

PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMARY OF SUBMISSIONS

PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 32 – *Renewable Energy*

PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 33 – *Ridgelines and Hilltops (Visual Amenity) & Rural Area*

WELLINGTON CITY DISTRICT PLAN

Clause 7 of First Schedule, Resource Management Act 1991

Wellington City Council has prepared a summary of the submissions received on Proposed District Plan Change 32 and Proposed District Plan Change 33. These documents are now available for public inspection.

Plan Change 32 responds to the issue of energy efficiency and the use of energy from renewable sources. The Resource Management Act has been amended to require Councils to now have particular regard to the benefits to be derived from the use and development of renewable energy when exercising functions and powers under the Act. Wellington City Council has decided that one way to give effect to this obligation is to provide specific objectives and policies that encourage the use and development of renewable energy. In recognition of the fact that wind farm development is a form of renewable energy development for which resource consent might be sought in the Wellington area, Plan Change 32 includes specific rules for assessing wind farm proposals.

Plan Change 33 incorporates provisions relating to Wellington's ridgelines and hilltops across the whole city. The Council has identified which ridgelines and hilltops should be subject to particular provisions for the control of visual effects from subdivision and land use activities. Plan Change 33 also introduces provisions relating to the management of subdivision and land use activities in the Rural Area, including residential buildings, accessory buildings, factory farming, site access and esplanade provisions.

The Summary documents for Proposed District Plan Changes 32 and 33 may be inspected at:

- **Wellington City Council Service Centre, 101 Wakefield Street**
- **Wellington Central Library, 65 Victoria Street**
- **All suburban branch libraries**
- <http://www.wellington.govt.nz/plans/district/planchanges/index.html>

In addition, full sets of the original submissions will be on public display at the Karori and Johnsonville Suburban Libraries and at the City Service Centre, Wellington City Council.

For further information about the proposed changes or the further submission process please ring 801 3520 or email district.plan@wcc.govt.nz.

Any person may make a further submission in support of, or opposition to, a submission made on either of the Plan Changes. Please identify clearly which Plan Change and which submission your further submission relates to. You may send your written further submission to the Wellington City Council using one of the options outlined below:

- Posted to:** District Plan Change 32/33, Urban Strategy Unit, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington
- Delivered to:** Ground Floor Reception, Council Offices, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington
- Faxed to:** 801 3165 (if you fax your submission, please post or deliver the original to one of the above addresses)

Your further submission must be in Form 6 of the Resource Management (Forms, Fees and Procedure) Regulations 2003 or similar, and must state whether or not you wish to be heard. Copies of this form are available from the above locations or will be mailed to you if you phone 801 3520. Submissions close at **5pm on Monday 18 October 2004.**

The process for public participation in the consideration of the proposed plan changes under the Act from this point is as follows:

- if a person making a submission or further submission asks to be heard in support of his or her submission, a hearing must be held; and
- the Council will give its decision on the Proposed Plan Changes (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions); and
- any person who has made a submission or a further submission has the right to appeal the decision on the Proposed Plan Changes to the Environment Court.

Garry Poole
Chief Executive Wellington City Council

Date 18 September 2004

THE CLOSING DATE FOR FURTHER SUBMISSIONS IS MONDAY 18 OCTOBER 2004