

## **Notice of Hearing – Hearing Stream 3 – Proposed Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan**

Pursuant to Part 1 and Part 4 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991

**Proposed Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (Change 1) –  
Hearing Stream 3 - Rural Land Use Activities, Vegetation Clearance and Commercial Forestry,  
and Earthworks**

**Date: 19<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**

**Venue: Greater Wellington Regional Council Chamber,**

**100 Cuba Street, Te Aro, Wellington 6011**

***(Back up venue, Naumi Hotel, 10 Dunlop Street  
Wellington 6011)***

Greater Wellington Regional Council is now at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Hearing Stream stage of hearings on submissions on Change 1, where submitters can speak to the Hearing Panels about their submissions. The hearings are public, and you are welcome to attend any part of the hearing to listen to proceedings, even if you are not speaking to a submission. Hearings will take place in person and with full provision for on-line access.

There are two Hearing Panels appointed for this hearing with overlapping membership:

- The Part 1, Schedule 1 (P1S1) Hearings Panel, appointed by the Council, who will hear and make recommendations on submissions in relation to the Part 1, Schedule 1 provisions of Change 1.
- The Freshwater Hearings Panel (FHP), appointed by the Chief Freshwater Commissioner, who will hear submissions on the Freshwater Planning Instrument component of Change 1.

The hearings will be split up into 5 streams, each covering specific topics. This notice relates only to Hearing Stream 3 - Rural Land Use Activities, Vegetation Clearance and Commercial Forestry, and Earthworks.

This is formal notice that **Hearing Stream Three (HS3) will commence on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May** and will cover Rural Land Use Activities, Vegetation Clearance and Commercial Forestry, and Earthworks topics of Change 1 and submission points that address these matters.

The section 42A hearing reports for HS3 are now available on the Council [website](#).

**Important information for Submitters:**

- Greater Wellington's evidence will be available on the Greater Wellington website by Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2025.
- Submitters who wish to be heard at the hearing or wish to present a joint case at the hearing must inform the Hearings Advisor by filling out the [Expression of interest online form](#) or emailing by 5th May 2025 that they wish to do so. *Virtual speaking options will be made available.*
- Submitter evidence and legal submissions must be sent to the Hearings Advisor by 5th May 2025.
- The Hearing Panels have encouraged submitters to file any electronic presentations or submission summaries supporting a submitter speaking at the hearing to the Hearings Advisor by 12th May 2025.
- The Hearings Panels have advised that submitter presentations should be approximately 10 minutes, with time for questions from the Hearing Panels following this.
  - If you require a longer presentation time, you need to request this by contacting our Hearings Advisor by 5th May 2025. This request should identify why extra time is required, and an indication of how much extra time you may require.
  - The Hearing Panels will have read all submissions, evidence, and pre-circulated documents prior to the hearing. Your presentation should focus on the key points of your submission.
- If you require a translator (NZ Sign or Te Reo Māori) please notify the Hearings Advisor by 5th May 2025.

**Hearings Advisor** – Joshua Ruddock at [regionalplan@gw.govt.nz](mailto:regionalplan@gw.govt.nz)

The schedule for HS3 will be made available on the Council's website for reference 5 working days prior to Hearing Stream two commencing. All associated documents (Submitter Statements of Evidence, Rebuttal, Supplementary Evidence, and Submitter Presentations etc.) will also be uploaded to this page as they become available through the hearings process. The Hearings will be accessible via Microsoft Teams link, found on the [Greater Wellington Regional Council Website](#).

**Location and Parking**

The Greater Wellington Regional Council Office in Wellington City is located at [100 Cuba Street, Te Aro](#). The entrance is in front of the Cuba Street Bucket Fountain. Greater Wellington does not provide parking for speakers or audience members without prior arrangement. The [Marion Street covered](#) carpark is recommended for standard circumstances.

Speakers and audience members will need to sign in at the front desk, so please ensure that you



plan extra time for this. The council chamber is located past the front desk and at the end of the left side halfway. This will be signposted on the day. Please reach out to our front desk staff if you are having any difficulties finding the room.

**Further assistance:**

For any questions about the Change 1 hearings that are not covered by the website content, please contact our team at [regionalplan@gw.govt.nz](mailto:regionalplan@gw.govt.nz).

If you have any questions regarding how to present a submission at a hearing, please email our independent Friend of the Submitter at: [friend.of.Submitter@gw.govt.nz](mailto:friend.of.Submitter@gw.govt.nz).