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Report to the Environment Committee  
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## **Wellington Regional Council's Submission on Climate Change: Domestic Policy Options Statement**

### **1. Purpose**

To present for ratification the draft submission prepared for the Ministry for the Environment on Climate Change: Domestic Policy Options Statement.

### **2. Background**

The Ministry for the Environment has prepared a Policy Options Statement (POS) presenting three options as to how New Zealand may meet its international requirements for the first commitment period of the Kyoto Protocol 2080-2012 at least cost. These policy options have major implications for regional councils.

Murray Ward from the Ministry's Climate Change Programme gave a presentation on the POS at the last Environment Committee meeting on March 25 to inform Councillors of the issues of climate change and the implications for the Wellington Regional Council.

This draft submission on the POS was prepared and submitted to the Ministry for the Environment as a pro forma submission.

### 3. Recommendation

*That the Committee ratifies the Submission on Climate Change: Domestic Policy Option Statement*

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