

MEMO

TO Stephen Davis, Hutt City Council

FROM Erica Wheatley, Greater Wellington Regional Council

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Greater Wellington submission points allocated to Hearing 5: Natural Hazards

Following our discussion and your email on 1 July 2026, Greater Wellington Regional Council has further considered its position on submission points 452.97 and 457.102 relating to Rules NH-R9 and NH-R13 respectively.

GW's reasons for its relief sought in its original submission on these two rules were to manage any enlargement of hazardous facilities or major hazardous facilities within high and moderate hazard zones, as the mix of flood waters and hazardous material can cause damage to the environment and community. In its submission, GW considered the district plan should be cautious about permitting additions to hazardous activities in medium or high hazard without careful consideration of the risk. Ideally, GW would seek to encouraging the planned relocation of such assets out of hazardous areas wherever possible. In addition, GW sought that consideration of the effects of any new buildings or additions/alterations on flood water conveyance, blockages, and effects on neighbouring sites to be considered for these rules.

Upon further review, GW considers that the policy and rule framework within the Hazardous Substances chapter (particularly Policy HS-P1, HS-R1(1), and HS-R1(2) appropriately addresses the matters raised by GW relating to further enabling hazardous facilities and hazardous substances storage within high and moderate hazard zones.

Additionally, GW considers the the Natural Hazards chapter (NH-P1, NH-P2, NH-P8, NH-P9, NH-R13) enables consideration of the effects on flood waters and neighbouring properties where possible, practical, and applicable within the current built environment and rule and policy framework applicable to the General Industrial and Heavy Industrial Zones in Seaview, the Seaview Marina Zone, and the Metropolitan Centre Zone in Petone.

Accordingly, we are satisfied these two submission points have been adequately addressed in the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan.

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