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Me Heke Ki Pōneke

Ordinary Meeting of Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council

Rārangi Take | Agenda

9:30 am Rāpare, 27 Pipiri 2024

9:30 am Thursday, 27 June 2024

Ngake (16.09), Level 16, Tahiwī

113 The Terrace

Pōneke | Wellington



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Mayor Whanau (Chair)
Deputy Mayor Foon (Deputy Chair)
Councillor Abdurahman
Councillor Apanowicz
Councillor Brown
Councillor Calvert
Councillor Chung
Councillor Free
Councillor Matthews
Councillor McNulty
Councillor O'Neill
Councillor Pannett
Councillor Randle
Councillor Rogers
Councillor Wi Neera
Councillor Young

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1. Meeting Conduct

1.1 Karakia

The Chairperson will open the hui with a karakia.

Whakataka te hau ki te uru, Whakataka te hau ki te tonga. Kia mākinakina ki uta, Kia mātaratara ki tai. E hī ake ana te atākura. He tio, he huka, he hauhū. Tihei Mauri Ora!	Cease oh winds of the west and of the south Let the bracing breezes flow, over the land and the sea. Let the red-tipped dawn come with a sharpened edge, a touch of frost, a promise of a glorious day
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At the appropriate time, the following karakia will be read to close the hui.

Unuhia, unuhia, unuhia ki te uru tapu nui Kia wātea, kia māmā, te ngākau, te tinana, te wairua I te ara takatū Koia rā e Rongo, whakairia ake ki runga Kia wātea, kia wātea Āe rā, kua wātea!	Draw on, draw on Draw on the supreme sacredness To clear, to free the heart, the body and the spirit of mankind Oh Rongo, above (symbol of peace) Let this all be done in unity
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1.2 Apologies

The Chairperson invites notice from members of:

1. Leave of absence for future hui of the Wellington City Council; or
2. Apologies, including apologies for lateness and early departure from the hui, where leave of absence has not previously been granted.

1.3 Announcements by the Mayor

1.4 Conflict of Interest Declarations

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as a member and any private or other external interest they might have.

1.5 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 June 2024 will be put to the Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council for confirmation.

1.6 Items not on the Agenda

The Chairperson will give notice of items not on the agenda as follows:

Matters Requiring Urgent Attention as Determined by Resolution of the Wellington City Council

The Chairperson shall state to the hui.

1. The reason why the item is not on the agenda; and
2. The reason why discussion of the item cannot be delayed until a subsequent hui.

The item may be allowed onto the agenda by resolution of the Wellington City Council.

Minor Matters relating to the General Business of the Wellington City Council

The Chairperson shall state to the hui that the item will be discussed, but no resolution, decision, or recommendation may be made in respect of the item except to refer it to a subsequent hui of the Wellington City Council for further discussion.

1.7 Public Participation

A maximum of 60 minutes is set aside for public participation at the commencement of any hui of the Council or committee that is open to the public. Under Standing Order 31.2 a written, oral or electronic application to address the hui setting forth the subject, is required to be lodged with the Chief Executive by 12.00 noon of the working day prior to the hui concerned, and subsequently approved by the Chairperson.

Requests for public participation can be sent by email to public.participation@wcc.govt.nz, by post to Democracy Services, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington, or by phone at 04 499 4444 and asking to speak to Democracy Services.

2. General Business

REPORT OF THE KŌRAU TŌTŌPŪ | LONG-TERM PLAN, FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 26 JUNE 2024

Members: Mayor Whanau, Deputy Mayor Foon, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz (Deputy Chair), Councillor Brown, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young.

Adoption of the 2023-24 Long-term Plan

The Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee is expected to make recommendations to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council for the adoption of the 2023-24 Long-term Plan at the meeting on 26 June 2024.

As the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee meeting had not taken place when the agenda for the Council meeting was published, the recommendations are not yet known. The Committee's recommendations will be tabled at the meeting.

The recommendations to the Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance and Performance Committee on 26 June 2024 can be accessed in the agenda here: <https://wellington.govt.nz/-/media/Your-council/meetings/Committees/Long-Term-Plan-Finance-and-Performance-Committee/2024/06/2024-06-26-Public-Agenda-LTPFPC>

Attachments

Nil

RATES SETTING 2024/25

Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council is to set the rates for Wellington City for the year commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025 under the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA).

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031

- Sustainable, natural eco city
- People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
- Innovative, inclusive and creative city
- Dynamic and sustainable economy
- Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
- Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
- Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
- Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
- Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
- Strong partnerships with mana whenua

Relevant Previous decisions

Outline relevant previous decisions that pertain to the decision being considered in this paper.

Significance

The decision is **rated high significance** in accordance with schedule 1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Financial considerations

- Nil Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Unbudgeted \$X

2. This paper set the rates in the dollar requirement for the 2024/25 rating year which will enable Council to fund the activities it has outlined in its Long Term Plan for the 2024/25 financial year.

Risk

- Low Medium High Extreme

3. A decision to not adopt the recommendations in this report, and not set rates, would mean that Council will be unable to collect rates revenue. This would have serious financial consequences for Council, including impacting on its ability to meet its financial commitments and deliver services to residents for the next financial/rating year.

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Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. **Receive** this report.
2. **Notes** the rates stated in the following recommendations for the year commencing 1 July 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2025 are set excluding GST. GST will be applied when rates are assessed for 2024/25.
3. **Agrees** having adopted the 2024-2034 Long term Plan (including the Funding Impact Statements), to set the following rates under section 23 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) for the year commencing on 1 July 2024 and concluding on 30 June 2025:

a. General Rate

A differential general rate under section 13 of the LGRA as an amount per dollar of capital value as follows:

- i. A rate of 0.193587 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Base differential rating category.
- ii. A rate of 0.953489 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Vacant land / Derelict buildings differential rating category.
- iii. A rate of 0.708808 cents per dollar of capital value on every rating unit in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category.

The Vacant land / Derelict buildings differential rating category only applies for the purpose of the General Rate. For Targeted Rates, rating units that fall within the Vacant land / Derelict buildings differential rating category will be liable based on the relevant differential categories (for example, the Base or Commercial, Industrial and Business differential categories)

b. Targeted rate for water supply

A targeted rate for water supply under section 16 and section 19 of the LGRA as follows:

- For rating units in the Base differential rating category, either:
 - i. For rating units connected to the public water supply with a water meter installed, a fixed amount of \$240.34 per rating unit, and a consumption unit rate of \$5.00 per cubic metre of water used, or
 - ii. For rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed, a fixed amount of \$295.73 per rating unit, and a rate of 0.035235 cents per dollar of capital value.
- For rating units in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, either:
 - i. For rating units connected to the public water supply with a water meter installed, a fixed amount per rating unit of \$240.34, and a consumption unit rate of \$5.000 per cubic metre of water used, or
 - ii. For rating units connected to the public water supply without a water meter installed a rate of 0.447232 cents per dollar of capital value.

c. Targeted rate for sewerage

A targeted rate for sewerage under section 16 of the LGRA on each rating unit connected to a public sewerage drain as follows:

- For rating units in the Base differential rating category:
 - i. A fixed amount of \$147.01 per rating unit, and a rate of 0.037174 cents per dollar of capital value.
- For rating units in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category:
 - ii. A rate of 0.179757 cents per dollar of capital value.

d. Targeted rate for stormwater

A targeted rate for stormwater under section 16 of the LGRA as follows:

- For rating units in the Base differential rating category but excluding those rating units classified in the rural area under the Council's operative District Plan:
 - i. A rate of 0.026654 cents per dollar of capital value.
- For rating units in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category but excluding those rating units classified in the rural area under the Council's operative District Plan:
 - ii. A rate of 0.040813 cents per dollar of capital value.

e. Targeted rate for the Commercial sector

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA as follows for rating units in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category:

- i. A rate of 0.026438 cents per dollar of capital value.

f. Targeted rate for the Base sector

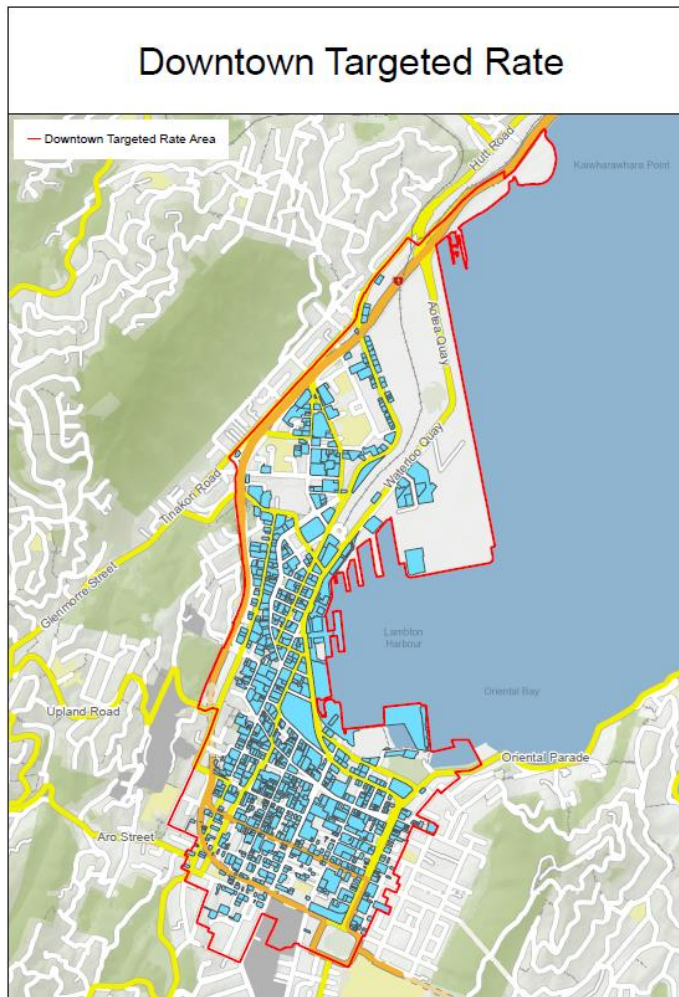
A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA as follows for rating units in the Base differential rating category:

- i. A rate of 0.017761 cents per dollar of capital value.

g. Targeted rate for Downtown Area

A targeted rate for the Downtown Area under section 16 of the LGRA on each rating unit in the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category and located within the area designated as downtown, as described by the Downtown Targeted Rate Area map.

- i. A rate of 0.131588 cents per dollar of capital value.



h. Targeted rate for Tawa Driveways

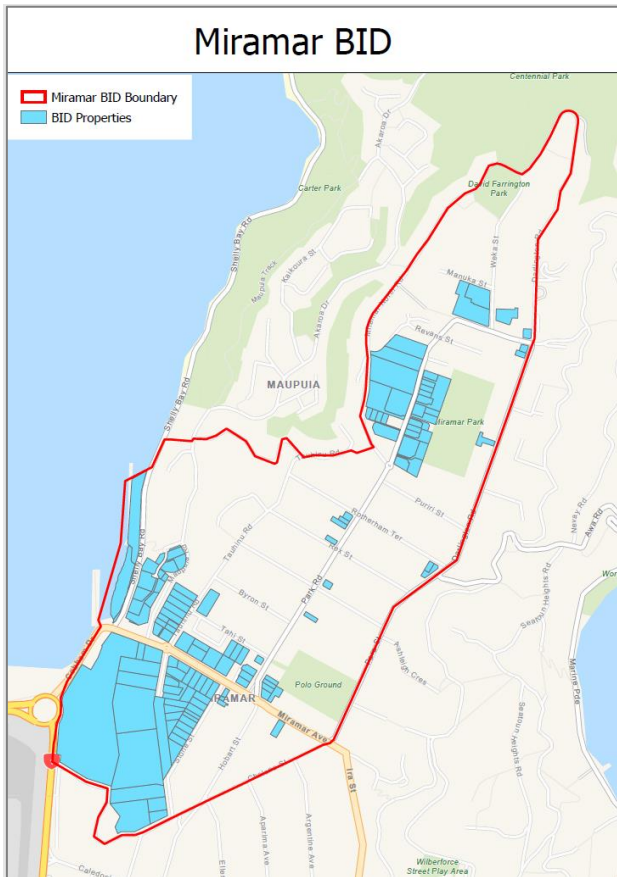
A targeted rate for Tawa Driveways under section 16 of the LGRA on each rating unit identified as being one of a specific group of rating units with shared residential access driveways in the suburb of Tawa, that are maintained by the Council as follows:

- i. A fixed amount of \$133.33 per rating unit

i. Targeted rate for Miramar Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of Enterprise Miramar Peninsula on all rating units within the Miramar Business Improvement District (refer map) that are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, as follows:

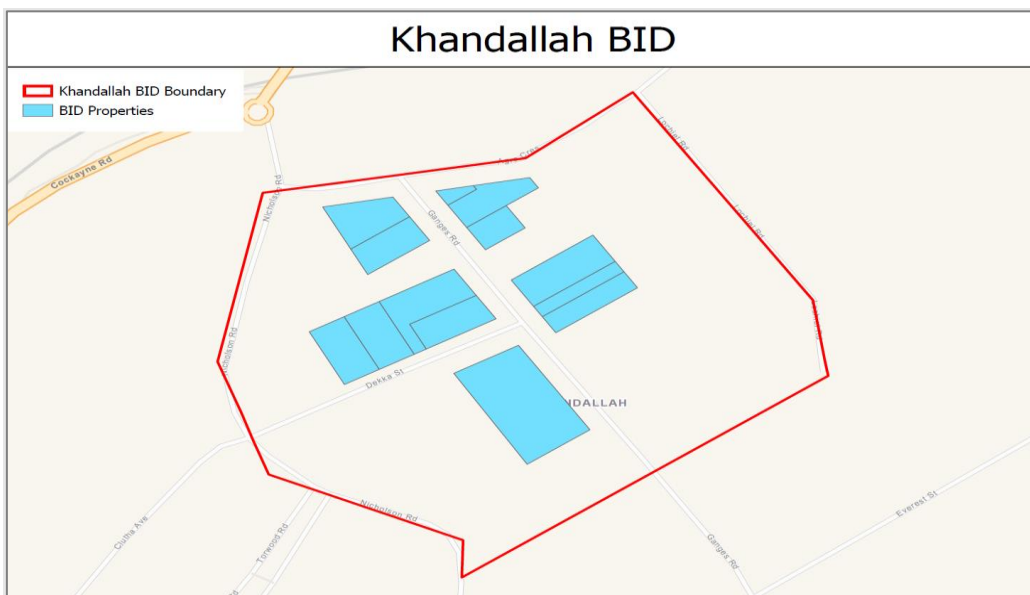
- i. A fixed amount of \$365.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.011076 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



j. Targeted rate for Khandallah Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of the Khandallah Village Business Association on all rating units within the Khandallah Business Improvement District (refer map) that are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, as follows:

- i. A rate of 0.072751 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



k. Targeted rate for Kilbirnie Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of Kilbirnie Business Network on all rating units within the Kilbirnie Business Improvement District (refer map) that are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, as follows:

- i. A fixed amount of \$500.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.007465 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.

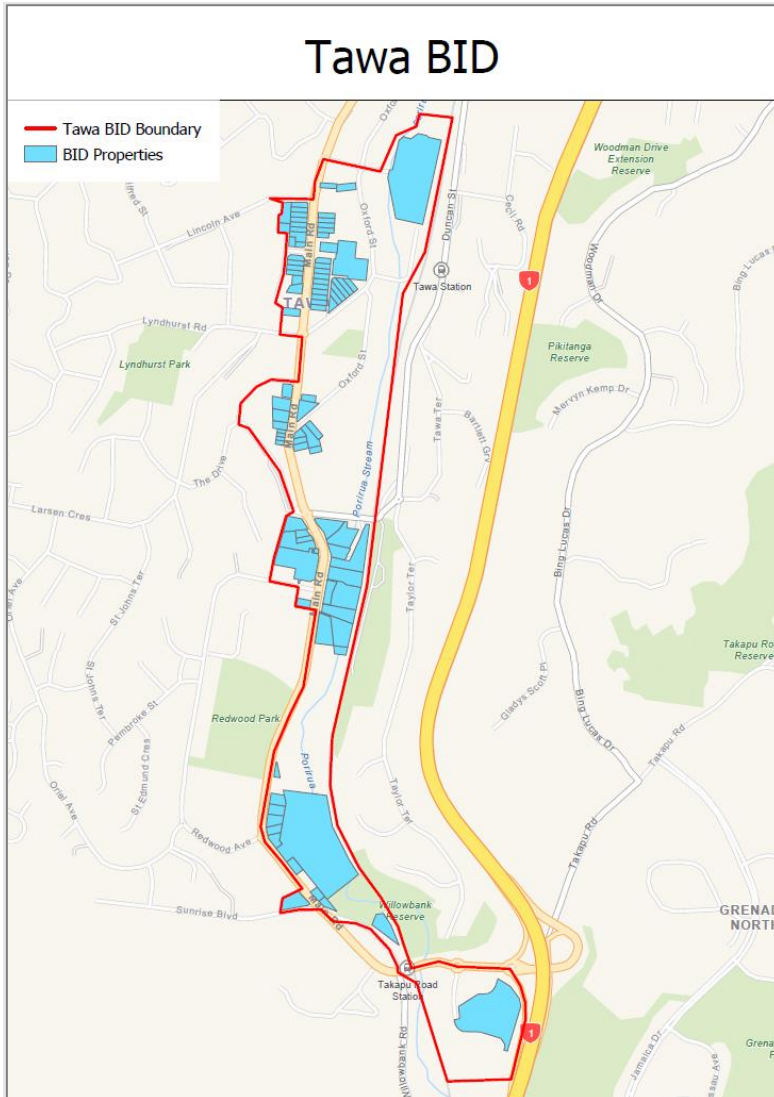
Kilbirnie BID Expansion



l. Targeted rate for Tawa Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of Tawa Business Group on all rating units within the Tawa Business Improvement District (refer map) that are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, as follows:

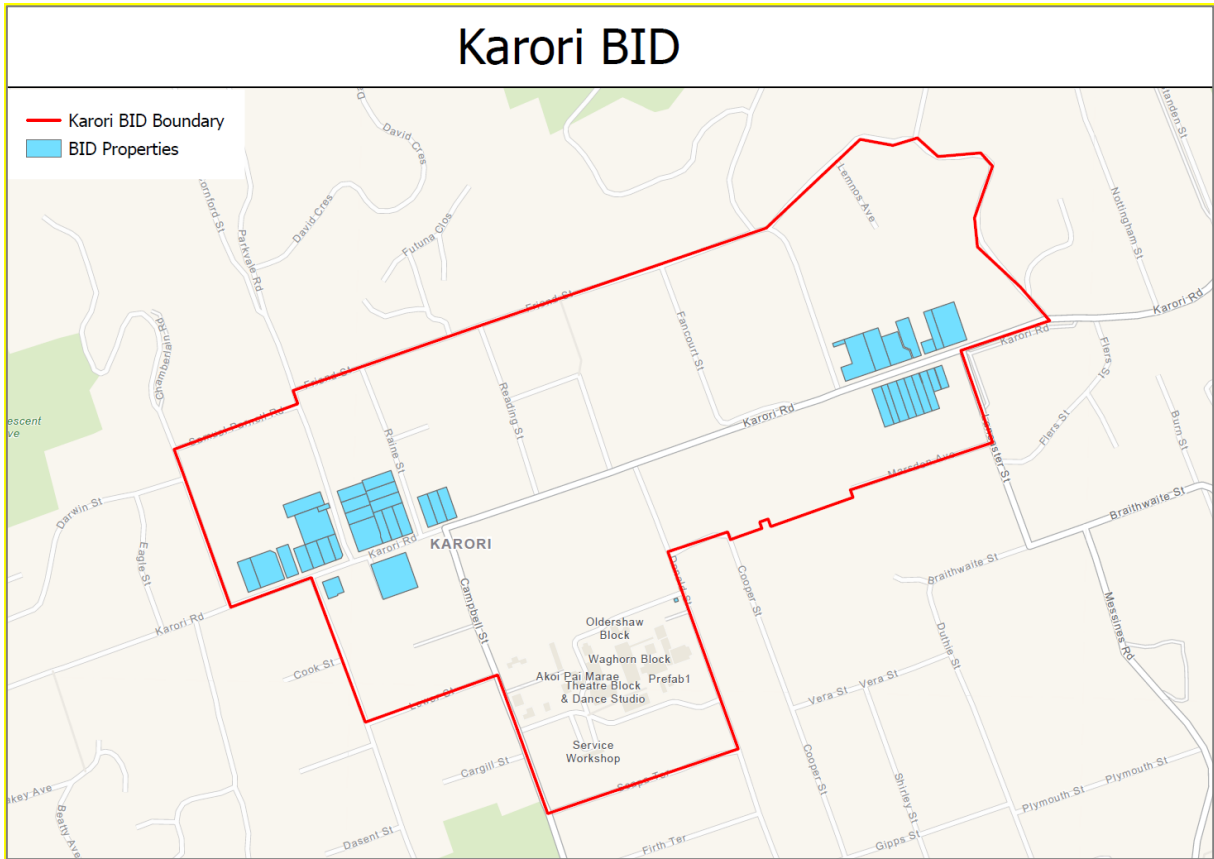
- i. A fixed amount of \$520.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.029391 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



m. Targeted rate for Karori Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of the Karori Business Association on all rating units within the Karori Business Improvement District (refer map) that are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, as follows:

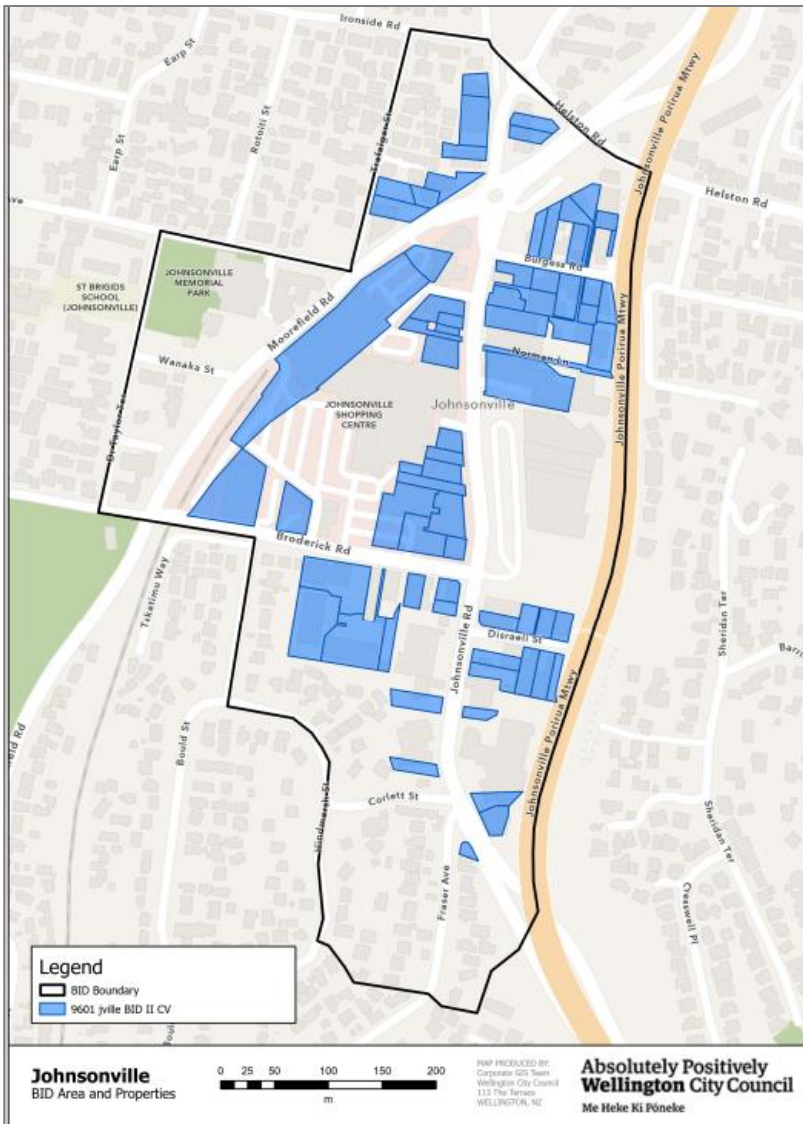
- i. A rate of 0.080498 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



n. Targeted rate for Johnsonville Business Improvement District Area

A targeted rate under section 16 of the LGRA to fund the Business Improvement District activities of Johnsonville Business Group on all rating units within the Johnsonville Business Improvement District (refer map) that are subject to the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential rating category, as follows:

- i. A fixed amount of \$520.00 per rating unit, and
- ii. A rate of 0.019918 cents per dollar of rateable capital value.



4.

Under section 24 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 sets the following due dates for the payment of rates for the 2024/25 year:

With the exception of targeted water rates which are charged via a water meter, all rates will be payable in four equal instalments, with due dates for payment being:

Instalment Number:	Due Date:
Instalment One	1 September 2024
Instalment Two	1 December 2024
Instalment Three	1 March 2025
Instalment Four	1 June 2025

Provided that, where the due date falls on a weekend or public holiday, the due date is the next working day.

Targeted water rates that are charged via a water meter on rating units under the Commercial, Industrial and Business differential will be invoiced on a one or two-month cycle and are due at the date one month after the invoice date, as specified on the invoice.

Targeted water rates that are charged via a water meter on rating units under the Base differential will be invoiced on a three-month cycle and are due at the date one month after the invoice date, as specified on the invoice.

5. Under sections 57 and 58 of the Local Government (Rating) Act 2002 (LGRA) authorises penalties to be added to unpaid rates as follows:
- A penalty of 10 percent on the amount of any part of an instalment remaining unpaid after a due date in recommendation (3) above, to be added from the day outlined as the relevant penalty date shown below,

Instalment Number:	Due Date:	Penalty Date:
Instalment One	1 September 2024	6 September 2024
Instalment Two	1 December 2024	6 December 2024
Instalment Three	1 March 2025	6 March 2025
Instalment Four	1 June 2025	6 June 2025
 - An additional penalty of 10 percent on any amount of rates assessed in previous years and remaining unpaid at 7 July 2024. The penalty will be applied on 8 July 2024.
 - A further additional penalty of 10 percent on rates to which a penalty has already been added under recommendation 4(b) if the rates remain unpaid on 10 January 2025. The penalty will be applied on 8 January 2025.
 - A penalty of 10 percent on the amount of any part of water meter charges remaining unpaid after a due date in recommendation (3) above, to be added from the day following the due date.
 - An additional penalty of 10 percent on any amount of water charges from previous years that remain unpaid at 8 July 2024.
 - A further additional penalty of 10% on water meter charges to which a penalty has already been added under recommendation 4(e) if the charges remain unpaid on 8 January 2025.
 - That a penalty is calculated on the GST inclusive portion of any instalments unpaid after the due date. GST is not charged on the actual penalty itself.
6. Notes that the Council's policy on remission of rates penalties is included in the Council's Rates Remission Policy and that the authority to remit penalties is delegated to the Chief Executive, Chief Financial Officer, Manager Financial Operations, and the Rates Team Leader.

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7. Notes that Council rates shall be payable by:
- Cash or eftpos at the City Service Centre, 12 Manners Street, 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
 - Cash or eftpos at selected New Zealand Post outlets using a bar coded rates invoice, 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday.
 - Using our “rates easipay” direct debit system.
 - Internet banking and telephone banking options.
 - Credit card on the Council website.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

8. Under section 23 of the LGRA, the Council is required to resolve to set its rates and penalties each rating year.
9. This paper recommends that the Council set rates for the year commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025, as well as associated penalties.

Takenga mai | Background

10. The Kōrau Tōtōpū | Long-term Plan, Finance, and Performance Committee agreed to recommend to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council the adoption of the 2024-2034 Long Term Plan (including the 2024/25 Funding Impact Statements) at its meeting on 26 June 2024.
11. Under section 23 of the LGRA the Council is required to set its rates by resolution. This paper recommends that the Council set rates for the year commencing on 1 July 2024 and ending on 30 June 2025.
12. Section 57 of the LGRA states that a local authority may, by resolution, authorise penalties to be added to rates that are not paid by the due date. The resolution must state how the penalty is calculated and the date the penalty is to be added to the amount of unpaid rates. Section 58 of the LGRA sets out the penalties that may be imposed.
13. Section 24 of the LGRA requires that the Council state the due date for payment of the rates in its resolutions that set rates.
14. Rates for the 2024/25 year are set out on a GST exclusive basis. GST will be added when rates are assessed for 2024/25 to provide the total instalment amount.
15. Pursuant to section 23 (5) of the LGRA, within 20 working days of the making of this resolution, a copy will be made publicly available on the Council’s website.

Kōrerorero | Discussion

16. Not applicable.

Kōwhiringa | Options

17. Option one is to agree the rates as set above.
18. Option two is not to agree the rates. If option 2 is preferred or the rates are changed, then the Council would fail to meet legislative timelines, and would need to revise the

resolutions, FIS and LTP (potentially). This would incur additional costs and resource burden, and also create risks for receipt of first rates instalment.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making

Alignment with Council's strategies and policies

19. With the adoption of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, the setting of the rates enables the collection of rates revenue to fund the activities Council has outlined in the Long-Term Plan that it will deliver on during the next financial year.

Engagement and Consultation

20. The impact of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan budget on Council's rates has been consulted on through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan special consultative procedure as required by the Local Government Act 2002.

Māori Impact Statement

21. Targeted engagement was undertaken with Mana Whenua as part of the 2024-34 Long Term Plan engagement process using existing relationship channels. As a result, no separate engagement with Mana Whenua has occurred as part of preparing this report.

Financial implications

22. Recommendations in this report are significant as it determines Council's ability to collect rates and satisfy its revenue requirements.
23. The rates have been set to meet the Council's budget requirements in a manner consistent with the Funding Impact Statement contained in the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan.

Legal considerations

24. Recommendations in this report are significant as it determines Council's ability to collect rates and reach its revenue requirements.

Risks and mitigations

25. There are significant financial, legal and reputational risks that would arise from not correctly following the legislated rate setting process or not setting the rates.
26. There would also be significant risks arising if the rates set were not consistent with the Funding Impact Statement in the 2024-34 Long-Term Plan. To mitigate this risk, there have been peer reviews of the calculations and workings at key steps of the rates modelling process. The rate in the dollar has been modelled in the Pathway Rating System to ensure that the rates specified in this paper will generate the correct level of revenue required to fund the activities of Council as outlined in the 2024-34 Long Term Plan.

Disability and accessibility impact

27. There are no disability and accessibility implications arising from this paper.

Climate Change impact and considerations

28. Implications of climate change have been considered through the 2024-34 Long Term Plan, and therefore funding implications as related to the financial strategy, policies, and rates.

Communications Plan

29. Pursuant to section 23 (5) of the Local Government (Rating) Act, a copy of the rates resolution will made publicly available on the Council's website within 20 working days of Council making this resolution.

Health and Safety Impact considered

30. There are no Health and Safety implications arising from this paper.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

31. Rate assessment notices and rate invoices will be issued in July 2024.

Attachments

Nil

RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (FRESHWATER AND OTHER MATTERS) AMENDMENT BILL - COUNCIL SUBMISSION

Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report to Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council seeks approval to submit to the Primary Production Committee on the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill.

Strategic alignment with community wellbeing outcomes and priority areas

Aligns with the following strategies and priority areas:

- Sustainable, natural eco city
- People friendly, compact, safe and accessible capital city
- Innovative, inclusive and creative city
- Dynamic and sustainable economy

Strategic alignment with priority objective areas from Long-term Plan 2021–2031

- Functioning, resilient and reliable three waters infrastructure
- Affordable, resilient and safe place to live
- Safe, resilient and reliable core transport infrastructure network
- Fit-for-purpose community, creative and cultural spaces
- Accelerating zero-carbon and waste-free transition
- Strong partnerships with mana whenua

Relevant Previous decisions

Council's submission on the Draft National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity in 2022.

Council's submission on the Draft National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management in 2019.

Significance

The decision is **rated low significance** in accordance with schedule 1 of the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy.

Financial considerations

- Nil Budgetary provision in Annual Plan / Long-term Plan Unbudgeted \$X

2. There are no direct financial implications to lodge this submission.

Risk

- Low Medium High Extreme

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Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

- 1) **Receives** the information.
- 2) **Approves** the attached submission on the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill for lodgement to the Primary Production Committee. (Attachment 1).
- 3) **Notes** that the closing date for receiving submissions is 30 June 2024.
- 4) **Agrees** to delegate to the Chief Executive minor editorial changes to reflect any feedback of Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council.

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

3. The purpose of this report is to seek the approval of Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council to lodge the Council's submission on the Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill).
4. The Bill was released for public consultation on 23 May 2024. The submission period closes at 11:59pm on 30 June, 2024.
5. The Council's draft submission comments on those parts of the Bill which have an impact on Wellington City and the Council's functions, specifically:
 - a) Placing a hold on the identification and protection of new Significant Natural Areas (SNAs) for three years while the Coalition Government reviews the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity (NPS-IB).
 - This draft submission supports reviewing the NPS-IB but seeks clarification around technical elements of the Bill.
 - b) Restricting Te Mana o Te Wai from being considered for consent decisions.
 - This draft submission opposes this due to the risk of further degradation of freshwater environments.
 - c) Speeding up the process to amend or prepare national direction under the RMA.
 - The submission opposes these amendments due to the greater risks of inadequate and insufficiently tested national direction.
6. The draft submission also makes a general statement that amendments relating to coal mining are opposed.
7. The Bill is separate to the Council's existing identification and protection of SNAs through the notified Proposed District Plan. The Hearing for the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter will commence as planned on 10 September 2024.

Takenga mai | Background

The Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill

8. The Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill) was released for public consultation on 23 May 2024.
9. The submission period closes at 11:59pm on 30 June, 2024.

10. The Bill proposes amendments to the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA) and to national direction with the stated objective to *'reduce regulatory burden through amendments to the RMA and national direction'*.
11. The proposed amendments include:
 - a) Excluding Te Mana o Te Wai contained in the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM) from being considered in resource consent applications.
 - b) Aligning the consenting pathway for coal mining with other mineral extraction activities across the NPS-FM, the National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (NPS-IB) and other regulations.
 - c) Placing a hold on the identification and protection of new SNAs, as required under the NPS-IB, for three years.
 - d) Amending the Resource Management (Stock Exclusion) Regulations 2020.
 - e) Amending provisions related to intensive winter grazing under the National Environmental Standards for Freshwater Regulations 2020 (NES-F).
 - f) Amendments to testing the efficiency and effectiveness of national direction under the RMA, with the intention of speeding up the process to prepare or amend national direction.
12. Whilst the Bill proposes the suspension of identification of new SNAs, it does not affect NPS-IB obligations on Councils for SNAs already existing in proposed plans.
13. Part of the Bill has a focus on intensive farming and coal mining. These activities do not take place within Wellington City's jurisdiction.
14. The draft submission focuses on those proposals which would impact Wellington City, including proposed:
 - a) New Resource Management Act (RMA) Section 78 (Time-limited modifications to National Policy Statement for Indigenous Biodiversity 2023 (NPS-IB)); and
 - b) Amendments to the hierarchy of obligations contained within the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM);
 - c) Amendments to speed up the process to prepare or amend national direction under the RMA.
15. The Council has previously made submissions to the government on the Draft NPS-IB in 2020 and on the Draft NPS-FM in 2019 and these have informed the draft submission for approval.

The National Policy Statement on Indigenous Biodiversity has now been gazetted.

16. The NPS-IB was gazetted on 7 July 2023 and requires councils 'to maintain indigenous biodiversity across Aotearoa New Zealand so that there is at least no overall loss in indigenous biodiversity'.

17. It sets a high bar for the protection of SNAs, and requires that the adverse effects of new subdivision, use and development on indigenous biodiversity are to be avoided, except for in limited circumstances specified in the NPS-IB.
18. The draft submission on the RM Amendment Bill references Council's submission provided to the government in 2020 on the Draft NPS-IB. The submission on the draft NPS-IB considered that its approach was overly onerous and counterproductive to good working relationships with landowners. It also suggested, among other things, that the government provide funding assistance for local government to implement the NPS-IB and develop a compensation package for property owners with an identified SNA.

The Council identified and protected SNAs in the Notified District Plan

19. The notified District Plan already identifies and protects SNAs. However, the NPS-IB had not yet been settled at the time of notification. Therefore, the PDP used the criteria of the Greater Wellington Regional Policy Statement to identify the extent of SNAs and used its direction to shape the rule framework applying to their modification and removal.
20. A total of 5239ha of SNA was identified in the PDP on non-residentially zoned lands. This equates to approximately 18% of the total land area in Wellington City.
21. Accordingly, SNAs were identified in the PDP on all publicly owned land, as well as privately owned land with a zoning other than residential (eg rural).
22. The Council received 406 submissions (271 primary submissions and 135 further submissions) on the proposed SNAs.

Kōrerorero | Discussion

The submission seeks further clarification around what the Bill means for the identification and protection of SNAs going forward.

23. The Bill proposes amendments which aim to place a three year hold on Council's identifying and protecting new Significant natural Areas (SNAs), whilst the coalition government reviews the requirements of the NPS-IB.
24. In this regard, the draft submission states general support for the NPS-IB whilst supporting a wider review of the NPS-IB to address Council's concerns which were not addressed at the time.
25. Despite the Bill's aim to suspend the identification of new SNAs, the proposed amendments will not achieve this. The Bill does not make any amendments to the responsibilities of Councils to recognise and provide for the protection of indigenous biodiversity as a matter of national importance in Section 6 of the RMA. Additionally, the Bill does not constrain the ability of a Regional Policy Statement (RPS) to require that district plans identify and protect indigenous biodiversity. The RPS currently directs the Council to do this. This means that despite the amendments proposed through the Bill, technically the Council will still be required to identify and protect indigenous biodiversity in the District Plan and is able to identify further areas for protection.
26. In addition, the NPS-IB requires Council to protect all indigenous biodiversity across the City, regardless of whether the area is identified as an SNA. While the bulk of policies in the NPS-IB refer to SNAs, policy 3.16 directs that any activity outside an SNA which adversely affects indigenous biodiversity must be managed to give effect to

the objective and policies of the NPS-IB. The proposed Bill makes no amendments to this Policy and Council will still be required to give effect to this Policy meaning areas of indigenous biodiversity will still be required to be protected.

27. Therefore, the draft submission highlights various technical issues and seeks clarification on several points within the Bill which will result in confusion for Council and communities should the Bill become law without amendment.
28. Notwithstanding this, as the Bill does not make any amendments to SNAs already identified in proposed plans, the proposed amendments will not impact on the Council's identification and protection of SNAs through the Notified District Plan. Therefore, the Hearing for the Notified Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter will commence on 10 September, 2024, as planned. There may be implications where submitters are seeking changes to identified SNAs or new SNAs, the draft submission seeks clarification in this respect.

Council does not support Restricting Te Mana o Te Wai from being considered for consent decisions.

29. The hierarchy of obligations in the NPS-FM is referred to as Te Mana o Te Wai. It is the fundamental concept within the NPS-FM and is intended to guide how freshwater is managed through establishing a priority through which effects of activities on freshwater should be managed.
30. The Bill proposes that the NPS-FM is amended so the priorities cannot be referenced within a resource consent decision. The draft submission opposes this on the grounds that it may result in further degradation of freshwater environments.
31. In addition, Te Mana o Te Wai is a concept which recognises the mana and mauri of water, and the relationship between water and tangata whenua. This is an important concept which Council supports. Its removal from the resource consent process is not supported.

Council considers that National Direction under the RMA should be subject to the same rigour as council RMA planning documents.

32. Currently, any planning document prepared under the RMA is required to be assessed under Section 32 of the RMA, to ensure its effectiveness and efficiency. This includes national direction.
33. The Bill proposes a new Section 32AB be added to the RMA providing an alternative pathway for assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of national direction (NPSs, NESs). It contains significantly less rigour than the Section 32 process which councils are required to follow for their RMA planning documents.
34. Accordingly there is a greater risk of national direction being produced without sufficiently justification or rationale, which councils are then required to implement.

Therefore, the draft submission opposes these amendments and seeks that the proposed Section 32AB is rejected and national direction required to be subject to the same level of rigour as council RMA planning documents.

Any amendments to enable more coal mining are not supported.

35. The proposed Bill amends the NPS-IB, NPS-FM and the NES-F to align the consenting pathway for coal mining with other mineral extraction activities across these documents. This may result in coal mining becoming easier to undertake and have the effect of enabling additional coal mining operations that may have not otherwise been enabled.
36. The draft submission states that Council has committed to becoming a zero carbon capital (net zero emissions) by 2050, under [Te Atakura-First to Zero](#). The submission opposes any amendments which would enable further coal mining and associated adverse effects on the climate.

Kōwhiringa | Options

Option 1 – Approve the attached submission (recommended)

37. Lodgement of this submission provides the Council with an opportunity to influence the final Bill.

Option 2 – Do not approve the attached submission (not recommended)

38. The Council could decide not to make a submission on the proposed Bill. This is not the recommended option as it limits the Council's opportunity to constructively influence the final Bill.

Whai whakaaro ki ngā whakataunga | Considerations for decision-making

Alignment with Council's strategies and policies

39. The draft submission and its content are in alignment with Council's strategies and policies as set out below:
 - a) Our City Tomorrow – He Mahere Mokowā mō Pōneke - A Spatial Plan for Wellington City 2021.
 - b) Wellington City Council 2024 District Plan: Appeals Version.
 - c) Our Natural Capital – Wellington's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan.
 - d) Te Atakura – First to Zero.

Engagement and Consultation

40. No specific engagement and consultation have been undertaken with the public in the preparation of the submission other than internal consultation with business units.

Māori Impact Statement

41. A copy of the draft submission was provided to our Tākai Here partners on 11 June 2024. No feedback on the draft submission was received prior to this report being completed.

Financial implications

42. There are no direct financial implications relating to approving this submission.

Legal considerations

43. There are no legal implications resulting from approval of this submission.

Risks and mitigations

44. There are no reputational or other risks resulting from approval of the submission.

Disability and accessibility impact

45. There are no impacts on disability or accessibility resulting from approval of the submission.

Climate Change impact and considerations

46. The submission does not directly relate to climate change. However, the submission comments on coal mining to the extent that any amendments proposed by The Bill which will have the effect of enabling more coal mining are opposed. This is in line with Council's commitments made under [Te Atakura-First to Zero](#).

Communications Plan

47. A communication plan has not been prepared for the release of this council paper and associated submission.


Health and Safety Impact considered.

48. There are no health and safety impacts arising from the submission.

Ngā mahinga e whai ake nei | Next actions

49. Following approval of the submission and any amendments approved by the Council, the submission will be formally lodged with the Primary Production Committee, no later than 11:59 on Sunday, 30 June 2024.

Attachments

Attachment 1. Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters)
Amendment Bill - Council Submission [↓](#) 

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30 June 2024

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INTRODUCTION

1. Wellington City Council thanks the Primary Production Select Committee for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed Resource Management (Freshwater and Other Matters) Amendment Bill (the Bill).
2. The Wellington City Council (the Council) notes the intent of the Bill, which is to reduce the cost and complexity of current regulations on farmers and growers. The Council agrees that improving primary sector productivity is important for the New Zealand economy and that this should be done alongside ensuring the environment is protected.
3. The Council's submission particularly focuses on:
 - 3.1 Clause 21 - New section 78 (Time-limited modifications to NPSIB 2023);
 - 3.2 Clause 23, - Section 104 amended (requiring a consent authority not to have regard to the hierarchy of obligations contained within the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management 2020 (NPS-FM 2020));
 - 3.3 Clause 7, - new section 32AB inserted to speed up the process to prepare or amend national direction under the RMA.

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Clause 21 - new Section 78 inserted (time-limited modifications to NPS-IB 2023).

The Council is generally supportive of the NPS-IB 2023 but notes the burdens it imposes.

4. Council notes that since 1991, the RMA has set out that ‘*the protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna*’ is a matter of national importance which local authorities must recognise and provide for.
5. For the same time there has been a vacuum of government direction on how to achieve this, including the nature of objectives, policies, rules and other methods which should be included in plans to achieve this. The NPS-IB fills this vacuum and provides a consistent method for which councils should go about identifying and protecting SNAs.
6. However, Council notes that while we are supportive of national direction on protecting SNAs, we consider that the NPS-IB does not provide suitable flexibility to enable Council to work effectively with landowners. The Council’s submission on the Draft NPS-IB considered that its approach was overly onerous and counterproductive to good working relationships with landowners. It also suggested, among other things, that the government provide funding assistance for local government to implement the NPS-IB and develop a compensation package for property owners with an identified SNA. We do not consider that the NPS-IB 2023 has changed significantly in the approach from what was set out in the draft and our concerns set out in our original submission on the NPS-IB remain. Council therefore supports a review of the NPS-IB.
7. In the absence of national direction, the Council notified the Ecosystems and Indigenous Biodiversity Chapter to recognise and provide for Section 6(c) of the RMA and give effect to Policy 23 of the Greater Wellington Regional Policy Statement.
8. The Chapter accordingly does not give full effect to the NPS-IB, which was released after notification of the PDP.

Council seeks clarifications to clause 21, new section 78 (Time-limited modifications to NPSIB 2023)

9. Given the situation outlined above, the Council is seeking clarifications to clause 21 and how it will apply to plan change processes currently underway.
10. On 10 September 2024, the hearing on the Ecosystems and Biodiversity Chapter will commence. Among other matters, some submitters have requested extensions to existing SNAs, and some have requested entirely new SNAs. While the plan change process is already underway and written submissions have already been received, it is likely that decisions will not be made on this Chapter until after commencement of the amendments in this Bill. As currently drafted, it is unclear how new s 78 applies in this situation.

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11. It is not clear whether s 78 restricts Council's ability to make decisions on extending SNAs identified in the Proposed District Plan or create new SNAs based on submissions made on the Proposed District Plan through the current process.
12. Should Council make decisions to extend existing SNAs or create new SNAs under our current plan change process, it is not clear whether s 78(5) would apply to these extended or new SNAs.
13. It is not clear how s 78(6) applies where submissions are made on a proposed plan prior to commencement or Hearings Panel recommendations are made prior to commencement. As currently drafted, it appears that the options available to a decision-maker could only be to confirm or remove the SNA as identified in the Proposed District Plan and could not make amendments to reflect submitter evidence or Hearings Panel recommendations.
14. Additionally, it is unclear if the new s 78 is intended to prevent the Council from identifying and including in the District Plan any new SNAs for the next 3 years. The Bill does not make any modifications to section 6 of the Resource Management Act (RMA) and Council will still be required to recognise and provide for protection of areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna. Therefore, Council considers that it will continue to have the ability to identify and protect new areas of significant indigenous vegetation and significant habitats of indigenous fauna, through provisions in district plans, as a matter of national importance under s 6 of the RMA.
15. We note that SNAs are essentially areas that have been identified as areas of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna. Given that, new s 78(5) appears to anticipate that Council will be permitted to identify new SNAs but the impact of identifying these areas will differ under the NPSIB, essentially creating a second category of areas of significant indigenous vegetation or significant habitats of indigenous fauna. Clauses in the NPSIB applying only to SNAs will not apply to these areas.
16. Clarification is also sought around the requirement for resource consents to ensure no overall loss of biodiversity. The Bill only impacts requirements in the NPSIB to assess and identify new SNAs. It does not pause other provisions in the NPSIB relating to the resource consent process, which Council must have regard to under s 104(1)(b)(iii) of the RMA. Therefore, the NPSIB Remains relevant to resource consent applications and will apply regardless of whether an area is 'treated' as an SNA or not.
17. The NPS-IB effectively requires Council, in its consent authority role, to protect all indigenous biodiversity across the city, regardless of whether or not the area is identified as an SNA. This is because Policy 3.16 directs that any activity outside an SNA which adversely affects indigenous biodiversity must be managed to give effect to the objective and policies of the NPS-IB. The Council currently applies a 50m² area as the

trigger for this policy in the interest of balancing the requirements of the National Policy Statement for Urban Development 2020 with the NPS-IB. Therefore, any resource consent applications which propose removal of indigenous biodiversity, at an area of 50m² or greater, will have to demonstrate that there is no net loss of biodiversity. If this cannot be demonstrated, then the consent may be declined. This is regardless of the amendments in the Bill.

18. As drafted, the Bill will not have the effect of halting the identification and protection of SNAs due to the points raised above. This does not seem to be the intention of the Bill. Therefore, the Council recommends clarifications as to how the amendments should be applied and what the amendments mean for the protection of SNAs. This will assist the Council and applicants when preparing and assessing resource consent applications by removing ambiguity. Without this clarity, Council is placed in a quandary for the next 3 years. On one hand, required to protect biodiversity as directed in policy in the NPS-IB, while on the other, not being able to identify new SNAs.
19. Lastly, clarification is sought around what is considered a new SNA for the purposes of the proposed amendments. For example, in the PDP, the Ecosystems and Biodiversity Chapter has been notified with SNAs, excluding private residentially zoned properties. Residential-zoned SNAs were included in the Council's Draft PDP but did not make their way into the final PDP that was formally notified. Some submitters have sought to introduce residentially zoned SNAs into the PDP by relying on available information from the draft PDP process. It is unclear whether, under the proposed new Section 78, the Council could amend the boundaries of the SNAs where these extend into residential properties to reflect the true extent of the SNA. It is recommended that further amendments are made to provide clarity on this issue so that the Council understands what can be done in the three years after commencement of the Bill.

Clause 23 - Section 104 amended (requiring consent authority not to have regard to the hierarchy of obligations in the NPS-FM 2020).

20. The Council disagrees with the proposed amendments to section 104 of the RMA, preventing Council, as a consent authority, from having regard to the provisions of the NPS-FM 2020 that set out the hierarchy of obligations (Te Mana o Te Wai).
21. Te Mana o Te Wai provides a framework to use when assessing applications that relate to freshwater. The obligations prioritise the health and wellbeing of rivers, lakes, streams, and other freshwater bodies. This directly impacts on the health and wellbeing of people and the environments which rely on these waterbodies. Council considers that the proposed amendments result in the NPS-FM being weakened and that the net result will be further environmental degradation to freshwater quality.
22. The proposed amendment will result in the only objective of the NPS-FM being removed from consideration in resource consents. This means applicants and processing planners will be required to refer to the policies only, in the absence of an overarching objective. This is not considered good planning practice as it means no

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direction will be provided when considering the policies of the NPS-FM.

23. In addition, Te Mana o Te Wai is a concept which recognises the mana and mauri of water, and the relationship between water and tangata whenua. This is an important concept which Council supports as a partner of Mana Whenua in Pōneke.
24. Council recommends that Te Mana o Te Wai remains relevant to resource consent applications and that the proposed amendment to s 104 of the RMA is not approved by the Select Committee.
25. However, Council notes that Te Mana o Te Wai creates difficulties when providing for new infrastructure in Wellington City as ensuring all three obligations are met can be challenging. In this respect, we support a review of the NPS-FM to enable a pathway for critical infrastructure development relating to urban three waters, without needing to meet all three obligations set out in Te Mana o Te Wai.

Clause 7 - New section 32AB inserted to speed up the process to prepare or amend national direction under the RMA.

26. The Council is generally supportive of speeding up the processes for introducing national direction under the RMA, particularly around national direction for natural hazard risk and climate adaptation. However, we do hold some concern for the proposed amendments.
27. The amendments would result in the insertion of a new s 32AB into the RMA. This proposed section provides a new process for evaluating national direction. The process is not subject to the same rigour as the standard s 32 process. This will have the likely result of national direction which has not been adequately tested prior to being released and being made law. This could result in errors and inadequate direction. Given national direction sets how the environment should be managed across the entire country, it is important it gets rigorously tested prior to becoming law to ensure it is the most efficient and effective version. Council considers that the s 32 process in the RMA is sufficient.
28. Furthermore, this proposed amendment creates a situation where other documents further down the policy hierarchy prepared under the RMA will be more rigorously tested than national direction. This does not seem appropriate given the importance of national direction in protecting the environment.

Additional submission points

29. Generally, Council is opposed to any further coal mining. In 2019, the Council declared a Climate Emergency. In addition, the Council has committed to a greener future through encouraging and promoting renewable electricity generation and use, public transport use and active transport. Council committed to becoming a zero carbon capital (net zero emissions) by 2050, under its Policy [Te Atakura-First to Zero](#).

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30. Coal mining is intensive in both its effect on the environment at the mining stage and at the consumption/use stage. Any amendment to enable additional coal mining is opposed and it is recommended that the Select Committee remove these amendments from the Bill.

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Further information and opportunity to present this submission.

31. Wellington City Council would like to present these points in person at the Primary Production Select Committee.
32. For information and scheduling, please contact Michael Duindam, Manager District Planning (michael.duindam@wcc.govt.nz) in the first instance.
33. The Council acknowledges its mana whenua partners Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika, Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira and Te Rūnanganui o Te Āti Awa ki te Upoko o Te Ika a Māui, and commends any submission these authorities make to the Primary Production Select Committee on this Bill.

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DECISION REGISTER UPDATES AND UPCOMING REPORTS

Kōrero taunaki | Summary of considerations

Purpose

1. This report provides an update on which previous decisions have been implemented and which are still outstanding. It also provides a list of items scheduled to be considered at the next two meetings (hui).

Why this report is being considered

2. This report is considered at every ordinary meeting and assists in monitoring progress on previous decisions and planning for future meetings.

Taunakitanga | Officers' Recommendations

Officers recommend the following motion:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Receive the information.

Author	Alisi Folaumoetu'i, Senior Democracy Advisor
Authoriser	Stephen McArthur, Chief Strategy & Governance Officer

Whakarāpopoto | Executive Summary

Decision register updates

3. A full list of decisions, with a status and staff comments, is available at all times on the Council website. Decisions where work is still in progress, or was completed since the last version of this report can be viewed at this link:

[Council meetings decision register \(wellington.govt.nz\)](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/council-meetings/decision-register)

4. If members have questions about specific resolutions, the best place to ask is through the written Q&A process.
5. This body passed 28 resolutions at the last meeting:
 - 8 are complete and 20 are still in progress.
6. 124 in progress resolutions were carried forward from previous reports:
 - 18 are now complete and 106 are still in progress.

Upcoming reports

7. The following items are scheduled to go to the next two hui:
8. Rāpare, 5 Māhuru 2024 (Thursday, 5 September 2024)
 - Adoption of Alcohol Fees Bylaw 2024 (Chief Planning Officer)
 - Proposed Land Acquisition – Hutt Road (Chief Infrastructure Officer)
9. Rāapa, 23 Whiringa-ā-nuku (Wednesday, 23 October 2024)

There are currently no items scheduled for this hui.

Takenga mai | Background

10. The purpose of the decisions register is to ensure that all resolutions are being actioned over time. It does not take the place of performance monitoring or full updates. A resolution could be made to receive a full update report on an item, if desired.
11. Resolutions from relevant decision-making bodies in previous trienniums are also included.
12. Elected members are able to view public excluded clauses on the Council website: [Council meetings decision register \(wellington.govt.nz\)](https://www.wellington.govt.nz/council-meetings/decision-register)
13. The upcoming reports list is subject to change on a regular basis.

Attachments

Nil

3. Committee Reports

REPORT OF THE KŌRAU TŪĀPAPA | ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING OF 5 JUNE 2024

Members: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Apanowicz, Councillor Brown (Chair), Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free, Pouiwi Hohaia, Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor Matthews (Deputy Chair), Councillor McNulty, Councillor O'Neill, Councillor Pannett, Councillor Randle, Councillor Rogers, Councillor Wi Neera, Councillor Young

The Committee recommends:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council

1. Declare that approximately 349m² (subject to survey) of formed legal road land in Ngatiapa Street, Strathmore Park, and adjoining 3, 4, and 5-7 Ngatiapa Street (being Lot 1 DP 23570, Part Lot 7 DP 23091, and Lot 1 DP 82727, held on Records of Title WN52D/317, WN52D/316, and WN49C/35 respectively) is not required by Council for a public work and is surplus to operational requirements.
2. Agree to stop and transfer the Land under the Public Works Act 1981 to Kāinga Ora.
3. Agree to acquire, in exchange, approximately 138m² (subject to survey) of land from Kāinga Ora and vest it as legal road land.
4. Delegate to the Chief Executive Officer all powers necessary to conclude this transaction including all legislative matters, negotiating the terms of the sale and exchange, imposing any reasonable covenants, and anything else deemed necessary.

The agenda of the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee can be accessed here: [Agenda of Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee - Wednesday, 5 June 2024 \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

The minutes of the Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee can be accessed here: [Minutes of Kōrau Tūāpapa | Environment and Infrastructure Committee - Wednesday, 5 June 2024 \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

Attachments

Nil

REPORT OF THE KOATA HĀTEPE | REGULATORY PROCESSES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 19 JUNE 2024

Members: Mayor Whanau, Councillor Abdurahman, Councillor Calvert, Councillor Chung, Councillor Free (Chair), Pouiwi Kelly, Councillor McNulty (Deputy Chair), Councillor Rogers.

NEW COMMUNITY RECREATION TOWN BELT LEASES

The Committee recommends:

That Te Kaunihera o Pōneke | Council:

1. Approve the new ground leases for:
 - a) Island Bay United AFC.
 - b) Island Bay Softball Club.
 - c) Mornington Golf Club.

The following additional information was requested at the meeting of the Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee on 19 June, 2024:

Te Awe Māpara Community Facilities Plan indicates a long-term priority for the Wakefield Park/Wellington Town Belt/Berhampore area to undertake a needs assessment, feasibility study and master plan to consider optimal provision and maximise the benefits of facilities. There is a potential for collaborations and sharing, recognising some facilities have condition and functionality issues. Actions within the Wellington Town Management Plan and Council's Open Space Access plan will be completed prior to the priority identified above:

Wellington Town Management Plan actions:

- Continue to work with the Mornington Golf Club to assess the scope, scale and facilities provided at the Berhampore Golf Course and the development and management opportunities available.
- Assess the impact of the golf course on public access and other recreational opportunities and address how to integrate other recreational uses with golf.

Council's Open Space Access Plan:

- Revisit if Berhampore Golf Course can be opened to mountain biking and cycling (presently this is closed to them both) - Short Term Priority

The agenda for the Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee can be accessed here: [Agenda of Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee - Wednesday, 19 June 2024 \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

The minutes of the Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee can be accessed here: [Minutes of Koata Hātepe | Regulatory Processes Committee - Wednesday, 19 June 2024 \(wellington.govt.nz\)](#)

Attachments

Nil