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# Submission on proposed Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region, 2009

Pursuant to Clause 6 of the first Schedule and Section 79 of the Resource Management Act 1991

## Submission can be:

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## Submission

1. The specific parts of the proposed Regional Policy Statement that our submission relates to are as follows:

- 3.3 Energy, Infrastructure and Waste,
- 3.7 Landscape

(Clearly indicate which parts of the document you support or oppose, or wish to have amendments made to. Please continue on separate sheet(s), if necessary)

2. Our submission is that:

### 3.3 Energy, infrastructure and waste

We support policies that improve energy efficiency and conservation.

We do not support the statements associated with renewable energy. The statements associated with renewable energy, suggesting that the Wellington region should diversify and maximise renewable energy resources, should only be considered in a national context. It is not possible for every region of New Zealand to be self-sufficient in energy, nor is it realistic, just as we do not expect each region to supply its own food!! Wellington contributes to the national economy in other ways.

To date GWRC has put resources into supporting wind energy with less regard for landscape, social and health impacts and effects on amenity values. The Regional Policy Statement should give more regard to these. There also needs to be more emphasis on what Wellington can do effectively, i.e. energy efficiency and less on renewable energy projects that have a negative impact on the community.

### 3.7 Landscape

The statements associated with landscape note that the distinctive aspects of Wellington's landscapes are at risk of being lost or degraded particularly affecting more sensitive landscapes such as ridgelines and the coast.

We fully support policies that prevent inappropriate modification and destruction of outstanding natural features and landscapes.

We note that to date GWRC has not implemented or supported any plans that help protect landscapes with particular reference to wind farms in the Wellington Region. Both Makara / West Wind and Ohariu / Mill Creek wind farms have been consented with little/no protection from regional landscape policies. GWRC is instrumental in the Puketiro Wind Farm as well as the possibility of a wind farm on Belmont Regional Park.

We would like to see stronger policies that protect the landscapes in the Wellington area from inappropriate development such as wind farms.

### Please tick applicable box(es)

We do wish to be heard in support of our submission (This means that you wish to speak at the hearing)

Signature:



Date: ...7/06/09.....