

Chairperson and Committee Members
REGULATORY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

3 SEPTEMBER 2015

Meeting Status: **Public**

Purpose of Report: For Information

SEPTEMBER 2015 UPDATE ON THE PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN

PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 This report summarises activities carried out since the last update provided to the Regulatory Management Committee on 23 July 2015.

DELEGATION

- 2 This report is for information purposes and does not seek a decision.

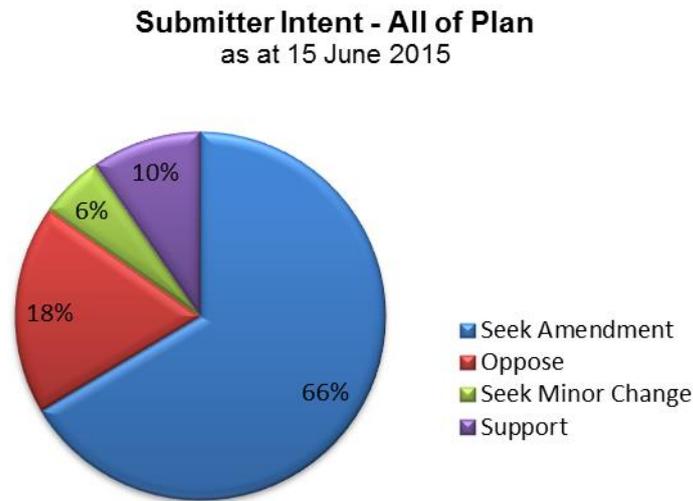
BACKGROUND

- 3 On 24 July 2014, the Council chose Option 4 recommended by the Independent Review of the Proposed District Plan (PDP). This option is to continue with a modified PDP process which addresses the Plan as a whole using the 'basket of tools' available to the Council.

ANALYSIS OF SUBMISSION POINTS

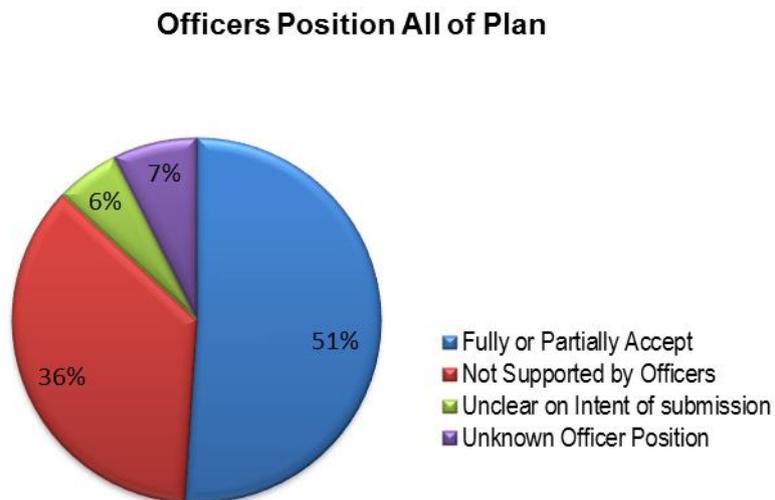
- 4 The PDP team has completed an analysis of all submission points. This included categorising each point according to 'submitter intent' ie whether the point sought amendment, opposed, sought minor changes, or supported the PDP. Figure 1 below summarises the submitter intent for all remaining submission points. It does not include the submission points that wholly relate to the plan provisions withdrawn on 30 October 2014.
- 5 There are approximately 9000 submission points and 770 submitters. Just over 900 of the submission points (or ten percent) support an aspect of the PDP. Figure 1 below summarises the submitter intent for each submission point. It is important to realise that most submitters have more than one submission point, and some have more than 100 submission points.

Figure 1



- 6 The analysis also identified the position recommended by Council officers or consultants as at 15 June 2015 (and documented in the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP) for each submission point. This is summarised in figure 2 below.

Figure 2



- 7 As at 15 June and release of the SEV, over 4,500 submission points were proposed to be fully or partially accepted by Council. The Engagement Plan dated 28 May 2015 included Key Performance Indicators(KPI) for the PDP and the first KPI was to "maximise resolution of submissions prior to the pre-hearing stage of the PDP process". As at the 15 June, an "Excellent" outcome rating has been achieved for this KPI. As engagement activities and work continue through to pre-hearings, it is likely that the number of fully and partially accepted submission points will increase.

- 8 The category of 'Unknown Officer Position' in figure 2 indicates that there is ongoing analysis and work to be completed before an officer position can be determined for these submission points. The officer position on some submission points will change over time, as additional information is obtained. This could result from the submitter providing further information or from additional technical work done for the Council. It is anticipated that the analysis of the officers' position will be updated closer to the hearing time.

ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

- 9 The following table lists the external engagement activities that have taken place since the last update which recorded activities up to 2 July 2015.

Date	Who	Chapter / topic
7 July	Rural submitter	7 - Rural zones
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8 July	Individual submitter	3 & 4 Natural and Coastal environments
8 July	Greater Wellington Regional Council	2 - Objectives & 10 - Historic heritage
9 July	Individual submitter Friends of Te Hapua Dunes	3 - Natural environment and 9 - Hazards
9 July	Rural submitter	3 - Natural environment
10 July	Federated Farmers	3 - Natural environment
13 July	Individual submitter (phone call)	9 - Hazards
14 July	Maypole Environmental Ltd	9 - Hazards & 10 - Historic heritage
17 July	Greater Wellington	9 - Hazards
22 July	Rural submitter	11 - Infrastructure
22 July	NZ ART (Amateur Radio Transmitters Inc) Kapiti Amateur Radio Society	12 - General provisions
28 July	Department of Conservation	2 - Objectives, 8 - Open space, 9 - Hazards
29 July	Greater Wellington Regional Council	Mapping
29 July	Federated Farmers	Non-regulatory methods
3 August	Rural submitter	3 - Natural environment & 7 - Rural zones
4 August	Rural submitter	7 - Rural zones
4 August	Rural submitter	7 - Rural zones
4 August	NZ Heavy Haulage - House movers	5 - Living zones

Date	Who	Chapter / topic
4 August	Horticulture NZ	1- Intro & Interpretation, 2 - Objectives, 3 - Natural environment, 7- Rural zones & 9 - Hazards
5 August	Department of Conservation	3 & 4 Natural and Coastal environments
6 August	Rural submitter	7 - Rural zones
6 August	Submitter	5 - Living zones
7 August	Rural submitter	3 - Natural environment & 7 - Rural zones
10 August	Submitter	2 - Objectives, 5 - Living zones
12 August	Rural Issues Group	Landscapes
13 August	Ministry for the Environment	Financial contributions

10 Figure 3 below shows the number of submitter meetings per chapter that have occurred, or are scheduled to occur, since the release of the SEV on 15 June 2015. Some meetings cover more than one chapter.

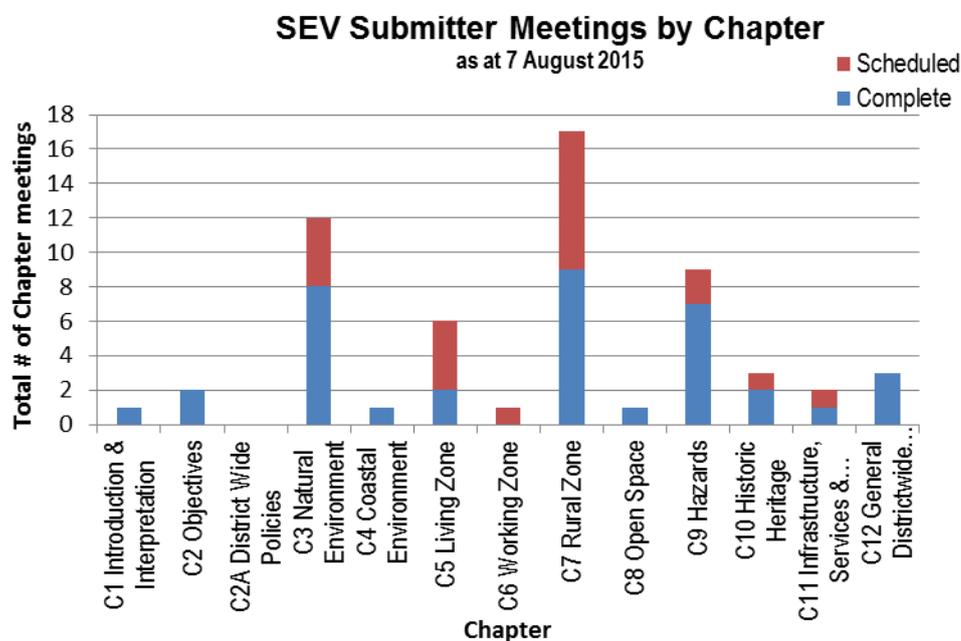


Figure 3

11 Figure 4 below shows the total number of submitter meetings that have occurred per month since the release of the SEV.

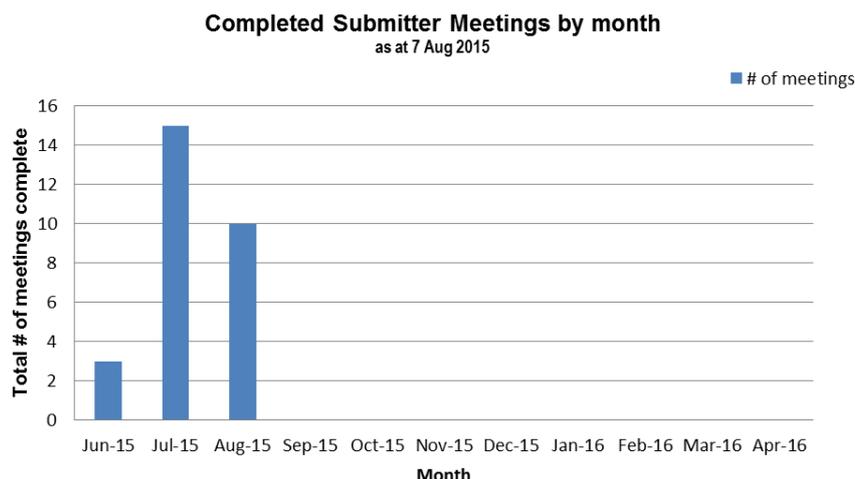


Figure 4

- 12 Feedback given by submitters at these meetings is that they are dissatisfied with the length of time and process of the PDP until the 15 June. However, submitters are acknowledging that the SEV is generally an improvement. Most submitters who have met with Chapter Leads to date have been satisfied with the meeting process and discussion.
- 13 The PDP team has also been receiving public feedback in response to the early engagement on a possible Urban Trees Variation.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

- 14 Other activities undertaken by the PDP team since the last update include:
 - Report to the Environment and Community Development Committee recommending lodgement of a Council submission to the proposed National Environment Standard on plantation forestry. Lodgement of the submission.
 - Report to Council meeting of 11 August on issues and options for a potential urban tree variation.
 - Start of review of the Proposed Natural Resources Plan notified 31 July, and closing for submission on 25 September. A briefing to councillors is programmed for 3 September. This will be followed by an officer's report recommending matters which could be supported or opposed in a Council submission.

CONSIDERATIONS

Policy considerations

- 15 There are no policy considerations that need to be referenced.

Legal considerations

- 16 There are no legal considerations that need to be referenced. Simpson Grierson provided legal input into the preparation of the Submitter Engagement Version of the PDP and will continue to do so as required.

Financial considerations

17 Costs are within budget for the 2015/16 financial year.

Implementation plan update

18 The implementation plan is attached as Attachment 1.

Tāngata whenua considerations

19 There are no specific tāngata whenua considerations in this update report.

SIGNIFICANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

Degree of significance

20 The PDP is now in the statutory phase between the close of submissions and the commencement of hearings. As the PDP process has already been adopted by the Council this report has a low degree of significance.

Engagement

21 The PDP implementation plan (refer to Attachment 1) provides for additional submitter engagement and prehearing meetings which are not required under the RMA. The submitter engagement phase is specifically identified in the implementation plan and runs until March 2016. Submitters who wish to provide written feedback to the Submitter Engagement Version are being encouraged to do so by the end of September 2015.

Publicity and communications

22 There is a Communications Plan for the PDP. In line with this, a brief PDP Update Newsletter was provided to submitters in late July. The update summarised the key messages about the submitter engagement process from the previous update and noted that submitters needed to get back to Council with written comments on the SEV by the end of September.

RECOMMENDATIONS

23 That the Regulatory Management Committee notes report SP-15-1679.

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ATTACHMENTS

1 PDP Implementation Plan

