

Recommended Decisions on Submissions - PA

Submitter Name	Sub No / Point No	Sub-part / Chapter / Provision	Position	Summary of Submission	Decisions Requested	Panel Recommendation	Changes to PDP?
Victoria University of Wellington Students' Association	123.44	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-01	Support	Supports that public access is maintained along the coast, lakes, and rivers.	Retain PA-01 (Public access) as notified. [Inferred decision requested]	Accept	No
Tyers Stream Group	221.61	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-01	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain PA-01 (Public access) as notified.	Accept	No
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.170	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-01	Support	Considers it gives effect to section 6(d) of the RMA.	Retain PA-01 (Public Access) as notified.	Accept	No
WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.157	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-01	Support	Objective PA-01 is supported as it safeguards public access, whilst protecting environmental values is important to Wellington and a city that has a strong relationship to its natural environment.	Retain PA-01 (Public access) as notified.	Accept	No
Director-General of Conservation	385.47	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-01	Support	Supports proposed Objective PA-01 (Public access).	Retain objective PA-01 (Public access) as notified.	Accept	No
Tyers Stream Group	221.62	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Meridian Energy Limited	228.92	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Oppose in part	Considers the objective needs to be moderated to ensure that public access does not compromise the security of existing regionally significant infrastructure.	Retain Objective PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) with amendment.	Accept in part	Yes
Meridian Energy Limited	228.93	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Amend	Considers the objective needs to be moderated to ensure that public access does not compromise the security of existing regionally significant infrastructure.	Amend Objective PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) to protect the security of regionally significant infrastructure as follows (or similar): Adverse effects of public access Public access does not have a negative impact on existing values such as natural character, indigenous biodiversity, landscape values, historic heritage, sites of significance to Māori, the security of regionally significant infrastructure or the coastal environment.	Accept in part	Yes
Wellington International Airport Limited	F536.80	Part 2 / Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Support	WIAL supports this policy and agrees that it is important that public access is not provided to the detriment of the safety and security of regionally significant infrastructure. Similarly, public access should not give rise to adverse effects on public health and safety as a result of its proximity to regionally significant infrastructure.	Allow	Accept in part	Yes
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.171	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Support in part	The objective is generally supported, but amendments are sought to ensure that the objective is achieved.	Retain PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) with amendment.	Accept in part	No
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.172	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Amend	Considers an assessment of natural character in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment has not yet been undertaken, and is necessary to protect existing natural character values. It is sought that the natural character ratings of riparian margins are assessed, which has been sought through a new policy in the natural character chapter.	Seeks that the Objective PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) is ensured by undertaking natural character ratings of riparian margins.	Reject	No
WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.158	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Support	Objective PA-02 is supported as it safeguards public access, whilst protecting environmental values is important to Wellington and a city that has a strong relationship to its natural environment.	Retain PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Director-General of Conservation	385.48	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Support	Supports proposed Objective PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access).	Retain objective PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Wellington International Airport Ltd	406.252	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-02	Oppose in part	Considers that there are further changes are required to the objective to ensure there is a clear policy rationale for limbs 5 and 11 of Policy PA-P3.	Opposes PA-02 (Adverse effects of public access) and seeks amendment.	Accept in part	Yes

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Wellington International Airport Ltd	406.253	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-O2	Amend	Considers that there are further changes are required to the objective to ensure there is a clear policy rationale for limbs 5 and 11 of Policy PA-P3.	Amend PA-O2 (Adverse effects of public access) as follows: ... Public access does not have a negative impact on: <u>a. existing values such as natural character, indigenous biodiversity, landscape values, historic heritage, sites of significance to Māori or the coastal environment; or</u> <u>b. Public health and safety, particularly with respect to the safe operation and functioning of the Port and Airport.</u>	Accept in part	Yes
Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira	488.54	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-O2	Support	Supports that the objective seeks to ensure that public access does not negatively impacts Sites and Areas of Significance to Maori.	Retain Objective PA-O2 (Adverse effects of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Greater Wellington Regional Council	FS84.115	Part 2 / Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-O2	Support	Greater Wellington support provisions which seek to protect Sites and Areas of Significance to Māori.	Allow / Seek provisions which protect SASM.	Accept in part	No
Tyers Stream Group	221.63	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P1	Amend	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Seeks amendment to PA-P1 (Appropriate activities) to clearly deliver the enhancement required by Objective PA-O1.	Accept in part	Yes
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.173	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P1	Support	Considers it gives effect to section 6(d) of the RMA.	Retain PA-P1 (Appropriate activities) as notified.	Accept in part	No
WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.159	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P1	Support	PA-P1 is supported as it safeguards public access, whilst protecting environmental values is important to Wellington and a city that has a strong relationship to its natural environment.	Retain PA-P1 (Appropriate activities) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Tyers Stream Group	221.64	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P2	Amend	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Seeks amendment to PA-P2.3 to include setbacks from both existing and potential public access corridors to ensure linkages are made or enabled.	Reject	No
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.174	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P2	Amend	Considers that an assessment of natural character in riparian margins landward of the coastal environment has not yet been undertaken.	Seeks to ensure that the natural character ratings of riparian margins are undertaken.	Reject	No
WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.160	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P2	Support	PA-P2 is supported as it sends an important signal about the need to take steps to at least maintain, and wherever possible enhance public access to the coast and water ways.	Retain PA-P2 (Maintenance and enhancement of public access) as notified.	Accept	No
Director-General of Conservation	385.49	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P2	Support	Supports proposed Policy PA-P2 (Maintenance and enhancement of public access).	Retain policy PA-P2 (Maintenance and enhancement of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Tyers Stream Group	221.65	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Support	[No specific reason given beyond decision requested - refer to original submission]	Retain PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Meridian Energy Limited	228.94	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Support in part	Considers the protection of existing regionally significant infrastructure other than the Port and Airport is another legitimate reason for restricting public access that should be added to the list of exceptions.	Retain Policy PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) with amendment.	Accept in part	Yes
Meridian Energy Limited	228.95	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Amend	Considers the protection of existing regionally significant infrastructure other than the Port and Airport is another legitimate reason for restricting public access that should be added to the list of exceptions.	Amend Policy PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) by adding an additional circumstance for restriction to the list as follows: Restriction of public access Only allow for the restriction of public access to, along or adjacent to the coast and waterbodies where the restriction is necessary to: 1. 11. Provide for the safe and efficient operation of <u>regionally significant infrastructure, including the Port and Airport Zone.</u>	Accept in part	Yes
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.175	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Oppose in part	Considers it unclear as to whether PA-P3(10) gives effect to a relevant higher order planning documents and therefore should not be included in PA-P3.	Opposes PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) and seeks amendments.	Accept in part	Yes

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Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.176	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Amend	Considers that sub-clause 10 in PA-P3 should be deleted. (Option A)	Amend PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) as follows: Only allow for the restriction of public access to, along or adjacent to the coast and waterbodies where the restriction is necessary to: ... 10. Address other exceptional circumstances sufficient to justify the restriction; or 11. Provide for the safe and efficient operation of the Port and Airport Zone.	Accept	Yes
Wellington International Airport Limited	FS36.81	Part 2 / Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Support	WIAL supports the inclusion of subparagraph 11, however notes that Airport infrastructure can also be located outside of the Airport Zone (and possibly the same could be said for Port infrastructure).	Allow / Seeks that part of submission to be allowed.	Accept	Yes
Greater Wellington Regional Council	351.177	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Amend	Considers that PA-P3 should be amended to ensure the policy gives effect to higher planning documents. (Option B)	Amend PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) to ensure the policy gives effect to higher planning documents.	Accept	Yes
WCC Environmental Reference Group	377.161	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Support	PA-P3 is supported as it recognises that in some situations the natural environment needs protecting from access.	Retain PA-P3 (Restriction of public access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Wellington International Airport Ltd	406.254	Natural and Environmental Values / Public Access / PA-P3	Support	Considers that it is appropriate to limit the provision of public access when necessary to provide for the safe and efficient operation of activities at Wellington International Airport.	Retain PA-P3 (Restriction of Public Access) as notified.	Accept in part	No
Tyers Stream Group	221.5	Whole PDP / Whole PDP / Whole PDP	Support	Considers that public access can lead to greater cognisance and care of areas by the public, and in the case of Tyers Stream Reserve result in greater restoration of natural biodiversity and reduction of damaging events, in line with the Reserve's SNA status.	Seeks that the plan provide for public access to and within areas for which WCC has jurisdiction.	Reject	No