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Committee Freight Plan Hearing Subcommittee  
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## Summary of submissions on the draft Regional Freight Plan 2011

### 1. Purpose

To provide the Freight Plan Hearing Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) with an overview of the submissions received on the draft Regional Freight Plan 2011, together with officer responses and recommendations on the issues raised by submitters.

### 2. Significance of the decision

The matters for decision in this report **do not** trigger the significance policy of the Council or otherwise trigger section 76(3)(b) of the Local Government Act 2002.

### 3. Consultation

The Regional Transport Committee, at its meeting on 29 March 2011, approved the draft Regional Freight Plan 2011 for public consultation (**Report 11.108**). A submission period commenced on 4 April 2011 and concluded 29 April 2011.

Feedback on the draft Freight Plan was invited via the following:

- Media release
- Public notice in regional newspapers (Dominion Post and Wairarapa Times Age)
- GWRC website
- Mail out to key stakeholders and interest groups.

#### 3.1 Hearing Subcommittee

The process for hearing submissions and the terms of reference for this Subcommittee are included in **Report 11.210** in this agenda.

## 4. Overview of Submissions

Greater Wellington has received 11 submissions on the draft Freight Plan. These submissions are enclosed separately as **Attachment 2** to this report.

Four submissions were received from members of the public and the rest were from organisations – including Public Transport Voice, the Wellington Employers’ Chamber of Commerce and CentrePort.

Submissions were also received from the New Zealand Transport Agency, two territorial authorities (Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council) and from the Horizons Regional Transport Committee.

Of the 11 submitters, 2 indicated a wish to be heard in support of their submission.

## 5. Submission analysis

Submitters made general comments on the draft Freight Plan and also made requests for detailed changes. Five of the submitters expressed general support for the draft Freight Plan. The remaining 6 submitters did not specifically indicate either way. No submitter opposed the draft Freight Plan in general.

A more detailed summary of all submissions as well as officer responses and preliminary recommendations for the Hearing Subcommittee’s consideration is included as **Attachment 1**.

The four submissions from members of the public all opposed the introduction of over-weight, over-dimension trucks on Wellington’s roads and favoured investment in rail freight instead. The submission from Public Transport Voice echoed this view and provided specific amendments along these lines.

The submissions from Carterton District Council, Masterton District Council and Horizons Regional Transport Committee all supported the draft Freight Plan and re-iterated policy areas important to those organisations. Carterton District Council and Masterton District Council did not make any requests for specific changes. Horizons Regional Transport Committee suggested one minor amendment to the table of actions.

The Wellington Employers’ Chamber of Commerce and New Zealand Transport Agency supported the draft Freight Plan in general, and made several requests for amendments to the wording of the draft Plan and its actions.

CentrePort made several requests for amendments to the wording of the draft Plan and opposed the ‘Provide for expected port freight growth’ action on the grounds that this action is outside the scope of the draft Freight Plan and reflects negatively on CentrePort’s current capacity to handle freight growth.

Both CentrePort and the Wellington Employers’ Chamber of Commerce noted that the wording of the draft Freight Plan underplayed the role of coastal shipping in moving freight into and out of the Wellington region.

## 6. Next steps

Following deliberations, a final Regional Freight Plan 2011 will be reported back to the Regional Transport Committee for approval at the meeting on 30 June 2011.

Key Step	Who	Timing	Status
Process report to RTC	GW officers	14 September 2010	Complete
Drafting of background and issues document	GW officers with TWG	September – November 2010	Complete
Revise background and issues document	GW officers with TWG	January – February 2011	Complete
Technical working group meeting	GW officers with TWG	2 March 2011	Occurred
Draft action programme for new Freight Plan	GW officers with TWG	March 2011	Complete
Approve draft Freight Plan for consultation	RTC	29 March 2011	Approved
Submissions		4 – 29 April 2011	Occurred
Hearing	Hearing Subcommittee	25 May 2011	This report
Draft Regional Freight Plan for approval	RTC	30 June 2011	

## 7. Communication

The Committee Chair may wish to issue a statement on the submissions at the completion of deliberations.

## 8. Recommendations

*That the Subcommittee:*

1. **Receives** the report.
2. **Notes** the content of the report.
3. **Agrees** to recommend to the Regional Transport Committee the changes set out in **Attachment 1** of this report, as a result of consideration of submissions, subject to changes agreed by the Subcommittee during deliberations.

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**Attachment 1:** Summary of submissions, officer responses and recommendations on the draft Regional Freight Plan 2011

**Attachment 2:** Full copies of all submissions on the draft Regional Freight Plan 2011 (enclosed separately)