

28 February 2014

Cr Iona Pannett  
Chair  
Environment Committee  
Wellington City Council  
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Dear Iona

**RE: Statement of Intent (SOI) 2014-15**

Thank you for your letter of 16 December 2013 regarding the Wellington Zoo Trust's Statement of Intent for 2014-15.

Our draft SOI addresses the specific issues for the Trust which you have raised in your letter including funding requirements, strategic alignment with Wellington City Council aims especially the Economic Development Strategy, Our Living City programme and the Accessible Wellington Action Plan and Board governance standards.

We have already begun to discuss our strategies for success going forward for the Zoo. We wish to build on the successful momentum the Zoo has realised and we have discussed our emerging ideas in the SOI.

We have held our 2014 community meeting and have planned for one in 2015. However we have concerns about these meetings as to whether they are the best format for engagement with our community. This is discussed in the SOI.

The Trust looks forward to continuing the positive working relationship we have with Council to create a Zoo we can all be proud of. We greatly appreciate the capital investment Council is making to the Zoo for the completion of the ZCP.

We are looking forward to an exciting year for Wellington Zoo as we celebrate the living world and connect people with nature.

Yours sincerely



**Ross Martin**  
Chair  
Wellington Zoo Trust