

## By email

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## Stebbings Detention Dam designation WRC6

This letter responds to Minute 53 issued by the Wellington City Proposed District Plan Hearings Panel, relating to Hearing Stream 10. Specifically this letter responds to the request outlined in paragraph 3.(b)(l), which states:

*In relation to Greater Wellington Regional Council's designation WRC6, please discuss the maps Mr Halliday has supplied, ideally with the benefit of feedback from the requiring authority, addressing whether they more accurately describe the area intended to be designated for the purposes of flood protection and control purposes”.*

### Stebbings Dam

Stebbings Detention Dam was constructed in 1994. It is designed to control stormwater flood flows that enter Porirua Stream. At the time, the designation boundaries followed the 92 metre contour (Reduced Level), which was assessed as giving appropriate freeboard above the spillway level of the dam. Since the dam was built, there has been significant development and earthworks in the area.

### Designation WRC6

The presence and continued unhindered operation of the Stebbings Detention Dam is important for flows into the Porirua Stream to be managed in high rainfall events, protecting numerous landowners downstream from the impacts of flooding.

A technical assessment would be required before any alterations to the designation could be made. This assessment would validate the designation against current topographical data and flood control requirements.

Until such time as a comprehensive assessment is undertaken, GW intends to retain the designation as rolled over in the Proposed Plan.

Nāku noa, nā



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