



Wellington City Council  
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Wellington

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Attention: Hearing Commissioners for Wellington City Proposed District Plan

Dear Commissioners

**Ministry of Education - Letter to be tabled at hearing 1 for Wellington City Proposed District Plan**

The Ministry of Education (the Ministry) lodged a submission on the Wellington City Proposed District Plan. The Ministry will not attend the hearing stream 1 scheduled to commence on 21<sup>st</sup> February- 2<sup>nd</sup> March and requests this letter be tabled for the Hearing Commissioners' consideration in lieu of attendance.

We have reviewed the s42A report on Part 1 - plan wide matters and strategic direction prepared by Adam McCutcheon and Andrew Wharton (dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2023) and support the recommendations made in this report:

- The Ministry supports the definitions of 'childcare service' (Para 537), 'community facility' (Para 550), 'operational need' (Para 616), and 'sensitive activity' (Para 670) to be confirmed as notified (Para 537);
- The Ministry supports the deletion of the additional definition for 'educational facility' (Para 566);
- The Ministry supports the following objectives as recommended (**amendments outlined in red**) in the report:

- **CEKP- O5**  
Strategically important assets including those that support Māori culture, tourism, trade, education, research, and health and cultural wellbeing are provided for in appropriate locations.
- **UFD- O3**  
Medium to high density and assisted housing developments are located in areas that are:
  1. Connected to the transport network and served by multimodal transport options; or
  2. Within or near a Centre Zone or other area with many employment opportunities; and
  3. Served by public open space and other social infrastructure.

**Noting that medium to high density housing developments may not be appropriate in qualifying matter areas**

- **UFD-O7**  
Development supports the creation of a liveable, well-functioning urban environment that enables all people and communities to provide for their social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing, and for their health and safety now and into the future.



Development will achieve this by:

1. Being accessible and well-designed;
2. Supporting sustainable travel choices, including active and micromobility modes;
3. Being serviced by the necessary infrastructure (including additional infrastructure) appropriate to the intensity, scale and function of the development and urban environment;
4. Being socially inclusive;
5. Being ecologically sensitive;
6. Respecting of the City's historic heritage;
7. Providing for community well-being; and
8. Adapting over time and being responsive to an evolving, more intensive surrounding context

○ **SCA- O3**

Additional infrastructure is incorporated into new urban developments of a nature and scale that supports Strategic Objective UFD-O67 - or provides significant benefits at a regional or national scale.

- The Ministry also accepts the rejection of its submission to amend SCA-O1 and the explanation provided (Para 1007) in the report to that effect.

The Ministry agrees with the s42A reporting officers' recommendation as listed above and confirms that, if adopted in the manner proposed, the Ministry's submission points are adequately resolved.

Please contact the undersigned on behalf of the Ministry if you have any questions or require further clarification.

Yours faithfully,



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on behalf of

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