

Proposed Change 1 to the Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region

I felt optimistic when I first starting reading the document but then by the end of it I felt like it was same ole same ole and very passive.

My overriding concern is the use of the word 'climate change'. It blames a third party and does not take ownership and is passive and even a word that creates resistance for many out there today. I think it is time we actually owned what is going on and;

Replace the word 'climate change' for human induced climate destruction or similar.

Replace ~~non-regulatory~~ with regulatory

Replace ~~promote, support, information, encouragement~~ with incentivize (or better word)

Replace ~~consideration~~ with essential (eg. Page 36)

I would also like to focus more on what we can do and not what we can't. Strengths based.

There still remains no provision for off-grid tiny houses or similar and yet throughout the entire country it is local councils that continue to be the barrier to there existence. My guess would be because it is not a fixed dwelling then it has no rateable value and there is not financial viable not in Council's best interests to support. However, they continue to support large builds.

Less is more. If we are not currently coping with the existing infrastructure why then do we think we can build more. I keep hearing more and bigger. What about less. For example. I live in a motorhome with 95 litres of water which I refill approximately once a week. My home town uses 300 litres per person per day. I also harvest the sun for power. I am not completely without fault for I use diesel and lpg and drive 3 tonne on our roading which is infrastructure. However, I like many, would park up and use public transport and active mode of travel as a preference.

Less, less, less. We are still taking.

Change the word resources because a resource is something we use. Referring to Papatūānuku as a resource suggests that she is always going to be something that we take from and not something that we contribute to.

For example. We ourselves are 60-80% water. Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au – I am the river, the river is me.

Page 10. 3.

The risks associated with natural hazards are exacerbated by **human induced climate destruction**
climate change.

Page 15 Policy 11 Implement ~~promotion and enabling~~ energy efficient design and small scale renewable energy generation including small scale dwellings such as off grid tiny homes – district plans.

method 10. Mandate information about energy efficient subdivision, design and building development.

Change the wording to an action. The document is far too passive.

Page 17. Method CC 2. Establish incentives to shift to active and public transport – consider reducing the working day to 6 hours and increasing the hourly wage and thereby increase wellbeing overall.

(An example. For me to stay active and walk to work years ago at the same place that some of my children attended education. Cost me \$10 per day rather than drive to the same destination).

Can we remove all the words information, promote, support and encourage to an action. We have been doing this for years and now is time for action. Still too passive. My local Council have been ignoring your information, promotion, support and encouragement to date.

For example:

Page 18, Policy 65

How about Incentivizing efficient use and conservation of resources – regulatory.

Page 30. Correction. In Upper Hutt a main Highway divides a people from the river creating a disconnect. One idea. Lift the road so that people can access the river freely and accessibly.

Change the protection from Flood management to Environmental protection.

Page 36. Swap Policy 17 and Policy 40.

Protecting and enhancing the health and wellbeing of water bodies and freshwater ecosystems – essential consideration

Then

Take and use of water for the health needs of the river first and then people.

Replace ~~consideration~~ with essential.

Page 58 type ~~Rimutaka~~ is spelt Remutaka

Page 71. Method 4 and Method 14 Wellington Regional Council and city and district Councils and community (Implementation * lead authority)

Let community be part of the solutions.

Page 72 Objective 21 Include community as part of the solutions.

Page 78. In 30 years most of the baby boomers will be gone and people are having less or no children. Are these projections still correct.

Page 99 Policy 2 Explanation ... seeks to protect neighbouring areas which includes our natural environment which includes indigenous wildlife and vegetation and people's health from

Page 102 CC6 Explanation add plural. Tree(s) as trees are social

“right trees, right place”

Page 117 Policy FW.4

I would like to see incentives that make an impact. Eg. Cost to the developer is greater if not using sustainable practice.

Page 119. policy if they still exhibit the ecosystem functions which are considered significant by mana whenua/tangata whenua.

Policy 23 says evaluation to be undertaken by 30 June 2025.

Plenty of time for current landowners to destroy evidence that their land exhibits the ecosystem functions. Eg. Mangaroa Wetlands.

What about resistance from landowners which currently exist.

Page 121 Policy 29 (c)

Include objectives, policies and rules to manage subdivision, use and development. ~~In those areas where the hazards and risks are assessed as low to moderate;~~

Page 124. Explanation

The centres identified are of significance to the region's form for environmental wellbeing and indigenous biodiversity, economic development, transport movement,.....

Page 153 CC16

Regional, city and district Councils ~~will~~ **will** ~~should~~ under Local Government Act 2002

Page 153 CC 16 Explanation.

Take out the last sentence because it cancels what you have just said... ~~but this is not expected to be a requirement.~~

Page 164 CC18.

Need a better more definitive word than preference.

....regeneration of permanent indigenous forest instead of ~~in preference~~ to exotic species,

Page 166 Policy IE.3 (b)

Where possible, priorities ~~should~~ **will** also deliver benefits for.....

Thank you for taking the time to consider my submission.