

**BEFORE THE INDEPENDENT HEARINGS PANELS APPOINTED TO HEAR AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS ON SUBMISSIONS AND FURTHER SUBMISSIONS ON PROPOSED  
PLAN CHANGE 1 TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES PLAN FOR THE WELLINGTON REGION**

**UNDER** the Resource Management Act 1991 (the  
Act)

**AND**

**IN THE MATTER** of Hearing of Submissions and Further  
Submissions on Proposed Plan Change 1  
to the Natural Resources Plan for the  
Wellington Region under Schedule 1 of  
the Act

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**Greater Wellington Regional Council**

**Nigel Corry CEO**

**Introduction to Plan Change 1**

**HEARING STREAM 1 – OVERARCHING**

**3 OCTOBER 2024**

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## INTRODUCTION

1 My full name is Nigel Corry. I have been the Chief Executive of Greater Wellington Regional Council (**the Council**) since September 2021. I have been at the Council in various roles since 2005.

## OVERVIEW

2 I have prepared this introduction on behalf of the Council as the proponent of Proposed Plan Change 1 to the Natural Resources Plan for the Wellington Region (**PC1**), to address the vision, aspiration and context of this plan change.

3 I will speak to the following points at Hearing Stream 1:

- The Council's long-term commitment to improving the health of freshwater.
- The Council's active, enduring and evolving commitment to partnership with mana whenua across the region, including in the management of freshwater. This includes recognition of mana whenua – Ngāti Toa Rangatira and Taranaki Whānui ki te Upoko o te Ika – and their visions for freshwater.
- The ongoing commitment of Council to collaborate with mana whenua, territorial authorities and communities to implement the National Policy Statement for Freshwater Management, including to set objectives for freshwater and identify and implement regulatory and non-regulatory actions to achieve these objectives, through the Whaitua Programme.
- The Council's decision to continue with hearings for PC1 while also recognising the need to adapt to changing national direction as it happens.
- The Council's commitment to carefully consider matters raised in submissions and the Independent Hearing Panels' recommendations, to seek to improve PC1 within the ambit of the relevant Whaitua Committees' recommendations, mana whenua companion documents and legal requirements to improve the health of waterways in Te Awarua-o-Porirua and Te Whanganui-a-Tara.

**DATE:**

**3 OCTOBER 2024**

**NIGEL CORRY**

**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, TE PANE  
MATUA TAIAO GREATER WELLINGTON  
REGIONAL COUNCIL**