methods 1, 2 and 4 to identify Transpower as an affected party where new land uses are proposed under, over or adjacent existing or known future National Grid infrastructure corridors by inserting the following text to methods 1, 2 and 4: Also sought for policies 6, 7, 38 and X [Accommodating Future Transmission Corridors], Transpower New Zealand Limited be identified as an affected party for land use and development proposals located under, over, or adjacent existing or future high voltage transmission lines.
125	8	Stated that had serious concerns at the approach of the Regional Council in implementing the Regional Policy Statement. In this respect, sought that Greater Wellington prepare an implementation plan in consultation with territorial authorities to provide certainty and clarity in the implementation of the Regional Policy Statement. In particular, Council urges the implementation plan to commit the Regional Council to implement the Regional Policy Statement in a collaborative manner with the Territorial Authorities.
132	6	Stated that action planning is the proper method to prioritise work in every key topic area, action plans should be revised periodically and should be shared with key organisations such as Department of Conservation. Stated that in the methods sections of the Regional Policy Statement the Council is more proactive so that where it intends to provide information, this is presented as guidelines and/or best practice.

2.147 Method 1: District plan implementation

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
1	2	Sought that all Councils, including the Upper Hutt City Council, should be required to incorporate the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement into their respective District Plans at the earliest opportunity. The requirement to incorporate specific policies as part of any "rolling review" of any part(s) of a District Plan is a minimum requirement and must be retained
5	2	Sought that all Councils, including the Upper Hutt City Council, should be required to incorporate the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement into their respective District Plans at the earliest opportunity. The requirement to incorporate specific policies as part of any "rolling review" of any part(s) of a District Plan is a minimum requirement and must be retained
6	2	Sought that all Councils, including the Upper Hutt City Council, should be required to incorporate the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement into their respective District Plans at the earliest opportunity. The requirement to incorporate specific policies as part of any "rolling review" of any part(s) of a District Plan is a minimum requirement and must be retained
7	2	Sought that all Councils, including the Upper Hutt City Council, should be required to incorporate the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement into their respective District Plans at the earliest opportunity. The requirement to incorporate specific policies as part of any "rolling review" of any part(s) of a District Plan is a minimum requirement and must be retained
8	2	Sought that all Councils, including the Upper Hutt City Council, should be required to incorporate the provisions of the Regional Policy Statement into their respective District Plans at the earliest opportunity. The requirement to incorporate specific policies as part of any "rolling review" of any part(s) of a District Plan is a minimum requirement and must be retained
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2.148 Method 2: Regional plan implementation

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	34	Sought retention of method 2.

2.149 Method 3: Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy implementation

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
91	25	Requested amendment to read: '...commences the review pursuant to section 73 of the Land Transport Management Act 2003.'

2.150 Method 4: Resource consents, notices of requirement and when changing, varying or replacing plans

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
26	4	Opposed. Sought amendments to method 4 to include the implementation of policy 1 as follows: "Policies 1 and 34 to 60 will be implemented when considering a resource consent, notice of requirement, or when changing, varying or replacing a district or regional plan."
87	35	Sought retention of method 4.

2.151 Method 6: Information about reducing air pollution

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	44	Sought that method 6 be amended by adding "Work with industry groups and stakeholders to prepare and disseminate...." and that agricultural spray drift be included in method 6.
117	20	Sought the following addition and amendment to method 6: "(b) best practice techniques to reduce fine particulate matter through the use of renewable energy resources;" "(d) homeowners adopting cleaner, renewable forms of heating and insulation for their houses."

2.152 Method 7: Information about high natural character in the coastal environment

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
100	45	Requested that Greater Wellington complete method 7 as soon as possible to help with implementation of policy 3.

2.153 Method 10: Information and guidance on energy efficient subdivision, design and building development

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
65	10	Sought retention with modification to provide information about some of the most forward thinking concepts such as regenerative design.
117	21	Supported and sought retention of method 10

2.154 Method 11: Information about water conservation and efficient use

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
17	4	Sought method 11 be amended to read: “Prepare and disseminate information about water conservation, greywater recycling, rainwater harvesting and the efficient use of water”
50	45	Sought that method 11 be amended by adding “Work with industry groups and stakeholders to prepare and disseminate....”

2.155 Method 13: Information about best practice for earthworks to protect Maori archaeological sites, other significant site and koiwi

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	36	Sought retention of method 13.

2.156 Method 15: Information about sustainable land management practices

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	46	Sought method 15 be amended by adding "Work with industry groups and stakeholders to prepare and disseminate...."

2.157 Method 18: Regional structure planning guide

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
83	43	Sought that the method be amended to recognise the need for the consideration of reverse sensitivity effects and the need to protect and enable future development of the region's renewable energy resource when preparing the structure planning guide.
123	29	Sought retention of method 18.

2.158 Method 20: Information to assist with the identification of places, sites and areas with significant historic heritage values

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	37	Sought retention of method 20.
87	38	Sought that the Council take into account the New Zealand Historic Places Trust's "Sustainable Management of Historic Guidance Series: Discussion Paper No. 2, Assessing Effects on Historic Heritage, 2007" as a basis for developing the proposed information.

2.159 Method 24: Database of sites at risk of contamination

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	54	Considered that the database should be of known contaminated sites. Given the present approach to use of the Ministry for the Environment Hazardous Activity and Industry list the 'at risk sites' could be extensive. A database should be more focused than such a global approach. Sought method 24 be amended to 'Database on known contaminated sites'
92	18	Sought retention of method 24 without modification.
92	21	Method 24 was supported.

2.160 Method 25: Information about the provision of walking, cycling and public transport for development

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
45	3	The submitter supported method 25 and stated that they hoped that Greater Wellington intended to include the great Harbour Way in information and help the different authorities provide appropriate signage for the route itself and for linkages to others such as the Hutt River Trail.

2.161 Method 29: Take a whole catchment approach to works, operations and services

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
33	20	Supported the whole of catchment approach and control of the area of hard surfaces v runoff.
35	60	Sought retention of method 29

2.162 Method 30: Protocol for management of earthworks and air quality between local authorities

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	30	Stated that the method should address siltation and erosion rather than the earthworks activity itself.
35	61	Sought method 30 be amended as follows: Prepare protocols in consultation with stakeholder groups to guide changes to district and regional plans to avoid gaps and unnecessary overlaps in the regulation of ...
48	9	Sought retention of method
50	47	Sought deletion of method 30 and direction in the Regional Policy Statement through better clarification of the issues. Also alternatively sought method 30 to include other stakeholders in the development of protocols.
83	44	Sought retention in its entirety.
100	46	Sought that method 30 be retained and implemented as soon as possible.

2.163 Method 31: Engagement with tangata whenua and the community in identifying and protecting significant values

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	31	Stated that landowners should also be explicitly included, as without their buy-in success is likely to be limited.
35	62	Sought that method 31 be amended as follows: Engage tangata whenua, landowners, and the community in identifying and protecting significant values
56	37	Applauded the intention to have tangata whenua involvement (method 31) but had concerns about resource cost to smaller Iwi and Hapu. Stated that there needs to be a method that makes links to the Greater Wellington Long-term Council Community Plan process to implement these policies and provide resources to support them. In particular to ensure that there is adequate resources for re-accreditation of Iwi commissioners and resources to develop Iwi management plans.
87	39	Sought retention of method 31.

2.164 Method 32: Identify sustainable energy programmes

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
51	4	Sought for method 32 to be rewritten to take into account the government's energy policy, which centres on security of supply and affordable power generation. Submitter felt that statements regarding renewable energy's (i.e. wind generation) ability to meet these policies are incorrect and misleading to the general public and believed that Transpower should have been consulted to obtain more correct information.
83	45	Sought retention in its entirety.
101	5	Stated the method needs to be a clearer, more comprehensive statement of priorities and criteria. Suggested security of supply be placed before reduction in carbon dioxide emissions. Criteria relating to reducing the region's vulnerability to shortages and disruption imply small-scale generation such as self-generation by individual properties which is economically unrealistic.

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
117	22	Supported but sought the following amendments: "Identify sustainable energy programmes, to improve energy efficiency and conservation, increase the proportion of energy generated from renewable resources, reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and minimise the region's vulnerability to energy supply disruptions or shortages."

2.165 Method 33: Prepare a regional water strategy

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
36	10	Supported the development of a regional water strategy. Stated that the strategy should include consideration of the economic and social objectives of the region that will also be impacted upon by water resource management decisions, rather than focus solely on the achievement of aquatic environment outcomes.
50	48	Sought that method 33 be amended to include other stakeholders in the development of a regional water strategy.
56	38	Supported the intent of method 33 but noted that the Kapiti Coast and Wairarapa differ from the rest of the region in that they have separate water supplies and therefore may have different objectives than the more urban parts of the region.
100	47	Supported. Stressed the importance for the outcomes and approach of any regional strategy to be integrated with the region's Long Term Plan.

2.166 Method 34: Prepare a regional stormwater action plan

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
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131	26	Sought that Greater Wellington clarify how the voluntary, non-statutory stormwater action plan will guide stormwater management in the region.
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2.167 Method 35: Support industry-led environmental accords and codes of practice

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36	11	Supported the use of industry led environmental accords and codes of practice (method 35) in the achievement of environmental objectives relating to water quality and water allocation, and in other areas where this approach reduces barriers (consent costs etc) to the uptake of good or best practice. Sought that method 35 be considered as an appropriate way to achieve objective 14 (Water use efficiency).
50	49	Stated that method 35 seeks to support the use of industry led accords and codes of practice. Sought that the method should be to 'promote' or 'encourage' the use of such codes as they encapsulate industry best practice.
92	17	Sought retention of method 35 insofar as it records the Council's support for industry-led Codes of Practice. Sought specific recognition of the relevant Oil Industry Guidelines. Noted that this could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect: Method 35: Support industry-led environmental accords and codes of practice. Support industry-led environmental accords and codes of practice – where these would lead to the achievement of objectives in the Regional Policy Statement. Such codes represent industry best practice and include the Dairying and Clean Streams Accord, the New Zealand Environmental Code of Practice for Plantation Forestry, and the following Oil Industry Codes of Practice: •“Guidelines for Assessing & Managing Petroleum Hydrocarbon Contaminated Sites in New Zealand (MfE 1999)”; •“Above-Ground Bulk Tank Containment Systems - Environmental Guidelines for the Petroleum Marketing Oil Companies (MfE 1995)”; and •“Environmental Guidelines for Water Discharges from Petroleum Industry Sites in New Zealand (MfE 1998)”.
100	48	Supported.
104	7	Sought retention.

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123	30	Sought retention of method 35 insofar as it records the Council's support for industry-led Codes of Practice.

2.168 Method 36: Involve tangata whenua in resource management decision making

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
87	40	Sought retention of method 36.

2.169 Method 40: Integrate public open space

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
100	49	Supported, but consideration was sought as to whether the method should be to: 'improve integration and use of public open space', as the use of public open space requires integrated management.

2.170 Method 41: Develop visions for the regionally significant centres

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	13	Sought retention of the method, but asked that local authorities be encouraged to engage in consultation with key stakeholders when regionally significant centres create their visions and principles.
37	6	Requested involvement in the development of the vision and retail principles in methods 41 and 42

2.171 Method 42: Develop principles for retail activities

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24	14	Sought retention of the method, but asked that local authorities be encouraged to engage in consultation with key stakeholders when regionally significant centres create their visions and principles.
62	7	Supported the reference to the need to develop principles for retail activities. However sought that the principles be located in the Regional Policy Statement rather than a non-statutory document.

2.172 Method 44: Develop principles for rural-residential use and development

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	50	Sought that method 44 be amended to include other stakeholders in rural development.

2.173 Method 45: Develop planning for each Regional Focus Area

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
24	15	Supported the inclusion of Paraparaumu to Paraparaumu Beach and its intensification intent as a focus area. Sought a review of method 45 to consider consultation during the development of planning frameworks.
37	7	Requested involvement in the formation of planning frameworks for each Regional Focus Area
100	50	Stated that reads: 'Develop planning for each Regional Focus Area', but could be clearer, i.e. 'develop plans...' or 'develop planning guidelines...'.

2.174 Method 47: Investigate the use of transferable water permits

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
50	51	Sought retention of method 47 but with the addition of other stakeholders with an interest in transferable water permits.

2.175 Method 49: Prepare a regional landscape character description

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	32	Support but noted that it needs to be recognised that farmland is considered 'natural' so farmland may need to be specifically excluded from some definitions.
35	63	Sought method 49 be amended as follows: Prepare a regional landscape character description in consultation with stakeholder groups
83	46	Sought retention in its entirety.
104	8	Sought retention.
124	39	Sought that be amended to read: 'Method 49: Prepare a regional landscape character description and identify the extent of the coastal environment Develop and disseminate a regional landscape character description that describes and categorises the region's landscapes to assist with identifying outstanding natural features and landscapes, and significant amenity landscapes, including the identification of the extent of the coastal environment on District Plan Maps as well as a Map in the Regional Policy Statement...'

2.176 Method 50: Identify areas for improved public access

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	33	Stated that criteria should include significant public demand and cost/benefit should be kept firmly in mind.
35	64	Stated that there is no legal requirement for public access to areas of value on privately owned land. Access must be negotiated with the landowner without the presumption of a right to public access. Sought method 50 be amended as follows: Identify public areas for improved public access
45	4	Noted that the Greater Harbour Way has already been identified and needed the protection of the Regional Policy Statement.
100	51	Sought that this method be expanded to also identify areas of the coast where public access should be controlled, as required by the Proposed New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement.

2.177 Method 51: Identify the region's significant mineral resources

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
3	10	Sought that the Regional Policy Statement stipulate how method 51 will be achieved, the process of identifying the significant mineral resources, how this will be shown and the timeframe within which to achieve it. Requested that Greater Wellington also agree to engage and consult with the Aggregate and Quarry Association in identifying the locations of significant mineral resources within the region.
15	34	Sought additional or amended methods to give full effect to Issues, objectives and policy changes sought by submitter. Particularly for policies 60A and 60B proposed by the submitter.
26	5	Opposed method 51. Sought creation of a new method providing for the construction of a regional aggregates strategy for the Greater Wellington Region as follows: "Method 51(A): Develop a Regional Aggregates Strategy for the Greater Wellington Region. Implementation: Wellington Regional Council."
48	10	Sought retention of method 51 but requested further detail as to how and when the identification of the

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		region's mineral resources would occur.
104	9	Sought retention and involvement in the process of identifying the region's significant mineral resources under this method.

2.178 Method 55: Assist the community to reduce waste, and use water and energy efficiently

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
65	11	Sought retention with modification (or a new method) to add Wellington Regional Council and city and district councils to act as waste reduction exemplars in the community.
117	23	Supported.

2.179 Chapter 5 Monitoring the Regional Policy Statement and the anticipated environmental results

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
123	31	<p>Sought insertion of environmental outcomes that will be achieved by giving effect to policies 6, 7 and 38 and amendments sought by the submitter. Noted that this could be achieved by making amendments to the following effect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The adverse effects of the ongoing operation, maintenance, upgrading and development of existing infrastructure are avoided, remedied or mitigated to the extent practicable. • Risks to the health and safety of the community are minimised. • Ongoing protection and provision of regionally significant infrastructure. • Facilitate the security of electricity supply. • A consistent cross-boundary jurisdictional approach is adopted to addressing the adverse effects of and

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		on lineal infrastructure corridors.
130	8	Supported the intention to review the Regional Monitoring Strategy in collaboration with local authorities. Suggested that Greater Wellington also include other biodiversity agencies in the review; publish the revised Monitoring Strategy on the Greater Wellington website; publish the baseline data separately if it is not included in the Strategy; and consider the need for an additional policy in the Regional Policy Statement requiring city and district councils to carry out any responsibilities arising from the revised Strategy. Stated that the AER text should be amended to include where the responsibility for the monitoring lies. Supported the monitoring responsibility resting with Greater Wellington and requested liaison with Department of Conservation.
132	7	In the case of freshwater and terrestrial ecosystems, sought a reporting mechanism to deal with restoration of those sites considered the worst examples of environmental degradation in the Wellington region.

2.180 Objective 1 AER 1 to 3

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
105	3	Sought the following change to AER 1 (ref to reasons under policy 1): District plans include policies and/or rules that discourage: (a) new sensitive activities from locating near land uses or activities that emit odour, smoke, dust or other contaminants that adversely affect the health of people. (b) New land use activities that emit odour, smoke, dust or other contaminants that adversely affect the health of people from locating near sensitive activities.

2.181 Objective 3 AER 1 & 2

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	34	Stated that as identified for Appendix 1 Table 16 the areas are overstated and regulation will potentially be applied to areas where it is not required.
31	57	Stated that condition (or quality) is equally as important as the area for these habitats and that it would also make it consistent with the AER for objective 13. Sought the following decision from the Council: That the AER be reworded: "There is no reduction in the condition (or quality) and extent of the area of wetlands, estuaries, salt marshes and active sand dunes in the coastal environment, as a result of human activities."

2.182 Objective 4 AER 1 & 2

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	35	Stated that natural character was not defined well enough, which may result in inappropriate regulation.
31	58	Stated that the Resource Management Act 1991 (s6(a)) and New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement do not use "high" in association with natural character. Sought the following decision from the Council: The AER be reworded: Regional and district plans contain policies that protect the natural character of the coastal environment. There is no reduction in the extent or quality of places, sites or areas with natural character in the coastal environment.
82	40	Sought amendments to accommodate change resulting from development authorised by plan provisions and resource consents.

2.183 Objective 6 AER 1 to 5

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	59	<p>Stated that the perception of the state of the environment is not necessarily directly related to the actual state of the environment. Measuring whether people value the need to protect the environment will give a more meaningful result.</p> <p>Sought the following decision from the Council: That the AER be reworded: “Eighty per cent of residents value the need to protect the quality of coastal waters.”</p>
46	2	<p>Stated that the anticipated environmental results are results that can be expected to be achieved from implementing the policies and methods in the policy statement. Anticipated environmental results 4 alongside objective 6 and AER 1, 2 and 3 alongside objective 12 are outcomes from the implementation of proposed policies 5, 11 and 39. These policies require that the regional plan not only manage water bodies for aquatic ecosystem health and water quality in the coastal marine area to sustain healthy aquatic ecosystems, but also manage for other purposes identified in the regional plan. The later purposes for management were not recognised in the anticipated environmental results. Therefore sought addition of:</p> <p>“or other purposes identified in the regional plan” to the end of anticipate environmental result four alongside objective 6.</p>

2.184 Objective 8 AER 1 & 2

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	36	<p>Stated that public access needs to be within reason, where there is significant public demand, adjacent landowners will not suffer significant adverse effects, and there is a demonstrated cost/benefit.</p>
31	60	<p>Stated that S6(a) of the Resource Management Act 1991 does not use the qualifying word “significant” when it refers to natural character of the coastal environment (including the coastal marine area), wetlands, and lakes and rivers and their margins being a matter of national significance.</p> <p>Sought the following decision from the Council: That the word “significant” is removed from the AERs</p>

2.185 Objective 9 AER 1 to 8

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
117	24	Supported and sought retention of AER's for objective 9.

2.186 Objective 10 AER 1

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
82	41	Sought addition of an AER to read: 'District and regional plans will contain policies to recognise and protect lawfully established regionally significant infrastructure and renewable energy generation facilities from the potentially adverse effects of incompatible subdivision, use and development nearby.'
117	25	Supported and sought retention of the AER for objective 10.
123	32	Sought deletion of the AER associated with objective 10.

2.187 Objective 12 AER's 1 to 11

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	61	Sought the following decisions from the Council: 1. That (a) and (b) be reversed. 2. That the 1st AER be reworded as: "Water quality in lakes, rivers and aquifers is supporting healthy functioning aquatic ecosystems and meets relevant standards." 3. That AER 6 be reworded: "Eighty per cent of residents value the need to protect the quality and quantity of water bodies."

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
46	3	Stated that the anticipated environmental results are results that can be expected to be achieved from implementing the policies and methods in the Policy Statement. Anticipated environmental results 4 alongside objective 6 and AER 1, 2 and 3 alongside objective 12 are outcomes from the implementation of proposed policies 5, 11 and 39. These policies require that the regional plan not only manage water bodies for aquatic ecosystem health and water quality in the coastal marine area to sustain healthy aquatic ecosystems, but also for other purposes identified in the regional plan. The later purposes for management were not recognised in the anticipated environmental results. Therefore sought addition of: "or other purposes identified in the regional plan" to the end of anticipate environmental results 1, 2 and 3 alongside objective 12.
114	17	Concerned that inadequate treatment can result in the denial of recreational access from water catchments (e.g. the comparison between access to the Hutt catchment and that to the Orongorongo catchment) in achieving such an objective. To avoid that sought that "without the exclusion of free public access" be appended to "The water catchments for public water supply are protected so that public health is safeguarded."
132	8	Sought inclusion of an anticipated result that says water quality will be maintained in highly valued water bodies and improved in degraded ones.
133	24	Opposed. Stated that the Policy Statement should allow for numerical standards to be set for water quality to protect ecosystems, including DRP, SIN, DO, periphyton, and macroinvertebrate indices etc. Stated that the inclusion of an AER which specifies that "eighty percent of residents perceive that water pollution is not a problem" was not sufficient to ensure that freshwater resources were not degrading. Stated that a numerical target standard should also be set i.e. water bodies shall be maintained or enhanced, which shall be established through state of the environment reporting.

2.188 Objective 13 AER's 1 to 8

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	37	Stated that some of the references are too broad and should be specific to Table 15 and/or 16 and clear

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		as to what the expected outcomes would be.
31	62	Sought the following decisions from the Council: 1. That AER 2 be reworded: “Flow regimes and discharges into rivers and lakes are not resulting in algal cover and/or biomass that is adversely affecting aquatic ecosystems.” 2. That the 3rd AER be reworded: “There are no new barriers (including low flows or pollution) to fish passage and the number of existing impediments is reduced.”
82	42	Sought that AER 4 be amended to accommodate structures that incorporate fish passage and AER 5 be amended to accommodate change to the environment authorised by plan provisions and resource consents.
133	25	Opposed. Stated that the Policy Statement should allow for numerical standards to be set for water quality to protect ecosystems, including DRP, SIN, DO, periphyton, and macroinvertebrate indices etc. Stated that the inclusion of an AER which specifies that “eighty percent of residents perceive that water pollution is not a problem” was not sufficient to ensure that freshwater resources were not degrading. Stated that a numerical target standard should also be set. I.e. water bodies shall be maintained or enhanced, which shall be established through state of the environment reporting.

2.189 Objective 14 AER's 1 to 4

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
133	26	Opposed. Stated that the Policy Statement should allow for numerical standards to be set for water quality to protect ecosystems, including DRP, SIN, DO, periphyton, and macroinvertebrate indices, etc. Stated that the inclusion of an AER which specifies that “eighty percent of residents perceive that water pollution is not a problem” was not sufficient to ensure that freshwater resources were not degrading. Stated that a numerical target standard should also be set. I.e. water bodies shall be maintained or enhanced, which shall be

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
		established through state of the environment reporting.

2.190 Objective 15 AER's 1 to 3

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	63	Stated that S6(f) of the Resource Management Act 1991 does not use the qualifying word "significant" when it refers to historic heritage. Sought the following decision from the Council: That the word "significant" be removed from the AERs.

2.191 Objective 16 AER 1 to 4

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	64	Sought the following decision from the Council: That the AER be reworded as follows: "There is at least a 20 per cent increase in the area of indigenous ecosystems and habitats that are legally protected."
82	43	Sought amendments to clarify that some (not nil) change to the environment is anticipated.
130	9	Requested amendment of objective 16 AER 3 to read: 'Indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity values are maintained and restored to a healthy functioning state' and use of, or alignment with, the indicators for indigenous ecosystem quality used for the community outcomes in Greater Wellington's 10-year plan, especially ecosystem health. Supported objective 16 AER 4.
132	9	Sought that the first and third AER for this objective be amended as follows: (i) ...have identified indigenous ecosystems with significant biodiversity and ecosystem services values; (iii) no loss of indigenous ecosystems and habitats with significant biodiversity and ecosystem services values.....

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		Also sought an additional AER that anticipates that a range of indigenous ecosystems are restored.

2.192 Objective 17 AER 1 to 6

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
82	44	Sought amendments to clarify that some (not nil) change to the environment was anticipated.

2.193 Objective 18 AER 1 & 2

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
92	12	Sought the following changes to the objective 18 AER's 1 and 2: AER 1: (b) contain policies and rules to avoid subdivision and development in those areas, if unless the associated risk is acceptable. AER 2: No new subdivision and development creates unacceptable risks in areas at high risk from natural hazards.
123	34	Sought that the AER for objective18 be amended by making the following changes: (b) contain policies and rules to avoid subdivision and development in those areas, if such activities would increase the associated risk. No new subdivision and development increases the risk in areas at high risk from natural hazards.

2.194 Objective 21 AER 1 to 7

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
62	8	<p>Sought that the maintenance of the viability and vibrancy of the regional central business district be a specific environmental result. Also sought that the results themselves be specified, as opposed to the means by which to achieve the results. The following changes were sought of AER 1:</p> <p>District plans:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) the regional central business district is given prominence as the top of the hierarchy of regionally significant centres; (b) maintenance and enhancement of the viability and vibrancy of the regionally significant centres but not at the expense of the regional central business district; and (c) higher density and mixed use activities around locations with good access to the strategic public transport network.

2.195 Objective 25 AER 1

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
82	45	Sought that the AER be amended to more closely relate, in a measurable way, to the objective which is concerned with avoiding effects and that the AER reflected the range of approaches open to managing effects including avoidance, remediation, and mitigation.
100	52	State that the anticipated environmental result for objective 25 is that Iwi authorities consider that no further degradation of mauri has occurred, particularly in relation to coastal and fresh waters. Given the significance of Porirua Harbour, and Porirua City Council's goal of restoring its ecological health and mauri, the submitter requested that a further anticipated environmental result be added to Section 5.2, objective 25 as: Iwi authorities consider that Porirua Harbour's mauri is being restored.

2.196 Objective 30 AER 1

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	35	<p>Stated that the AER was far too simplistic and did not recognise the large size of the Wellington region and the key areas of demand located around the Wellington urban area. Sought that the AER be deleted and replaced with the following new AER:</p> <p>Demand for aggregate is met from resources located in close proximity to the areas of demand.</p> <p>Noted that the following additional AER would be required for the additional objective proposed by the submitter:</p> <p>The locations of the region's significant mineral resources are identified and their use provided for.</p> <p>In addition it was considered appropriate that a further AER be added to align with objective 30 and the new objective as follows:</p> <p>Reverse sensitivity effects on aggregate extraction, processing and transportation activities are minimised.</p>

2.197 Appendices

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	36	Sought the inclusion of a map within the Regional Policy Statement identifying significant aggregate resources at Belmont, Dry Creek, Petone (Hutt River), Otaki River and Waikanae as being of Regional significance.
23	11	Supported the removal of the Coastal Marine Area sites.
33	21	Queried the removal of the maps of areas of coastal significance. Requested the inclusion of maps showing a wider range of significant landscape features.
95	2	Requested the inclusion of Appendix 1 from the draft Regional Policy Statement

2.198 Appendix 1 Rivers and lakes with values requiring protection

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
15	37	Sought deletion of Appendix 1.
25	38	Stated that the title of Appendix 1 was misleading as the tables within Appendix 1 contained streams and catchments as well as rivers and lakes.
33	22	Requested the indigenous ecosystems in Appendix 1 be broadened from just rivers and lakes of regional significance. Stated that the change from the draft Appendix 1 was unclear.
35	65	Stated disappointment with the lack of affected landowner involvement in the development of the Appendix. Expected that where there is a change in policy to protect identified areas and values that those landowners affected be identified, contacted and informed of exactly what the proposed changes will mean to them prior to the notification of the plan change or in this case regional policy statement. Sought Appendix 1 be deleted Or, alternatively that it be renamed as "Rivers and lakes which the Regional Council are interested in monitoring and maintaining" And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the proposed Policy Statement, in particular the policies and methods section, to give effect to this submission point
38	6	Stated that some of the identified streams were insufficiently or wrongly identified. Stated that there is no map or reference for Owhiro Stream to be named as Owhiro Bay Stream. Also suspected that "Little Waitangi Stream" referred to a minor stream (unnamed on topo maps) in the Pauatahanui catchment, which the submitter know as the Waitangi Stream as one flowing under the Wellington Central Business District. Sought that all rivers and lakes identified in Appendix 1 (Tables 15 and 16) must be identified with a map grid reference at their outflow point.
50	52	Sought deletion of Appendix 1 or re-notification and that all affected landowners were advised of the identification. Concerned that Appendix 1 was extensive and includes many small tributaries which are now identified for protection. Also concerned that Table 15 was developed from a survey of recreational groups clearly with a vested interest and no responsibility to pay for the privilege of the stated protection. Stated that Table 16 is all encompassing covering small tributaries along with waterbodies more commonly understood as being potentially significant. The impacts of such identification when implemented through

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		policies 17, 23 and 42 was considered significant.

2.199 Appendix 1: Table 15 Rivers and lakes with significant amenity and recreational values

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
31	65	Sought the addition of Tauherenikau River above the point where it enters the plains. There is a wide range of significant amenity and recreational values
34	7	Sought addition of walking, biking, horse riding & boating activities to the Waikanae River entry.
40	13	Sought removal of Kourarau Dam and Gladstone from the table as the primary purpose of the dam is energy generation and stated that this should take precedence.
112	28	Sought that the Tauherenikau River be included as recreationally significant. The upper area, accessed from Bucks Road, is used for swimming and rafting by a significant numbers of people in the summer.
118	3	Sought that Whakatikei River and Mangaroa River be added to Table 15.
133	27	Opposed. Stated that not all significant (>100 days) recreational angling waterbodies were identified. E.g. the Ruamahanga River is the most highly visited river in the Wairarapa Region, and it was not included in Appendix 1. Attached to the submission was a spreadsheet listing the main trout fishery rivers in the region. The submitter noted that this information may however change as feedback from anglers was currently being sought.

2.200 Appendix 1: Table 16 Rivers and lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
25	39	Sought that the Castlepoint and Ngakauau catchments, and possibly other entities in Table 16, be assessed for actual threats and tabled according to whether regulation or education may be appropriate. Alternatively, sought that Castlepoint and Ngakauau catchments should be deleted.
31	66	<p>Stated that Whakatikei River – should have a bullet point under “Habitat for threatened indigenous fish species in the catchment”, as longfin eel, dwarf galaxias and koura have been recorded in this catchment by M. Joy in 2006. Sought the addition of this bullet point.</p> <p>Stated that wetlands with significant indigenous biodiversity values have been identified in the Landcare Research publication: "Wetland ecosystems of national importance for biodiversity: Criteria, methods and candidate list of nationally important inland wetlands." At a minimum these identified wetlands should be included in the Table. However, given that all remaining wetlands are considered to be significant (given the reduction from their original extent) it could be argued that all wetlands should be listed in table 16. Sought the following decision from the Council: Addition of wetlands listed in “Wetland ecosystems of national importance for biodiversity: Criteria, methods and candidate list of nationally important inland wetlands” into Table 16.</p>
40	14	Sought that Appendix 1 be deleted.
46	4	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>The catchments referred to meet the criteria for “catchments with a high percentage of indigenous vegetation cover” and be added to the column “catchments with a high percentage of indigenous vegetation cover” :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whakatikei River above the confluence with the Wainui Stream; • unnamed streams draining to the coast between Point Howard at easting 2670123, northing 5992774 and Eastbourne at easting 2668476, northing 5988040; • Battery Stream; • unnamed tributaries of Lake Wairarapa between easting 2692884, northing 5996151 and easting 2694063, northing 5996975;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prince Stream; • Cross Creek; • unnamed tributaries on true left bank of Awhea River between easting 2720541, northing 5974877, and easting 2720409, northing 5967840; • unnamed tributary draining to the coast at easting 2736771, northing 5974877; • unnamed tributaries draining to the coast between easting 2784666, northing 6038022 and easting 2784952, northing 6039543.
46	5	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 were required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>In the first column "Wainuiomata River" be amended to read "Wainuiomata River excluding Black Stream". As the The Black Stream catchment did not meet the criteria for "catchments with a high percentage of indigenous vegetation cover".</p>
46	6	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 were required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>The following rivers be deleted from the column "habitat for threatened indigenous fish species in the catchment" as these rivers do not meet the criterion for "habitat for threatened indigenous fish species in the catchment".</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rivers on Kapiti Island; • Kakaho Stream; • Manganui Stream; • Tauherenikau; • Oruapouanui Stream; • Putangirua Stream; • Mangatoetoe Stream;

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awhea River; • Kaiwhata River; and • Motuwaireka Stream.
46	7	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 were required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>Deletion of the following rivers from the column "habitat for six or more indigenous fish species in the catchment" as the rivers do not meet the criterion of "six or more migratory indigenous fish species in the catchment":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All rivers on Kapiti Island • Te Ikaamaru Stream • Whakatikei River • Pakarutahi River • Mangaroa River • Mukamukaiti Stream • Wharepapa Stream • Abbots Creek • Waiohine River above the Mangatarere Stream confluence • Waingawa River above, and including, the Atiwhakatu Stream • Waingawa River below the Atiwhakatu Stream to the Ruamahanga River • Waipoua River • Tauweru River • Ruakokopatuna River • Makatukutuku Stream • Pararaki Stream • Otakaha Stream • Mangatoetoe Stream • Waitetuna; Opouawe River

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paho River • Huatokitoki Stream • Kaiwhata River • Whareama River • Ngakaukau Stream • Okau Stream
46	8	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 were required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>Addition of the following rivers to the column "habitat for threatened indigenous fish species in the catchment" as these rivers meet the criterion for "habitat for threatened indigenous fish species in the catchment" Speedy's stream; Moonshine Stream; Stokes Valley; Whangaehu Stream; an unnamed tributary on the true left bank of the Ruamahanga River at easting 2704500 and northing 5988700.</p>
46	9	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 were required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>Addition of the following rivers to the column "habitat for six or more indigenous fish species in the catchment" as the rivers meet the criteria of "six or more migratory indigenous fish species in the catchment.": Speedy's stream; and Days Bay Stream</p>
46	10	<p>Noted corrections to Appendix 1 were required as a result of reviewing application of the methodology outlined in the supporting document "Selection of Rivers and Lakes with significant indigenous ecosystems 2009 (see submission for full details) and sought the following changes and any consequential changes to Table 16 that arise as a result of the submission.</p> <p>Insertion of the following text in the key to symbols used in Table 16: "*)" means the rivers specified held the value identified. And</p>

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		Insert rows for the Hutt River and Ruamahanga River with the symbol “*” in the columns “Habitat for indigenous fish” and habitat for six or more native fish species”. The new symbol “*” would apply to the Hutt River and the Ruamahanga River. The change was needed because the large size and heterogeneity of habitat in these rivers make it appropriate to apply the criteria for threatened species
83	47	Sought deletion in its entirety, as policy 22 criteria should be used for identification
95	3	Supported Appendix 1 Table 16
133	28	Opposed. Stated that trout spawning values were not identified, and that the list did not identify all wetlands worthy of conservation, nor biodiversity values

2.201 Appendix 2 Regional urban design principles

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
100	53	The urban design principles outlined in Appendix 2 were supported as they were considered to largely accord with the New Zealand Urban Design Protocol. The submitter noted that there are some aspects of the Appendix that are additional to the NZUDP, and were accepted. However, stated that factor 2(e) would be better placed under 'custodianship' rather than 'character'.

2.202 Appendix 3: Definitions

Submitter No	Submission point	Summary
2	10	Requested addition of 'Non-motorised modes: Walking; cycling that is not limited to recreational cycling opportunities.'
2	11	Requested addition of 'Sheltered and secure passenger shelter: A dry and enclosed public transport

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		passenger shelter that is built to highest standards of security, and has electronically real-time transport information and / or sight lines to arriving services from comfortable seating.'
2	12	<p>Requested addition of a definition of accessibility levels depending on topography as follows:</p> <p>Level 1: Maximum of 400 / 500 metres (walking distance) to a suburban centre served by a choice of public transport services.</p> <p>Level 2: Maximum of 400 / 500 metres (walking distance) to (i) a local or suburban centre that provides a range of day-to-day needs including: daily shopping needs provided by at least one convenience store, doctors surgery, community centre, branch library or provision for a mobile library stop and pre-school / childcare facilities, or for future development land set aside as a local centre and with a robust plan in place to ensure that the land is available for such uses, and (ii) a local park with (at least) seating within an attractive landscaped area and a children's play area.</p> <p>Level 3: At least one public transport service available from a sheltered and secure passenger shelter within 400 / 500 metres serving a suburban or district centre, at 20 minute intervals or better for a minimum of 12 hours / day and with good levels of coverage for at least another 4 hours a day.</p> <p>Level 4: Either of: (i) At least one public transport service available from a sheltered and secure passenger shelter within 400 / 500 metres serving a suburban or district centre, at minimum hourly intervals or better for a minimum of 12 hours / day and with good levels of coverage for at least another 4 hours a day; or (ii) Outside the Level 2 area but not more than 1 kilometre from at least one public transport service available from a sheltered and secure passenger shelter serving a suburban or district centre, at minimum 20-minute intervals or better for a minimum of 12 hours / day and with good levels of coverage for at least another 4 hours a day</p> <p>Level 5: At least one public transport service available from a sheltered and secure passenger shelter at within 2.5 kilometres of a local centre, that has sufficient provision for both all-day secure cycle and car parking and that serves a suburban or district centre.</p>
15	38	<p>Stated that the definition of reverse sensitivity in the Regional Policy Statement was inconsistent with Environment Court case law and current usage in district plans and other regional policy statements. Sought that the definition be replaced, as set out below, to appropriately reflect relevant Court decisions (e.g. Auckland Regional Council v Auckland City Council Decision 10/97) and assist users understanding:</p>

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		<p>The term “reverse sensitivity” is used to refer to the effects of the existence of sensitive activities on other activities in their vicinity particularly by leading to restraints in the carrying on of those activities. An example of a reverse sensitivity effect in relation to an airport, is where a new sensitive activity, such as a dwelling, child care centre or visitor accommodation, locates in close proximity to the airport and then objects to noise generated by the airport.</p>
15	39	<p>Stated that the definition of regionally significant infrastructure failed to recognise significant aggregate resources and the quarries that have been developed at millions of dollars to extract these resources for the Region’s benefit. Sought that the definition be deleted or amended as follows: Regionally significant infrastructure includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • pipelines for the distribution or transmission of natural or manufactured gas or petroleum • strategic telecommunications facilities, as defined in section 5 of the Telecommunications Act 2001 • strategic radio communications facilities, as defined in section 2(1) of the Radio Communications Act 1989 • the national electricity grid, as defined by the Electricity Governance Rules 2003 • facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the national electricity grid • the local authority water supply network and water treatment plants • the local authority wastewater and stormwater networks, systems and wastewater treatment plants • the Strategic Transport Network, as defined in the Wellington Regional Land Transport Strategy 2007-2016 • Wellington city bus terminal and Wellington Railway Station terminus • Wellington International Airport • Aggregate resources and quarries such as those found within the Western Hills of the Hutt Valley, within river systems such as Otaki and the Hutt River, coastal sites including Wainuiomata and Petone and elsewhere throughout the region • Commercial Port Areas within Wellington Harbour (including Miramar, Burnham and Seaview wharves) and adjoining land and storage tanks for bulk liquids.
15	40	<p>Stated that the proposed definition of landscape was highly confusing and very subjective. Stated that it was completely inappropriate and should be deleted from the Regional Policy Statement.</p>

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15	41	<p>Stated that the definition of aggregate was generally appropriate but needed to include modified aggregates such as those which have had a small component of cement or lime added to increase the quality of the resource. Sought that the definition be amended as follows:</p> <p>A broad category of coarse particulate material used in construction, which includes sand, gravel, crushed stone, slag and recycled concrete, as well as aggregates which have been modified by the addition of products such as cement or lime. Aggregates are a component of composite materials such as concrete and asphalt concrete.</p>
15	42	<p>Stated that the definition of 'Significant Mineral Deposits' was generally appropriate but sought that it be amended as follows:</p> <p>Are deposits of minerals, the extraction of which is of potential importance in order to meet the current and future mineral needs of the region.</p>
15	43	<p>Sought deletion of the definitions of 'Consequences'. Stated that the proposed definition was inappropriate and pointless.</p>
23	12	<p>Sought that the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure be amended to read: 'Commercial Port Areas within Wellington Harbour and adjoining land and used in association with the movement of cargo and passengers and including storage tanks for bulk liquids.' And consequential amendments where the definition was stated throughout the Regional Policy Statement.</p>
25	40	<p>Sought addition of a definition for 'natural' to ensure controls on natural vegetation is for important vegetation such as indigenous bush.</p>
25	41	<p>Sought that the definition of 'Natural Features' be amended to specifically exclude farmland.</p>
26	6	<p>Sought that the definition of significant mineral resources be amended as follows:</p> <p>"Significant mineral resources are deposits of minerals, the extraction of which is of importance in order to meet the current or future needs of the region or nation".</p>
35	66	<p>Sought:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. inclusion of a definition of Intensive Farming as follows; <p>"Intensive farming means the commercial raising and keeping of plants or animals which have or require throughout their lifecycle:</p>

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		<p>(i) No dependency whatsoever on the qualities of the soils naturally occurring on the site; or (ii) Buildings for the uninterrupted housing and growth of livestock or fungi.”</p> <p>2. Amendments to the definition of nutrient budget as follows: A nutrient budget demonstrates that an application of nutrients is linked to crop needs based on best management practices And Sought consequential amendments as to detail or substance throughout the proposed Policy Statement, in particular the policies and methods section, to give effect to this submission point</p>
50	53	<p>Sought the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Inclusion of definitions for earthworks and vegetation disturbance: Vegetation disturbance means the cutting, crushing, spraying, burning or other means of removal of vegetation but does not include grazing, harvesting or clearance of crops, maintenance of farm tracks, fences and fence lines, pruning or thinning operations associated with production forestry or control of pest plants as defined in the Regional Pest Plant Management Strategy. Earthworks are the removal, deposition or redistribution of any material on a site that alters the natural or existing ground level but does not include the cultivation of soil for planting of crops and pasture, the harvesting of crops, maintenance of farm tracks, fences and fence lines, and the clearing of drains as part of horticultural and agricultural activities on production land. 2. Deletion of definition of nutrient budget as not used in the Regional Policy Statement. 3. Amendments to the definition of contaminated land as follows: Contaminated land means land of the following kinds (a) if there is no applicable national environmental standard on contaminants in soil, the land has a hazardous substance in or on it that— (i) has significant adverse effects on the environment; or (ii) is reasonably likely to have significant adverse effects on the environment. 4. Deletion of the definition of “Highly productive agricultural land” (Class 1 and II land). Protect the growing system in a more holistic manner to avoid the effects of encroachment on rural production land; through appropriately targeted and transparent policies on supporting regionally significant rural production land assets. 5. Retention of the definition of reverse sensitivity. 6. Amendments to the definition of rural areas to link to zones in district plans as at March 2009.

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		<p>7. Ensure that all relevant sensitive activities are included in the definition.</p> <p>8. That consequential amendments be made as a result of decisions sought in this submission.</p>
82	46	Sought the replacement of the definition of 'Significant Amenity Landscape' with criteria that derive explicitly from the Resource Management Act 1991 definition of amenity values.
86	13	Sought addition of 'New Zealand Defence Force infrastructure' to the list of regionally significant infrastructure as identified in the definitions.
92	19	<p>Sought part of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure be amended where it referred to the Commercial Port Areas to clarify that all associated infrastructure, for example the wharflines between the port and the tanks, falls within the definition. Stated that this could be achieved by making the following amendments:</p> <p>Commercial Port Areas within Wellington Harbour (including Miramar, Burnham and Seaview wharves) and adjacent land, including nearby bulk fuel supply infrastructure and storage tanks for bulk liquids and associated wharflines.</p>
105	4	Sought that in the definition of sensitive activities "schools" also be included.
112	29	Noted that Urban Design has been referenced in policy 53, Appendix 2 and the definitions in Appendix 3. Sought a brief mention of the 'seven C's' in the definition.
117	26	<p>Sought insertion of the following definitions:</p> <p>Energy conservation - a reduction in energy use.</p> <p>Energy efficiency - a change to energy use that results in an increase in net benefits per unit of energy.</p> <p>Sought amendments to the definition of regionally significant infrastructure as follows:</p> <p>Regionally and nationally significant infrastructure includes:</p> <p>....</p> <p>"facilities for the generation and transmission of electricity where it is supplied to the local distribution network or the national electricity grid"</p>
123	35	Sought the retention of the definition of regionally significant infrastructure as in Appendix 3: Definitions.
124	40	Sought retention of the definition of infrastructure as stated.

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		Sought that the definition of Regionally Significant Infrastructure be amended to refer to the Electricity Governance Rules 2009.
130	10	<p>Requested deletion of 'indigenous' and addition of 'indigenous ecosystems: a biological system of which significant elements are indigenous to New Zealand' and 'indigenous species: species or genetic variants of plants and animals found naturally in New Zealand and its territorial waters including migrant species visiting New Zealand on a regular or irregular basis'. Stated if the proposed definition of indigenous species was not acceptable two further alternatives were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 'Refers to plants and animals that have established in NZ without the assistance of human beings and without the assistance of vehicles or aircraft. This includes species that are unique to NZ as well as those that may be found elsewhere in the world.' (From Conservation General Policy 2005 which is a statutory policy under the Conservation Act) or; 2. 'Occurring naturally in New Zealand, including self-introduced species but not human-introduced or human-assisted ones' (from Department of Conservation Statement of Intent 2007-10).
141	1	Sought that regionally significant infrastructure be changed to include: "Hydro generation sites" and "turbine wind farms".