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# Appendix K

## RMA planning objectives and policies

## Objectives and Policies

The following objectives and policies are implicit in the overall AEE and specialist assessments prepared for the Long Gully consent application.

### Wellington Regional Policy Statement

(NB: These provisions are from the operative RPS and will change significantly when they are superseded by provisions in the currently proposed RPS)

#### Energy

##### Objective 1

Energy demand is moderated and energy that is needed is produced, distributed and used efficiently so as to reduce impacts on the environment and to make effective use of limited energy resources.

##### Objective 2

An increasing proportion of energy is provided by sources that are renewable.

##### Objective 3

Adverse local and global environmental effects of energy production, transportation, transmission, conversion and end use are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

##### Policy 1

To promote a more efficient match between the characteristics of different energy sources and the required end uses:

- In production processes and activities (including production and transmission of energy);
- In the management of energy needs for commercial buildings and businesses; and
- In domestic energy service requirements.

##### Policy 2

To promote a moderation in energy demand and efficient energy use:

- In production processes and activities (including production and transmission of energy);
- In the operation of equipment and appliances; and
- Through the development of energy efficient products and services.

##### Policy 4

To promote efficient and effective use and management of all energy resources in the shortterm, and the adoption and use of appropriate renewable energy resources for industry, commerce and domestic energy services in the longer term.

##### Policy

To promote efficient energy production from the Region's renewable energy assets, where the effects of the development are environmentally acceptable.

Policy 7

To avoid, remedy or mitigate effects on the atmosphere, including emissions of greenhouse gases, that result from energy production, transportation, transmission, conversion and end use, consistent with national standards and international protocols.

Policy 8

To avoid, remedy or mitigate pollution of soil, water and ecosystems that arise from energy production, transportation, conversion and end use consistent with any standards or rules that may be set for managing such effects.

Policy 9

To avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects on human health that arise from the production, transmission, transportation, conversion and end use of energy.

## Landscape and Heritage

Objective 1

Protection of nationally and regionally outstanding geological features, landforms, soil sites and other natural features of the Region from inappropriate subdivision, use and development.

Objective 2

Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of human activities on the Region's natural and physical resources so that the quality of any regionally outstanding landscape which those resources contribute to are maintained.

Objective 3

Recognising, conserving and sustaining for the future the cultural heritage of the region

Objective 4

Maintaining and enhancing the attributes of natural and physical resources which provides for regional recreational opportunity.

## Coastal

Objective 1

1. The protection of nationally and regionally significant areas and values;
2. The protection of the integrity, functioning and resilience of physical and ecological processes in the coastal environment;
3. The restoration and rehabilitation of degraded areas; and
4. The management of subdivision, use and development, and the allocation of resources in the coastal environment so that adverse effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

## Air

Policy 6

To avoid or minimise, where appropriate and practicable, the discharge of contaminants to air at their source by the development and implementation of improved control technology and by good pollution control practice.

Policy 7

To promote the use of energy sources and transport fuels that are low or non-polluting of the atmosphere.

Policy 9

To promote measures that achieve a net reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances.

## Landscape and Heritage

The objectives and policies that address the management of regionally significant landscapes and heritage features in the Region refer to the following:

- Protection of nationally and regionally outstanding geological features, landforms, soil sites and other natural features of the Region from inappropriate subdivision, use and development. (Landscape and Heritage Objective 1)
- Avoiding, remedying or mitigating the adverse effects of human activities on the Region's natural and physical resources so that the quality of any regionally outstanding landscape which those resources contribute to are maintained. (Landscape and Heritage Objective 2)
- Recognising, conserving and sustaining for the future the cultural heritage of the region (Landscape and Heritage Objective 3).
- Maintaining and enhancing the attributes of natural and physical resources which provides for regional recreational opportunity (Landscape and Heritage Objective 4).

## Coastal

The Regional Policy Statement seeks to preserve the natural character of the coastal environment through the following (Coastal Objective 1):

1. The protection of nationally and regionally significant areas and values;
2. The protection of the integrity, functioning and resilience of physical and ecological processes in the coastal environment;
3. The restoration and rehabilitation of degraded areas; and
4. The management of subdivision, use and development, and the allocation of resources in the coastal environment so that adverse effects are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

## Air

Policy 7

To promote the use of energy sources and transport fuels that are low or non-polluting of the atmosphere.

Policy 9

To promote measures that achieve a net reduction in the emission of greenhouse gases and ozone depleting substances.

## Wellington District Plan

### Renewable Energy

#### Objective 25.2.1

To encourage efficiency in energy use and the development and use of energy from renewable sources.

#### Policies

##### 25.2.1.1

Encourage the efficient use of energy and the greater use of renewable energy.

##### 25.2.1.2

Provide for renewable energy development, while at the same time avoiding, remedying or mitigating adverse effects on the environment.

### Rural

#### Objectives

##### 14.2.2

To maintain and enhance the character of the Rural Area by managing the scale, location, rate and design of new building development.

##### 14.2.1

To promote the efficient use and development of natural and physical resources in the Rural Area.

##### 14.2.3

To maintain and enhance the amenity values and rural character of Rural Areas.

#### Policies

##### 14.2.1.3

Encourage energy efficiency and where appropriate, the development and use of renewable energy within the Rural Area.

##### 14.2.2.1

Control the number, location and design of new building developments and activities to avoid, remedy or mitigate their adverse effects on the rural character and landscape.

##### 14.2.2.2

Control the location of new structures and earthworks on ridgelines and hilltops.

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Control the construction and siting of new buildings, structures and earthworks on identified ridgelines and hilltops in ways that avoid, remedy or mitigate adverse visual effects on the rural character.

##### 14.2.2.4

Seek to ensure that activities located in the Rural Area do not have harmful effects on urban areas.

##### 14.2.3.1

Control non-rural activities to ensure that their potential adverse effects on the rural environment are avoided, remedied or mitigated.

14.2.3.2

Control the adverse effects of noise within the Rural Area.

## Natural Features, Ecosystems and Habitats

### Objective 14.2.5

To maintain and enhance natural features (including landscapes and ecosystems) that contribute to Wellington's natural environment.

#### Policies

##### 14.2.5.1

Protect significant escarpments and coastal cliffs from development and visual obstruction.

##### 14.2.5.2

Restrict the construction of structures on undeveloped skylines and ridges that make an important contribution to the landscape of Wellington.

##### 14.2.5.3

Ensure that any approved earthworks are designed and engineered to reflect natural landforms.

##### 14.2.5.4

Encourage retention of existing vegetation, especially established trees and existing native vegetation.

## Transportation

### Objective

14.2.9 To enable efficient, convenient and safe access for people and goods within the Rural Area.

#### Policy

14.2.9.1 Manage the road network to avoid, remedy or mitigate any adverse effects of road traffic on Rural Areas.

## Heritage

### Objective 20.2.1

To maintain and enhance the city's heritage to ensure continuity with the past in the development of the city.

#### Policy 20.2.1.3

Manage the effects of activities that cause the loss of heritage values associated with listed items.

## Tangata Whenua

### Objective 14.2.11

To facilitate and enable the exercise of tino rangatiratanga and kaitiakitanga by Wellington's tangata whenua and other Maori.

#### Policy 14.2.11.1

Identify, define and protect sites and precincts of significance to tangata whenua and other Maori using methods acceptable to tangata whenua and other Maori.

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## Utilities

Objective 22.2.1

To provide for the efficient development and maintenance of utility networks throughout the city while avoiding, remedying or mitigating any adverse effects of activities on the environment.