

Makara Ohariu Community Board
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Submission of the **MAKARA OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD**

on

Wellington City Council

Draft 2010 Climate Change Action Plan

The Makara Ohariu Community Board supports the majority of the Climate Change Action Plan, with a proviso in the area of large scale renewable energy production potentially situated in the rural area.

The Board supports the inclusion of Makara Beach in the Regional Coastal Study to which WCC is committing funding. The Board is investigating measures to protect its beach community and ecology and this is a necessary first step in the process (minutes, Makara Oariu Community Board Feb 2010).

The Board submits that this plan must NOT give policy direction which enables future lessening or weakening of the rural rules (in particular, amenity values) in the District Plan. We do not oppose appropriate siting of such facilities, and we support the retention of the existing rural rules.

Objectives:

Renewable Energy Capital

P 7: Renewable Resources cites the combined existing and planned windfarms in Wellington's rural area being able to produce 222MW of renewable energy. This comes at a cost to the some rural area residents who live with the consequences of construction

and lessened amenity values. Where there is an excess of energy generated to be exported to the rest of the country, it should be stated that those bearing the effects of the generation should have their issues carefully considered prior to consent, and should share in the profitability where they suffer a loss.

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Chairperson

On behalf of

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