

Ongoing Environment Division Activities Contributing to Regional Plan Implementation

Consent processing

A large number of policies and some methods in the regional plans are implemented through the resource consent process.

Environmental monitoring

Resource Investigations Department staff carry out environmental monitoring programmes that implement a variety of regional plan methods and policies. These include ambient and targeted monitoring programmes for groundwater, surface water, coastal water and air.

Pollution response

The pollution response duties carried out by the Resource Quality Section contribute to the implementation of several of the regional plans.

Submissions on territorial authority plans and consents

Staff from the Resource Policy Department and the Planning and Resources Department make submissions on all district plans in the Region. Where appropriate, staff also make submissions on resource consent applications. These fulfil a number of regional plan policies and methods.

Staff involvement in appropriate industry groups

Staff throughout the Council are required by the regional plans to be involved in relevant industry groups and working parties. Those groups staff are currently involved with include the Hutt Valley Environmental Industries Group, the National BusinessCare Programme, the Regional Hazardous Waste Management Liaison Group, the Hazardous Substances Technical Liaison Committee, the Air Quality Working Group, the Regional Landfill Committee, and the Land Treatment Collective.

Liaison with relevant stakeholders including iwi

To achieve integrated resource management, the Regional Plan Implementation Programme requires Wellington Regional Council staff to liaise with a range of relevant stakeholders. Staff currently work with territorial authorities, public bodies, non-government organisations, relevant industries, iwi and communities.

