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Dear Sir/Madam

Notification of the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan - Te Mahere Takutai Moana ā-Rohe o Waikato e Marohitia Nei

This letter is to advise you that the Waikato Regional Council is notifying the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan (proposed plan) for submissions on 18 August 2023, with the submission period closing Tuesday 14 November 2023.

You may wish to make a submission on the proposed plan.

Background

Council has reviewed the operative Waikato Regional Coastal Plan which is the rulebook for certain activities in the coastal marine area – the area from the mean high water springs landward boundary (high tide mark) extending out 12 nautical miles (approximately 20km). The coastal plan sets out objectives, policies, rules and methods that the council will use to manage the effects of activities in the region's coastal marine area under the Resource Management Act 1991.

Where to from here

The submission period closes on **Tuesday 14 November 2023**. A submission form can be downloaded from www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/proposed-rcp.

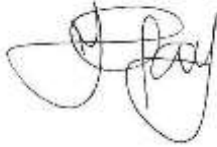
The following documents, which contain further information about the proposed plan will be available on the Waikato Regional Council website from 18 August 2023 at www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/proposed-rcp.

- A copy of the public notice – 18 August 2023 (also attached to this letter)
- A copy of the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan
- Background information on the changes that have been made.
- The Section 32 evaluation report.
- Material incorporated by reference.

A copy of the proposed plan and Section 32 evaluation documents can also be viewed at Council offices in Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupō and Whitianga, and public libraries throughout the region.

If you wish to discuss any matters relating to the proposed plan, please contact Waikato Regional Council on 0800 800 401 or email submissions@waikatoregion.govt.nz

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tracey May', with a stylized, cursive script.

Tracey May
Director, Science, Policy and Information

PUBLIC NOTIFICATION OF PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN - TE MAHERE TAKUTAI MOANA Ā-ROHE O WAIKATO E MAROHITIA NEI

Pursuant to Clause 5 of Schedule 1 to the Resource Management Act 1991, the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan is now open for submissions.

The Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan sets out the objectives, policies, rules and methods that the Waikato Regional Council will use to promote sustainable management of the region's natural and physical resources in the coastal marine area. Certain rules have immediate legal effect from the date of notification.

WHERE THE PROPOSED WAIKATO REGIONAL COASTAL PLAN CAN BE VIEWED

The Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan can be viewed at Council offices in Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupō and Whitianga, at public libraries throughout the region, and online at www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/proposed-rcp.

MAKING A SUBMISSION

Anyone may make a submission on the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan (except that a person who could gain an advantage in trade competition through their submission may only make a submission if they are directly affected by an effect of the Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan that adversely affects the environment and does not relate to trade competition or the effects of trade competition). A submission form can be downloaded from www.waikatoregion.govt.nz/proposed-rcp.

Submission forms can also be collected from Waikato Regional Council's offices at Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupo and Whitianga, or from any public library in the region.

Submissions can be made by:

- emailing the completed submission form to submissions@waikatoregion.govt.nz and including as the subject "Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan – Submission".
- posting the completed submission form to Freepost 172189, Waikato Regional Council, Private Bag 3038, Waikato Mail Centre, Hamilton 3240, Attn: Proposed Waikato Regional Coastal Plan – Submission.
- delivering the completed submission form to Council offices in Hamilton, Paeroa, Taupo or Whitianga.

The submission period starts on Friday 18 August 2023 and closes on Tuesday 14 November 2023 at 5pm.

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 submissions@waikatoregion.govt.nz.

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

- After submissions have closed, Waikato Regional Council will publish a summary of all submissions received.
- There will then be an opportunity for certain persons to make a further submission supporting or opposing submissions already made.
- The Waikato Regional Council will give public notice of a hearing of submissions.
- At the hearing of submissions you will have an opportunity to speak in support of your submission.
- Waikato Regional Council will provide public notice of its final decision.
- There is an opportunity for submitters to appeal Council's decisions to the Environment Court.
- Final approval of the plan is made by the Minister of Conservation.

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Chief Executive

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