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Regional Council input to statutory planning

1. Purpose

To inform the Committee of Greater Wellington Regional Council's input to the statutory resource management processes of territorial authorities in the western part of the region.

2. Overview

2.1 Resource consents

Eight notified resource consent application have been received since the last Committee report. No submissions have been made. One application is currently being assessed.

2.2 District Plans

2.2.1 Upper Hutt City Council

Three Plan Changes have been notified since the last Committee report.

- Plan Change 11 – Rezoning of 17 John Street, 'Kowhai Court' from Business Commercial to Residential;
- Plan Change 12 - Rezoning of the Talbot Grove Subdivision, corner Messines Ave & Seddul Bahr Road from Special Activity to Residential; and
- Plan Change 13 - Rezoning of the 'Wineglass' land, Royal Wellington Golf Club, Heretaunga.

No submissions were made.

2.2.2 Wellington City Council

One Plan Change has been notified by the Wellington City Council since the last Committee report. Plan Change 38 - Residential Character in Newtown, Berhampore & Mt Cook. No submission was made.

Greater Wellington has been served notice of a number of appeals against Wellington City Council decisions on:

- Plan Change 30 - Ohiro Road, Brooklyn - Zone Change;
- Plan Change 32 - Renewable Energy; and
- Plan Change 33 - Ridgelines & Hilltops (Visual Amenity) & Rural Area.

Please refer to Report 05.211 for further information on Greater Wellington's original submissions to these Plan Changes. Greater Wellington has become party to 5 of the appeals, or parts of the appeals. These were:

- An appeal by Makara Guardians Incorporated Society and Quartz Hill Reserve Charitable Trust Incorporated against decisions on Plan Change 32 "Renewable Energy". The appeal sought that Chapters 25 and 26 "Renewable Energy" be set aside.
- An appeal by Mighty River Power Limited against decisions on Plan Change 33 "Ridgelines & Hilltops (Visual Amenity) & Rural Area". The matter of interest in the appeal was the proposed amendments to Policy 14.2.2.2 (and explanation). The appeal sought to ensure the policy would not apply to wind energy facilities. Policy 14.2.2.2 controls activities, within identified ridgelines, and hilltops to avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse visual effects.
- An appeal by Southern Environmental Association (Wellington) Incorporated to amend clause 26.1.1. This clause was introduced by Plan Change 32 "Renewable Energy". The clause provides clarification that only the rules in Chapter 26 apply to wind energy facilities and anemometers. The appeal sought that the clause be amended so that other relevant zone rules also apply.
- Two appeals by Ohiro Properties Limited in relation to land along Ohiro Road in Brooklyn. The appeal on Plan Change 33 "Ridgelines & Hilltops (Visual Amenity) & Rural Area" sought that the land be zoned outer residential as part of the rural zone changes. The appeal on Plan Change 30 "Ohiro Road, Brooklyn - Zone Change" sought that Wellington City Council's decision, to decline the zone change, be reversed.

2.2.3 Kapiti Coast District Council

One Plan Change has been received from the Kapiti Coast District Council since the last Committee report. Plan Change 59 seeks to amend the District Plan provisions by deleting reference to the "Code of Practice for Subdivision and Development" and replacing it with the "Kapiti Coast Subdivision and Development Principles and Requirements". Greater Wellington made a submission in support of the Plan Change.

Staff from Greater Wellington attended a hearing on Plan Change 55(a) - Updates to Ecological Sites in the Heritage Register on 20 July. Evidence supported the Officers Report and the proposed boundary adjustments recommended by Kapiti Coast District Council's Biodiversity Co-ordinator.

2.2.4 Porirua City Council

No new plan changes have been notified by the Porirua City Council since the last Committee report.

2.2.5 Hutt City Council

No new plan changes have been notified by Hutt City Council since the last committee report.

3. Communication

The matters referred to in this report are part of an on-going statutory process, and these processes are the appropriate way of communicating the relevant information.

4. Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. *receive the report, and*
2. *note the contents.*

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