

Greater Wellington Regional Council  
**Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy**  
**Statement for the Wellington Region – Variation 1**  
**Submission Form (Form 5)**



**How to make a submission:**

Please using one of the methods below:

- Use [this submission form \(Form 5\)](#) and the table below, and send it in via one of the following:
  - Email this form to the inbox [regionalplan@gw.govt.nz](mailto:regionalplan@gw.govt.nz)
  - Post this form to PO Box 11646, Manners St, Wellington 6142, ATT: Hearings Advisor – Policy.
  - Drop your submission form into reception at one of Greater Wellington’s offices.

Or,

- Use the [online submission portal](#).

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- The closing date for submissions is 5pm Monday 13 November 2023 -

**1. Details of submitter:**

<b>Name of Submitter:</b> (First and last name, or organisation / company)	DairyNZ
<b>Address for service:</b> (Email, or physical address) Please note an <u>email address</u> is the preferred method	Anna.Sing@dairynz.co.nz
<b>Phone: (Optional)</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>Contact person for submission:</b> (If different to above)	Anna Sing
<b>I wish to be heard in support of my submission at a hearing:</b>	Yes / No
<b>I would consider presenting a joint case at the hearing with others who make a similar submission:</b>	Yes / No

**2. Disclosures:**

<b>I could gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission:</b>	Yes / No
Only answer this question if you ticked ‘yes’ above: <b>I am directly affected by an effect of the subject matter of the submission that:</b> (a) adversely affects the environment; and (b) does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition	Yes / No
Note: If you are a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through the submission, your right to make a submission may be limited by clause 6(4) of Part 1 of Schedule 1 of the Resource Management Act 1991.	
<b>I confirm that I have permission to provide this information if on behalf of a company / organisation, and that I have read and understood the Information Statement:</b>	[REDACTED] 13/11/2023

### 3. Submission:

- Multiple provisions can be commented on within the following section. Feel free to use additional pages if necessary.
- If you are providing suggested text amendments to a provision, please do so in the following format:
  - Suggested added text, shown as **bolded text** format
  - Suggested deleted text, shown as ~~strikethrough~~ format
- Please try to follow a similar format to that given in the examples provided, so we can accurately interpret the intent of your submission.

Provision:	Position: <i>Support</i> <i>Oppose</i> <i>Amend</i> <i>Neutral</i> <i>Not stated</i>	Reason for feedback: <i>Please provide a summary of the reasons for your feedback on each provision to help us understand your position.</i>	Changes sought: <i>Please describe the actual changes to the provision that you would like to see and, where possible, include your suggested alternative wording.</i>
<b>Overall variation</b>	Neutral	<p>DairyNZ submits on this variation to ensure the approach to freshwater management in the affected areas is reasonable. In considering the proposed amendments we have assumed there is some potential for the specific wording and overall approach to be applied to rural areas.</p> <p>We acknowledge that only long-term visions for urban catchments have been included in this variation due to the status of the WIP statements and upcoming regulatory processes in the FMU's. Going forward any long-term visions developed for rural whaitua should be done in a way that clarifies if the council intends to include them in an RPS.</p>	Retain as notified.
<b>New objective TAP</b>	Support	<p>The timeframe included in the vision sets a clear, ambitious but reasonable timeframe of 2100. As noted in the s32 report accompanying this variation, delivering on the environmental outcomes proposed will impose significant costs. DairyNZ agrees that providing for reasonable timeframes to achieve the stated objectives is an important way to mitigate these costs and provide for an effective transition.</p>	Retain as notified.

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New objective TAP	Oppose	<p>An amendment to 'freshwater and coastal waterbodies' would make the provision more concise.</p> <p>The RMA definition of waterbody "water body means fresh water or geothermal water in a river, lake, stream, pond, wetland, or aquifer, or any part thereof, that is not located within the coastal marine area." This makes listing specific items unnecessary.</p> <p>Given the objective is geographically focused, it is important the objective refers to connected waterbodies.</p>	Amend as follows: "By the year 2100 Te Awarua-o-Porirua <del>connected harbour, awa, wetlands, groundwater estuaries and coast are</del> <u>freshwater &amp; coastal waterbodies are</u> , healthy, wai ora, accessible, sustainable for future generations, and..."
New objective TAP	Amend	This amendment would clarify that access to waterbodies is provided for when appropriate e.g. not required during storm event or swimming is not provided for during winter and high flows. Further, it is important the objective recognises safe access may not always be possible, particularly where that access occurs across private land, and the use of that land poses a risk to health and safety.	Amend as follows: Provide for the <del>safe access and use of all waterbodies rivers, lakes, wetlands, estuaries, harbours,</del> and the coast for a range of recreational activities including fishing, <u>when appropriate</u> fostering an appreciation of and connection to these waterbodies; and
New objective TAP	Support	The vision statements reflect the hierarchy of Te Mana o te Wai and recognise it explicitly provides for the use and take of resources.	Retain as notified.
New objective TWT	Support	The timeframe included in the vision sets a clear, ambitious but reasonable timeframe of 2100. As noted in the s32 report accompanying this variation, delivering on the environmental outcomes proposed will impose significant costs. DairyNZ agrees that providing for reasonable timeframes to achieve the stated objectives is an important way to mitigate these	Retain as notified.

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		costs and provide for an effective transition.	
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<b>New objective TWT</b>	Support	The vision statements reflect the hierarchy of Te Mana o te Wai and recognise it explicitly provides for the use and take of resources.	Retain as notified.
<b>New figure 3.4</b>	Oppose	Map showing all whitua in region should be included in this figure so it does not need to be replaced at a later date if other whitua visions added.	Figure removed and whole region scale map included.