

Summary of Submissions

Submitter name	Summary of submission	Wish to be heard
Porirua City Council	Support the proposal	No
Wellington City Council	Support the proposal	No
Capacity, Wellington Water Management	<p>Concerned that transfer of powers will result in additional costs for the same service.</p> <p><i>Follow up letter and phone calls to Capacity, explaining costs are likely to be lower as a result of transfer.</i></p>	No
Carterton District Council	No concerns regarding the proposal	No
Wairarapa Federated Farmers	<p>The proposal lacked adequate information on the cost effectiveness of the proposal. There is no consideration of the impact of the proposal on the fees for consents or the monitoring costs. Recommend carrying out a cost-benefit analysis to determine the total potential effects of the proposal, in order for stakeholders to make an informed decision on the proposal.</p> <p>Potential problems with centralisation of administering building consent powers – increased costs for consents, the resulting lack of knowledge held by consent processors and the increased challenge of receiving service under the proposed structure.</p> <p>Concerned about the increase in cost for consents and inspections should be met, at least in part, by the council as they are responsible for the increased cost. Suggested ways to implement; council cover out-of-region costs and applicant cover travel costs, or provide mechanisms for ‘virtual inspections’ through digital photography and email, or contract out inspections to local contractors to decrease costs.</p>	Initial request to be heard withdrawn once further information regarding costs provided

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	<i>Follow up letter to Federated Farmers, explaining costs are likely to be lower as a result of transfer.</i>	
Karori Sanctuary	Concerned about any potential additional costs of the building consent process that may pass on to the applicant as a result of the proposed transfer.	No
Genesis Energy	<p>Support the proposal. Recognise that there are a small number of dams being built per year and it would be inefficient for each regional authority to develop consistent, well resourced processes for servicing dam consents.</p> <p>Welcomes the prospect of transacting with a single well- resourced and practised consent authority for dam construction projects in the North Island.</p> <p>Believes the approach will not only be consistent with the quality objectives of the Building Act 2004, but should also reduce costs – for consent applicants, for regional authorities and ultimately for ratepayers.</p>	No