

# PUBLIC NOTICE OF WAIKATO REGIONAL POLICY STATEMENT – CHANGE 1 – NATIONAL POLICY STATEMENT ON URBAN DEVELOPMENT 2020 AND FUTURE PROOF STRATEGY UPDATE

## CLAUSE 5, SCHEDULE 1, RESOURCE MANAGEMENT ACT 1991

Waikato Regional Council has prepared Change 1 – National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 and Future Proof Strategy update to the Waikato Regional Policy Statement (WRPS) and is now calling for submissions.

The Waikato Regional Council is required to amend the WRPS to give effect to requirements in the National Policy Statement on Urban Development 2020 (NPS-UD) and to also reflect recent changes to the Future Proof Strategy. The amendment to the WRPS includes:

1. A revised urban form and development chapter to ensure that the WRPS is giving effect to the NPS-UD.
2. Deleting the specific provisions relating to growth strategies prepared by territorial authorities outside of the Future Proof subregion (Policies UFD-P7 and UFD-P8). These have been replaced with generic provisions to guide preparation of, and give weight to, growth strategies.
3. Updating the provisions in the WRPS that relate to the Future Proof subregion to reflect the updated Future Proof Strategy. This includes the outcomes of the Hamilton to Auckland Corridor Plan, the Hamilton-Waikato Metro Spatial Plan (MSP), the MSP Transport Programme Business Case, and the Three Waters Sub-Regional Study.

## WHERE WRPS CHANGE 1 CAN BE VIEWED

Proposed WRPS Change 1 is available to view at Council offices in Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupo and Whitianga, at all regional public libraries and online at <https://waikatoregion.govt.nz/council/policy-and-plans/regional-policy-statement/rps-changes-npsud2020/>

## MAKING A SUBMISSION

Anyone can make a submission on WRPS Change 1 online or by picking up at hard copy of the submission form at Waikato Regional Council's offices at Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupo and Whitianga, or at all regional public libraries. You don't have to be an expert, a resident or ratepayer of the Waikato region to make a submission. However, if you could gain an advantage through trade competition from the submission, you can only submit if you are directly affected by an effect or the proposal that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition of the effects of trade competition.

Submissions can be:

- delivered to Council offices in Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupo and Whitianga.
- posted to Freepost 172189, Waikato Regional Council, Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240, Attn: Waikato Regional Policy Statement – Change 1 Submission.
- emailed to [strategicanDSPatialplanning@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:strategicanDSPatialplanning@waikatoregion.govt.nz)

The submission period starts on 18 October 2022 and closes on 16 December 2022.

You must state in your submission whether you wish to be heard in support of your submission. The relief you seek through your submission must be clearly set out.

Staff are available to discuss any concerns or questions with you. Please make contact via email at [strategicanDSPatialplanning@waikatoregion.govt.nz](mailto:strategicanDSPatialplanning@waikatoregion.govt.nz)

## PROCESS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- After submissions have closed, Waikato Regional Council will prepare a summary of decisions requested by submitters and give public notice of the availability of this summary and where both the summary and submissions can be viewed.
- The following persons may make a further submission in support of, or in opposition to, the submissions already made:
  - Any person representing a relevant aspect of the public interest.
  - Any person who has an interest in the proposal greater than the general public has.
  - Council itself.
- If a person making a submission asks to be heard in support of their submission, a hearing must be held.
- Waikato Regional Council must give its decision on the provisions and matters raised in the submissions (including its reasons for accepting or rejecting submissions) and give public notice of its decision within 2 years of notification.
- Any person who has made a submission has the right to appeal against the decision on WRPS Change 1 to the Environment Court. Any appeal must be confined to matters referred to in the submission or further submission.

**Notification date: 18 OCTOBER 2022**

**SUBMISSIONS CLOSE ON 16 DECEMBER 2022 at 5PM**

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