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## **Response to Consultation on the 2004/05 Proposed Annual Plan**

### **1. Purpose**

To provide an overview of the submissions received on the 2004/05 proposed annual plan.

### **2. Background**

The consultation period on Greater Wellington's 2004/05 proposed annual plan ran from 10 April to 17 May 2004. The Council has received a total of forty-eight submissions. These have been compiled in a volume and have been circulated to all councillors for consideration. Some twenty-four submitters have also asked to be heard in support of their submission.

The big question councillors need to focus on through the Subcommittee meetings and the full Committee and Council meetings which follow is "Are there changes we should be making to our plan as a result of the views expressed?"

### **3. Comment**

#### **3.1 Origin of submissions**

The table below lists the origins of each submitter on the plan. As usual, the majority of submissions come from Wellington, with the rest of the submissions spread over the rest of the constituencies. The three submitters that are listed as "Unknown" have emailed their submission and have not provided any other contact details. The two submitters recorded under "Other" are the New Zealand Motor Caravan Association and Vector Limited. They are both based in Auckland.

<b>Constituency</b>	<b>Number of submissions</b>
Wellington	24
Lower Hutt	7
Upper Hutt	0
Porirua	1
Kapiti	7
Wairarapa	4
Other (Auckland)	2
Unknown	3

The table below shows the numbers of submissions that have come from individuals, organisations, local authorities and government departments. We have not received submissions from any government departments this year.

Individuals	28
Organisations (including community groups)	18
Local Authorities	2
Government Departments	0

### **3.2 Key themes**

It is difficult to depict key themes when there are small numbers of submissions. There are, however, some points that have been discussed in more than one submission. These are noted below.

- Both support (2) and opposition (1) to the increase in expenditure on bovine Tb control
- Requests for Council to prohibit the release of genetically modified organisms into the open environment (4)
- Requests for the stopbank at Chrystalls Bend to be actioned immediately (2)
- Several submissions discussed rates (12), many of which (5) expressed concern about the increase in rates for Lower Hutt

- Concerns that inflation was used as a reason for our rates increases
- Support for the establishment of the coastal trail (3)
- Concern about wind power in our parks and forests (2)
- Energy matters featured in submissions more prominently than it has in the past (9). They include a submission from Mobil Oil New Zealand.

### 3.3 Specific requests for funding

Three organisations have specifically requested funding from Greater Wellington for projects.

<b>Organisation</b>	<b>Project</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Sustainable Wairarapa	Wairarapa Regional Irrigation Project	<b>\$25,000</b>
Karori Wildlife Sanctuary	Ongoing works and services support	<b>\$25,000</b>
The Friends of Queen Elizabeth Park	Restore 2km of Whareroa Stream	<b>\$50,000</b>

## 4. Recommendation

*That the Policy, Finance and Strategy Subcommittee receives the report and notes the information.*

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