

## Submission on Proposed One Plan

I endorse the vision in the One Plan for tackling the four environmental issues. It's not clear though how the Region's resources over the next ten years will be allocated relative to the issues raised and whether they will be affordable. If for example, one accepts the premise that climate change will be the most urgent problem facing the Region in the next ten years (as indicated in section 1.4), then agriculture, biodiversity, land and water resources will be most sensitive. Undoubtedly, climate change will also affect the Region's coastal system. In the case of Palmerston North though it seems the quality of the water and the risk of flooding will be the main concerns of people living in the City. These along with maintaining clean waterways will need to be given a high priority when adopting the One Plan. Palmerston North is often considered the best provincial City in New Zealand. It can also rightly claim to be at the leading edge of renewable energy in New Zealand. For this reason more attention needs to be given in the One Plan to wind power installation and its affects on the regional landscape. What is needed is a detailed and overall plan provided in the One Plan on the developments of windmills over the next ten years and more direction given (perhaps in Chapter 7), in reference to energy infrastructure with land use. Furthermore, now that legislation has been passed it would good to see firmer commitment made in the One Plan for waste minimization. As for other policies I am happy to support them and accordingly look forward to the One Plan being adopted.

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