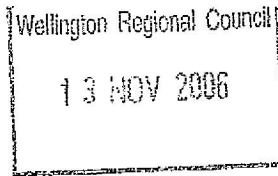


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Dear Sharyn

Porirua Stream realignment at Findlay Street, Tawa

I understand that Greater Wellington Regional Council (GWRC) wishes to gain Wellington City Council (WCC) support for flood improvement work in the Porirua Stream adjacent to Findlay Street, Tawa and ensure that the proposed work is consistent with WCC policies. Following this approval, GWRC will consult with other key stakeholders, prior to developing plans and applying for consents.

WCC officers have considered the proposal in relation to the following Wellington City Outcomes and policies:

1. Council's long-term outcomes

- 4.6 Safer. Wellingtonians will have access to safe and reliable energy and water supplies, clean air, and waste disposal systems that protect public health and ecosystems
- 4.7 Healthier. Wellington will protect and restore its land and water based ecosystems to sustain their natural processes, and to provide habitats for a range of indigenous and non-indigenous plants and animals

2. The **Long Term Community Plan for Wellington City** has as one of its key environmental priorities "the protection of Wellington's streams". This work will be focussing on the Porirua and Owhiro stream catchments.

3. **Bush and Stream Restoration Plan.** In particular two clauses are relevant:

- *Modification to the natural structure and flow of the city's streams systems will be actively discouraged in the city, except where there is an otherwise unavoidable risk to human health and safety from flooding or wastewater management...*
- *6.6.1b Council will seek to minimise impediments to the natural flow of the city's streams and barriers to the movement of freshwater fauna up and down the system. Where such an approach cannot be achieved*

within the urban area because of flooding issues, Council will ensure that alternative design solution are explored and wherever possible, adopted.

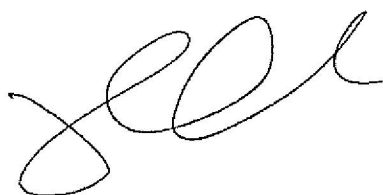
In our opinion, the work proposed by GWRC is consistent with, and supported by these outcomes and policies.

Please note, however that as advised previously:

- This letter of support for this work is in WCC's role as property owner. Nothing herein implies any regulatory consent or resource consent approval.
- WCC is keen to work with GWRC on the detail of the proposal to ensure the scheme does not adversely affect the stream environment and habitat.
- Linden Park is a recreation reserve under the Reserves Act 1977. Approval for any works to take place in the park will be considered under section 53 (1) of the Act and require the approval of the administering body. This will require approval of our full Council once the final plans are developed.

For further information please contact Mike Oates Manager Natural and Botanic Areas and Maria Archer Manager Infrastructure Planning.

Yours sincerely



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