

## FILE NOTE

DATE	9 February 2024
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### **Waiver under section 37(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act 1991**

The Manager, Environmental Policy, Greater Wellington Regional Council, acting under authority delegated by the Greater Wellington Regional Council, grants a waiver under section 37(1)(b) of the Resource Management Act, for submissions received from any person or organisation between 5:00pm 15 December 2023 and 5.00pm 22 December 2023.

#### **Reasons for waiver:**

To enable the submissions lodged after the close of the submission period to be accepted, the Greater Wellington Regional Council has given consideration to the following matters, as required by section 37A(1) of the Act:

**a) The interests of any person who the Council considers may be directly affected by the waiver**

The persons directly affected by the waiver are those who wish to lodge a submission after the submissions period is closed. The waiver will positively affect the interests of these persons. In addition no person will be prejudiced by the waiver; as there will be no impact on timeframes as Council has not yet notified the summary of decisions requested.

Section 37A(6) of the Act requires every person who is directly affected by the waiver to be notified. In this instance, any person or organisation that lodged a submission up until (and including) 31 October 2022 will be notified in writing of the waiver.

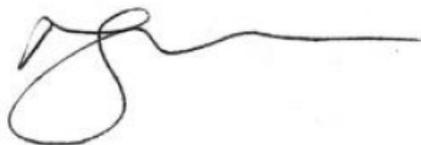
In addition, a notice will be placed on the Council's website advising the public of this waiver.

**b) The interests of the community in achieving adequate assessment of the effects of the proposed regional policy statement change**

The Greater Wellington Regional Council considers that the inclusion of submissions received after the closing date could contribute to the quality of the Schedule 1 Proposed Natural Resource Plan Change process.

**c) Greater Wellington Regional Council's duty under section 21 of the Act to avoid unreasonable delay**

Greater Wellington Regional Council does not consider there will be a delay arising from granting this waiver, as other submissions will be able to be entered and summarised during the period.



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