

Hearings Advisor
Greater Wellington Regional Council

15 September 2023

Tēnā koutou katoa,

**Wellington Regional Policy Statement – Proposed Change 1 Hearing
Stream 4: Urban Development**

**Hearing Statement on Behalf of Rangitāne o Wairarapa (Submitter 168,
Further Submitter 2)**

1. This is a hearing statement on behalf of Rangitāne o Wairarapa in response to Hearing Stream 4: Urban Development for the Wellington Regional Policy Statement – Proposed Change 1.

2. Rangitāne o Wairarapa submitted and further submitted on 20 provisions relevant to this hearing stream. In summary, Rangitāne sought the following:

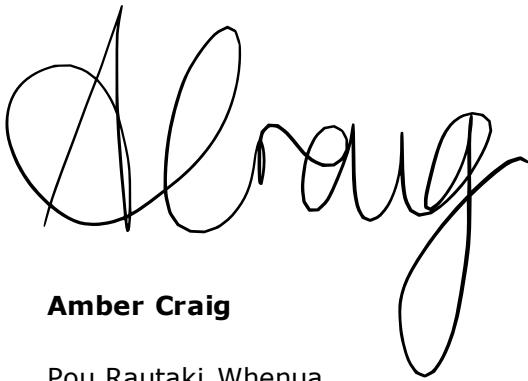
- That well-functioning urban environments, as they relate to the provision of a variety of homes, include quality (i.e. healthy) as well as affordability and location.
- That the RPS include policy and methods that provide for the occupation, use, development and ongoing relationship of tangata whenua with their ancestral land.
- That environmental research explicitly recognises and provides for Mātauranga Māori.
- Opportunity is provided for tangata whenua to build up with their social, cultural, environmental and economic capacity, using mātauranga Māori; by implementing a Kaupapa Māori-based model or framework for urban development that is outcome focused (such as Whanau Ora Outcomes Framework). This has potential to improve both tangata whenua and wider community outcomes.
- Policies in the RPS relating to appropriate urban expansion and development in rural areas are consistent with the issues covered and include a requirement to consider all matters covered in Section 6(e) of the RMA 1991.

3. Rangitāne o Wairarapa supports the recommendations in the Section 42A report relating to the Rangitāne submission and further submission. For completeness, a table of individual submission points and the Rangitāne response to the Section 42A officer's recommendations is appended to this letter.

4. I note the comments in the Section 42A report in paragraphs 925-930 relating to whether a definition of ancestral land is necessary or appropriate. Rangitāne o Wairarapa would like to ensure we are actively involved in any discussions regarding this topic with Greater Wellington Regional Council.

5. Rangitāne o Wairarapa will not be presenting evidence at Hearing Stream 4 but ask that this letter is tabled for the Hearing Panel's consideration. Please do not hesitate to get in contact with myself, or Maggie Burns (02040035365 or maggie@kahuenviro.co.nz) if you would like to clarify anything in this letter.

Nāku iti noa, nā

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amber Craig'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'A' and a long, sweeping tail on the 'g'.

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Provision	Relief sought in the Rangitāne submission and further submission	42A Reject/ Accept	Recommendation
Chapter Introduction	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.
	<p>Further submission (Ātiawa):</p> <p>Support the insertion of '<u>and enable Māori to express their cultural traditions and norms</u>' to the text about well-functioning urban environments.</p>	Accept	
Regionally Significant Issue A – Lack of housing	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.

Regionally Significant Issue B – Inappropriate Development	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation, including the minor numbering change.
Regionally Significant Issue B1 – Poor quality urban design	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	We support the acknowledgement that poor quality urban design can also adversely affect the visibility and identity of tangata whenua and communities.
	<p>Further Submission (support for Taranaki Whānui):</p> <p>Rangitāne support the amendment to the Issue 1 text proposed by Taranaki Whānui. Rangitāne agree that the matters raised by the submitter can be adverse outcomes of poor urban design.</p>	Accept	
Objective 22	<p>Amend subclause (g) of the policy to include "quality" in terms of the variety of homes that are provided for, as follows:</p> <p>(g) Provide for a variety of homes that meet the needs, in terms of quality, type, price, and location, of different households;</p>	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the recommended amendments which direct that there is affordable housing and housing choice, and that built environments should contain high-quality housing.
Policy 30	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.

Policy 31	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.
Policy 32	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.
Policy 33	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the minor amendments that improve consistency with amendments to Objective 22 and improve clarity.
Policy UD.1	Amend subclause (e) of the policy to include specific reference to " Mātauranga Māori ": <u>(e) recognising Te Ao Māori and Mātauranga Māori, and enabling mana whenua / tangata whenua to exercise Kaitiakitanga;</u>	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation, particularly the amendment to include explicit reference to mātauranga māori in this policy.
Policy UD.2	Amend the policy as follows: <u>When considering an application for a resource consent, notice of requirement, or a plan change of a district plan for use or development, particular regard shall be given the ability to enable Māori to express their culture and traditions in land use and development, by as a minimum, providing for mana whenua / tangata whenua and their relationship with their culture, land, water, sites,</u>	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.

	<u>wāhi tapu and other taonga; and by providing opportunities for a Kaupapa Māori outcomes-based framework to be applied to future urban development”, or wording that provides similar relief.</u>		
Policy UD.3	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer’s recommendation.
Policy 55	Amend subclause (a)(ii)(7) of the policy to recognise and provide for the matters in Section 6(e) and 6(g) of the RMA, rather than ‘values of significance’ to tangata whenua. Amend as necessary, together with Policy 56, to ensure consistency between the two policies.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer’s recommendation.
Policy 56	Amend the policy to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - address the issue of loss of production land and reverse sensitivity as two separate matters, rather than as part of the same clause, as they are not necessarily related; - replace reference to ‘aesthetic’ values with a broader reference to ‘amenity’ values; - include a requirement for consideration of whether the proposal is climate change resilient and provides for adaptation in accordance with the relevant climate change policies; 	Accept	Rangitāne support the 42A officer’s recommendations to accept the relief sought by Rangitāne, and subsequent recommended amendments to Policy 56.

	<p>Review the policy to ensure it is consistent with and gives effect to the National Policy Statement – Highly Productive Land.</p> <p>Amend the explanatory text to better reflect the matters covered by Policy 56 and ensure consistency with the explanation for Policy 55.</p>		
Policy 57	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.
Policy 58	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.
Policy 67	<p>Amend clause (f) of the policy to read: "<u>work together and partnering</u> with mana whenua / tangata whenua to <u>prepare papakāinga design guidelines that are underpinned by kaupapa Māori.</u>"</p> <p>Provide a more comprehensive explanation of the policy.</p>	Accept	Rangitāne support the 42A officer's recommendation.
Method UD.1	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Rangitāne support the amendments to Method UD.1 to clarify the role and involvement of iwi, hapū and Māori, as requested by numerous iwi submitters, and the partnership directive in this policy.
Method UD.2	Retain as notified.	Accept in part	Support the changes recommended which identify the role of the FDS in

			supporting reductions in green-house gas emissions and providing for climate-resilience.
Method 46	Include reference to tangata whenua/mana whenua as being included in the development of any joint framework or implementation plans.	Reject	Rangitāne acknowledge the comments of the 42A officer that these processes are already underway and this is not something that the RPS can effectively influence at this stage.