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Wellington Regional Council
Variation 1 to Plan Change 1 – Natural Resources Plan
Submission

1. Submitters Details

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2. Introduction

Rosco Ice Cream Ltd (Rosco) made a submission on Plan Change 1 (PC1) to the Natural Resource Plan, which is submission #S220.

3. WH.R5

Rosco generally supports the changes to rule WH.R5 and seeks similar changes to rules WH.R6(d), WH.R7(c) and WH.R11(a).

We note that the purpose of the changes to rule WH.R5 is to delay the requirement for hydrological controls for permitted activities that create impervious areas. This means that the variation is only a temporary change, and it is expected that the subsequent hearing and decision process on the main PC1 will have to make further changes to the proposed variation to WH.R5.

The reason for the change is that central government intended to provide amended national direction, particularly the NPS-FM would be amended.

If the intended changes to the NPS-FM are relevant to permitted activities, they would also be relevant to other similar activities that require a consent.

Therefore, the hydrological control matters for all rules should also be deferred. In particular, rules WH.R6, WH.R7 and WH.R11 should also be similarly amended to delay the requirement for hydrological controls.

4. Decisions Sought

That the Council approves the proposed variation to WH.R5 and makes the following changes to rules WH.R6, WH.R7, WH.R11 and WH.R12.

WH.R6

Also amend rule WH.R6(d) as follows:

(d) from the date the decisions on the submissions to proposed Plan Change 1 for the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (2023) is publicly notified, where stormwater directly or indirectly (through an existing local authority stormwater network) discharges to a river, hydrological control is provided either:

(i) on-site, or

(ii) off-site through an existing local authority stormwater network or privately owned stormwater network that has been sized to accommodate the proposed stormwater discharges, and

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WH.R7

Also amend rule WH.R7(c) as follows:

(c) from the date the decisions on the submissions to proposed Plan Change 1 for the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (2023) is publicly notified, where stormwater directly or indirectly (through an existing local authority stormwater network) discharges to a river, hydrological control is provided either:

(i) on-site, or

(ii) off-site through an existing local authority stormwater network or privately owned stormwater network that has been sized to accommodate the proposed stormwater discharges, and

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WH.R11

Also amend rule WH.R11(a) as follows:

(a) the resource consent application includes a Stormwater Impact Assessment prepared in accordance with Schedule 29 (impact assessment) except that the Stormwater Impact Assessment does not require an assessment of stormwater discharge volumes and flow rates (i.e. hydrological controls) until the date the decisions on the submissions to proposed Plan Change 1 for the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (2023) is publicly notified

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15. Summary of Decision Sought

That the Council accepts these submission points and amends the provisions of Variation 1 to Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resource Plan as outlined in our submission.

16. Hearing

Rosco wishes to be heard in support of this submission.


17. Joint Submission

Rosco would consider presenting a joint case at a hearing.

18. Trade Competition

Rosco could not gain an advantage in trade competition through this submission.

Signature of person making submission.


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Date 30 / 01 / 2026

On behalf of Rosco Ice Cream Ltd