

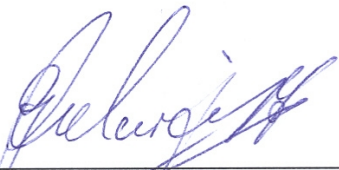
**The Proposed One Plan –
the Consolidated Resource Policy Statement,
Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan for the
Manawatu-Wanganui Region**

It is hereby certified that this is the Proposed Manawatu-Wanganui Region Resource Policy Statement, Regional Plan and Regional Coastal Plan, adopted by resolution of the Council on the 24th day of April 2007.

The Council further resolved that the Plan shall be publicly notified on the 31st day of May 2007.

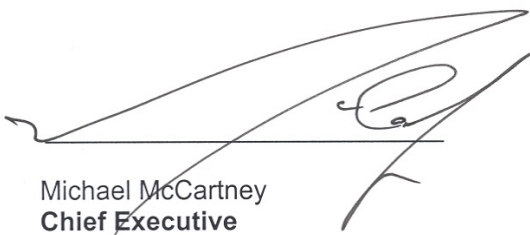
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In the presence of:



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Chairman





Michael McCartney
Chief Executive

Date: 03 May 2007

Foreword

The idea of developing a single resource management plan combining the regional policy statement and regional plans began some four years ago. The idea was not simply about joining the existing plans together, it was underpinned by the vision of a plan that was simple, comprehensive, focused on what was important and, most significantly, focused on results.

A massive undertaking by anyone's standards. So why now and why us?

The One Plan was our opportunity to create a plan based on good scientific information and clearer expectations about what is acceptable and unacceptable in relation to resource use. We wanted to start and then continue the process by working closely with our community, creating a mutual understanding and determination to tackle our Region's issues.

The initial review of the Manawatu-Wanganui Region's Resource Management documents, and Policy Statement began in October 2004. A far-reaching and innovative consultation process ensured that every person and dwelling in our Region received regular up-dates and the opportunity to be involved in the development of four working documents and a Draft One Plan. It was important to us to use dialogue to find out how resource use has changed in our Region and how future developments and expectations could affect our use of every-day resources - so our mantra became "anyone, anywhere, at any time".

The consultation process helped us create a plan that is more user-friendly – a "one-stop-shop" for all of Horizons environmental policy. As you delve into the document you will find Part I - The Regional Policy Statement, encompasses chapters one to ten, our new rules suite at Part II - The Regional Plan, chapters eleven through to eighteen, and the supporting schedules under the Annexes tab.

Nearly four years of consultation also helped us identify the "Big Four" issues on which our Region's community and stakeholders would like us to deliver. They are water quality; water quantity; biodiversity; and sustainable land use.

Focusing our environmental management resources on four issues rather than spreading our efforts thinly on every conceivable issue represents a bold new approach to resource management in New Zealand. To ensure that this approach is achievable, we linked our business planning with the One Plan, via our Community Plan process. This means that when we make a promise we can deliver.

I am happy to present the One Plan – the Manawatu-Wanganui Regional Resource Management Plan, incorporating the Regional Policy Statement and Regional Coast Plan. I look forward to continuing our conversations as we enter the Notification and submission period.



Garrick Murfitt
Chairman

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