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Dear Alison

Submission on District Plan Change 80 – General Minor Amendments to Text and Maps VII

Please find enclosed the Greater Wellington Regional Council's submission on District Plan Change 80 – General Minor Amendments to Text and Maps VII.

Please feel free to contact me on 04 830 4034 or caroline.ammundsen@gmail.com if you have any questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely

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To:	Wellington City Council
Submission on:	District Plan Change 80 – General Minor Amendments to Text and Maps VII

1. Reason for submission

- 1.1 The Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) wishes to make a submission on Proposed District Plan Change 80 – General Minor Amendments to Text and Maps VII pursuant to Schedule 1 Section 6 of the Resource Management Act 1991 (RMA).
- 1.2 GWRC wishes to make a neutral submission on Proposed District Plan Change 80.
- 1.3 The following points in our submission, relate to operational responsibilities held by GWRC and the policy approach in the Regional Policy Statement 2010 (RPS).

2. Policy framework

- 2.1 In assessing Proposed District Plan Change 80 – General Minor Amendments to Text and Maps VII for consistency with the Regional Policy Statement (RPS), GWRC is particularly interested in how Proposed District Plan Change 80 will support and contribute to achieving the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the Wellington region.

Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region

- 2.2 The RPS gives guidance on the future direction for the sustainable management of natural and physical resources in the Wellington region. The RPS sets out objectives and policies to address regionally significant issues.
- 2.3 The first group of RPS policies are directive to local authorities and require provisions to be included in district or regional plans. The second set of RPS policies need to be given particular regard to when assessing and determining a resource consent, notices of requirements, or when changing, varying or replacing city, district or regional plans. Many of the regulatory policies will cease to have effect once the directive policies are given effect to through district or regional plans.
- 2.4 GWRC notes that RPS Policy 51 seeks that the risk and consequences of natural hazards on people, communities, property and infrastructure be minimised when determining whether an activity is inappropriate for its location. Works in and around watercourses can impede the flow of floodwaters as well as cause downstream effects such as erosion. GWRC needs to retain the ability to maintain these watercourses for natural hazard purposes

and to assess the effects of structures and other development on the flood or erosion potential.

3. Comments

Flood protection

3.1 With regard to amending Chapter 5 Residential Rule 5.3.4 Residential buildings and structures non-notification clause, under the watercourses agreement with Wellington City Council, GWRC maintains the Porirua Stream and the Takapu Stream and is responsible for the Makara, Ohariu Streams and the Karori Stream outside the urban area.

3.2 The Takapu Stream is a tributary of the Porirua Stream, so is likely to be covered by the change to the non-notification clause.

3.3 GWRC request that this clause be amended to:

“In respect of item 5.3.4.2 (yards) Greater Wellington Regional Council will be considered to be an affected party to any application that breaches standard 5.6.2.2.11 in relation to Porirua Stream and tributaries (including the Takapu Stream), Makara and Ohariu Streams and outside the urban area of the Karori Stream.”

3.4 With regard to amending Chapter 7 Centres Rule 7.3.7- non-notification clause, GWRC request that the clause is amended in response to the reasons given in paragraph 3.1.

3.5 GWRC request that this clause be amended to:

“In respect of Rule 7.3.7.5 (yards) applications will not be publicly notified (unless special circumstances exist) or limited notified, except that Greater Wellington Regional Council will be considered to be an affected party to any application that breaches standard 7.6.2.5.1 in relation to Porirua Stream and tributaries (including the Takapu Stream), Makara and Ohariu Streams and outside the urban area of the Karori Stream.”

4. Relief sought

4.1 Should the Wellington City Council approve Proposed Plan Change 80, GWRC requests that changes are made in accordance with that sought in the submission.

5. Further involvement

GWRC recommends that the points as outlined above be considered. We would also welcome the opportunity to clarify and further discuss the matters raised.

GWRC wishes to be heard in support of its submission.



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