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## **Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan: Letter to be tabled at Hearing Stream 1**

Greater Wellington Regional Council (Greater Wellington) lodged a submission (S452, 2 May 2025) and a further submission (FS38, 24 July 2025) on the Proposed Lower Hutt District Plan (PDP).

Greater Wellington requests that this letter be tabled for the Hearing Panel’s information and consideration.

Under Hearing Stream 1, the submission points made by Greater Wellington are addressed within the Section 42A report entitled “Section 42A Officer’s Report – Hearing Stream 1: Opening hearing” prepared by Kate Pascall dated 26 March 2026.

The Section 42A report makes recommendations on the Greater Wellington submission points allocated to the Opening hearing. Greater Wellington supports the recommendations made by Ms Pascall as set out in Appendix 1 to this letter.

Greater Wellington appreciates the opportunity to be involved in the PDP process. Should there be any queries raised in relation to the matters set out in this letter, please feel free to contact me at the below address.

Ngā mihi nui.

Nāku, nā,



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Enclosed: Appendix 1 – Greater Wellington Regional Council submission points addressed in  
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## Appendix 1: Greater Wellington Regional Council submission points addressed in Hearing 1 – Opening

Submitter	Sub #	SP #	Support/oppose	Requested relief	S42A recommendation	Greater Wellington response to S42A recommendation
Wellington Regional Council	452	4	Support in part	Amend as follows:  Biodiversity compensation: means a measurable positive conservation outcome <u>that meets the requirements in Appendix ECO-App3 and resultsing</u> from actions that are designed to compensate for more than minor residual adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity after all appropriate avoidance, minimisation, remediation, and biodiversity offsetting measures have been sequentially applied.	No recommendation	Greater Wellington accepts that this definition has been withdrawn from the PDP under the Plan Stop legislation.
Wellington Regional Council	452	5	Support in part	Amend as follows: Biodiversity offsetting: means a measurable positive conservation outcome <u>that meets the requirements in Appendix ECO-App2 and resultsing</u> from actions designed to redress for more than minor residual adverse effects on indigenous biodiversity after all appropriate avoidance, minimisation, and remediation measures have been sequentially applied. The goal of biodiversity offsetting is to achieve a net gain in type, amount, and condition of indigenous biodiversity compared to that lost.	No recommendation	Greater Wellington accepts that this definition has been withdrawn from the PDP under the Plan Stop legislation.
Wellington Regional Council	452	7	Oppose (requesting new definition)	Add a new definition as follows: <u>Habitat: means the area or environment where an organism or ecological community lives or occurs naturally for some or all of its life cycle, or as part of its seasonal feeding or breeding pattern; but does not include built structures or an area or environment where an organism is present only fleetingly.</u>	No recommendation	Greater Wellington accepts that this definition is no longer required given the Natural Environment Values chapters have been withdrawn from the PDP under the Plan Stop legislation.
Wellington Regional Council	452	10	Oppose (requesting new definition)	Add a new definition as follows: <u>Maintain/maintained/maintenance (in relation to indigenous biodiversity):</u> <u>Maintaining indigenous biodiversity requires:</u> <u>(a) the maintenance and at least no overall reduction of all the following:</u> <u>1. the size of populations of indigenous species:</u> <u>2. indigenous species occupancy across their natural range:</u>	No recommendation	Greater Wellington accepts that this definition is no longer required given the Natural Environment Values chapters have been withdrawn from the PDP under the Plan Stop legislation.

				<p><u>3. the properties and function of ecosystems and habitats used or occupied by indigenous biodiversity:</u></p> <p><u>4. the full range and extent of ecosystems and habitats used or occupied by indigenous biodiversity:</u></p> <p><u>5. connectivity between, and buffering around, ecosystems used or occupied by indigenous biodiversity:</u></p> <p><u>6. the resilience and adaptability of ecosystems;</u> and</p> <p><u>(b) where necessary, the restoration and enhancement of ecosystems and habitats.</u></p>		
Wellington Regional Council	452	19	Support	Retain as notified.	Accept	Greater Wellington accepts the recommendation on NESD-O1 for the reasons set out on page 47 of the Section 42A report.
Wellington Regional Council	452	20	Support in part	Amend as follows: Protect <u>and restore</u> the values of the city's significant water bodies, including Te Awa Kairangi.	Accept	Greater Wellington accepts the recommendation on NESD-O2 for the reasons set out on page 50 of the Section 42A report.
Wellington Regional Council	452	21	Support in part	Amend as follows: Protect and enhance <u>or restore</u> the natural character, natural features and landscapes, ecosystems and indigenous biodiversity of the city.	Accept	Greater Wellington accepts the recommendation on NESD-O3 for the reasons set out on page 50 of the Section 42A report.
Wellington Regional Council	452	22	Support	Retain objective as notified.	Accept	Greater Wellington accepts the recommendation on UDSD-O1 for the reasons set out on page 50 of the Section 42A report.
Wellington Regional Council	452	23	Support in part	Supports Objective UDSD-O2 in part, and request the following amendment the objective: 1. Urban development supports the creation of liveable, well-functioning urban environments that are: ... <u>c. Serviced by the necessary infrastructure, including green infrastructure as far as practicable, appropriate to the intensity, scale and function of the development, ...</u>	Reject	Greater Wellington accepts the recommendation on UDSD-O2 considering support and implementation for green infrastructure is already appropriately addressed elsewhere in strategic direction objectives, as well as in the natural hazards and coastal environment chapters (page 58 of the Section 42A report).