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Dear Erin

HEARING STATEMENT – 21 JUNE HEARING –GROUP 1 HEARING

1. The Kapiti Coast District Council (the Council) lodged a submission on the Proposed Natural Resources Plan. The Council's submission principally focuses on the relationship between the draft NRP and our District Plan / Proposed District Plan, and the effect of the draft provisions on our district's infrastructure.
2. The Officers recommendations, in relation to the matters to be heard in the Group 1 Hearing, are that the majority of the Councils submission points are either accepted or accepted in part. As a result of this the Council does not consider that at this stage it is necessary to appear at this hearing and present evidence. Instead the council requests that this written statement be tabled at the hearing on 21 June 2017.

KAPITI COAST DISTRICT COUNCILS KEY SUBMISSION POINTS FOR THIS HEARING

3. In its submission (Submission 117) the Council supported a wide range of objectives and policies and requested changes to the explanatory text in section 1.5.1 of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan. These submission points are discussed further below.
4. The Council supports for the following objectives and policies:
 - O1, O2, O9, O10, O11, O12, O13, O14, O15 and O16;
 - P7, P8, P12, P13, P14, P17, P18, P19 and P20.
5. The reasons for supporting these varied objectives and policies include:
 - Support for the collaborative Whaitua approach;
 - The recognition of tangata whenua roles and values;
 - Enhancement of recreation values of public access; and
 - The recognition of regionally significant infrastructure including infrastructure for territorial authorities.

6. The Council sought some amendments to the introductory text to insert a new paragraph to recognize the relationship between tangata whenua and territorial authorities and acknowledge the different relationships which deliver the partnership between local authorities and tangata whenua.
7. The requested amendments also sought to explain the regulatory role of District Plans and the role of territorial authorities.
8. The section 42A report has accepted in part one of these explanatory text changes (submission point 117/001) but rejected the other two.
9. The revised wording proposed in the section 42A report is less specific than the requested wording however it does identify that district rules will apply as well as the regional plan rules and therefore this amendment to the text is considered to be acceptable to the Council to address the concern in the submission.
10. In relation to the other requests the section 42A report considers the requests to be too specific to the role of territorial authorities to be included in the Regional Plan. The Council remains of the view that the additional text would be helpful to plan users and provides context to the regional plan that is appropriate in the introductory section.

Relief sought

11. The Council seeks that these objectives and policies be retained however there are other submissions seeking various amendments and the response from officers to Minute 3 recently issued by the Panel requesting for some revision of objectives to improve workability of the objectives is noted. Where these amendments are sought to improve the workability of infrastructure or better recognise tangata whenua roles and values these amendments are supported by the Council. For example the submissions of Wellington Water and Porirua City Council regarding their concern that the three waters infrastructure is not adequately recognised as regionally significant infrastructure particularly in the urban environment is a valid concern. The Council shares these concerns however expressed the concerns in relation to policies and rules which were identified as issues for Hearing Groups 3 and 4 and will be discussed at the time of presenting evidence at these hearings.
12. The Council seeks that the text in paragraph 52 of the Officer's section 42A report be adopted in relation to submission point 117/001.
13. The Council seeks that the requested additional explanatory text for section 1.5.1 (submission points 117/002 and 117/003) be included in the section to provide a description of roles of territorial authorities and provide plan users with wider context to the regional plan.

Yours sincerely



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