

Preface

The Wellington region is well positioned to build on its successes to date, while addressing the current external drivers of change:

- The emerging changes in the external operating environment;
- The inherent planning dysfunctionality of the current legislative framework;
- The Minister's "Smarter Government – Stronger Communities" programme;
- A "powered up" Auckland region; and
- The business case for greater regional collaboration.

The critical issue in addressing these drivers is how the Wellington region can genuinely collaborate and agree on necessary changes to further enhance the region.

History has shown that if there is no legislative imperative, local government units will not give up power and control. If Wellington as a region is to succeed it will require a bold approach underpinned by strong and focused political leadership to drive change.

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Dear Max

Wellington Governance Review

We are pleased to present our report which contains the results of the Wellington Governance Review.

There are a number of issues and opportunities that the region should consider in the context of regional governance. These matters if addressed, will provide a platform for strengthening the functioning of local government within local communities, the Wellington region and nationally.

Yours sincerely



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