

Regional Climate Emergency Action Plan

- 1 Ensure Greater Wellington's catchment planning approach includes mana whenua priorities and mātauranga and community aspirations for climate action.
- 2 Investigate options for pest animal control to support the health of native ecosystems and their ability to sequester carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.
- 3 Research nature-based solutions to ensure their use is effective in storing carbon and/or increasing resilience to extreme weather events such as storms, flooding and droughts. Prioritise and implement them where appropriate.
- 4 Implement the Wellington Transport Emissions Reduction Pathway, Regional Land Transport Plan and Regional Public Transport Plan, including increasing rail services to Palmerston North and the Wairarapa, to reduce dependence on private vehicles and reduce transport-related emissions.
- 5 Advocate to Central Government for strong and effective emissions reduction and climate resilience policies and to ensure legislation and funding enables Greater Wellington to expedite its own climate-related policies, actions and plans.
- 6 Support and provide resource for mana whenua partners to undertake climate adaptation planning and increase Greater Wellington's capacity to engage and provide direction with regional stakeholders and communities in climate adaptation planning.
- 7 Support the development of regional climate change impact assessment tools.
- 8 Support the implementation of the Regional Policy Statement's climate change policies and methods.
- 9 Work collaboratively with key institutions and agencies across the Region to develop a regional approach to adaptation planning.
- 10 Ensure that all new development and infrastructure is located, designed, and constructed in ways that support reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and provides for climate resilience.

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