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Proposed Regional Policy Statement
Greater Wellington Regional Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Submission for the Proposed Regional Policy Statement

Please find enclosed our submission to the Proposed Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington Region.

We apologise for the lateness in the receipt of our submission it was only brought to my attention by a Kapiti Coast District Council planning staff member today that this policy statement was being reviewed and the impact that it has on the upcoming District Plan for Kapiti.

It is therefore my sincere request that you will accept our submission as part of this review process, so that we also may help you shape the future of the Wellington Region.

Regards



Julie and Danny Perkins

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3.3 Energy

We agree with the statement that traditional energy sources will not be able to meet increasing energy demands. Therefore it is fantastic that wind has been identified as a possible renewable energy source.

We therefore welcome policies 6 and 10 and look forward to the Kapiti Coast District Council District Plan change to implement these policies within their documents.

3.7 Landscapes

It is agreed that landscapes are shaped by such activities as farming. It should however be noted that it is not just Maori for which land provides earthly links and family history, for example Paekakariki and its hill has powerful cultural significance for our family, as we are a family whom has been farming the same land for five generations.

As such we would like to have policies 24 and 27 changed to reflect the many non-Maori families in our exact situation so that they (and we) are not disadvantaged just because of our ethnicity.

The change to policy 24. We would like changed to read:

"Identify, *in conjunction with the landowners*, outstanding natural features and landscapes – district and regional plans".

Changes to policy 27 should read:

"Maintaining and enhancing, *in conjunction with landowners*, significantly amenity landscape values – district and regional plans".

Under appendix 3: Definitions

Regionally significant infrastructure

Should be changed to include:

"*Hydro generation sites*" and "*turbine wind farms*".