
REPORT 12
(1215/13/IM)

**RATIFICATION OF MAKARA/OHARIU COMMUNITY
BOARD SUBMISSION:**

- **WELLINGTON CITY COUNCIL 2008/09 DRAFT
ANNUAL PLAN**
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It is recommended that the Makara/Ohariu Community Board:

1. *Receive the information.*
2. *Ratify the Board submission to the Wellington City Council 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan.*

Attached is the Board submission to the:

- Wellington City Council 2008/09 Draft Annual Plan (Appendix 1)

APPENDIX 1

Makara Ohariu Community Board
c/o Chairperson
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23 May 2008

Submission of the **MAKARA OHARIU COMMUNITY BOARD**

on

Wellington City Council

Draft Annual Plan 2008-09

Urban Planning and Policy

The Makara Ohariu Community Board supports the idea of urban containment and managed growth so that urban development does not encroach into the rural area of the city. The Board wishes to see the rural character of the rural area maintained for residents and recreational users from the urban area.

We support the initiative to dispense with resource consent fees on heritage buildings.

Environment

The Board supports implementation of the Pest Management Plan. Goat control is an ongoing issue for the rural area, particularly Makara, which is now becoming unmanageable by private landowners. The Makara Ohariu Community Board is actively pursuing an independent landowner agreement to kick-off a total feral goat eradication scheme on the Southwest Peninsula of Wellington city.

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Rates, Charges and Spending

Increased resource consent fees, particularly for a non-notified land use consent such as the erection of farm sheds in the rural area, may result in non-compliant structures being built in order to avoid the fee. The Board suggests that animal and or/ animal feed shelters and/or farm buildings of a medium size that are not intended to be used for human habitation be charged a lesser fee.

With an increase in landfill fees, however small, the rural area usually experiences increased dumping of rubbish. We urge increased support or systems to enable prompt pick up in the rural area where this has occurred.

As long as rural residents are continue to pay 100% of the general rate, the Makara Ohariu Community Board supports retention of household rubbish and recycling collection in the rural area.

The Makara Ohariu Community Board fully supports the Rural Open Space Remission of 50% for rural properties of greater than 30Ha.

We are concerned about the ramifications of a return to a three year valuation scheme, when the last valuation on rural properties in Wellington saw a 20% increase for some properties. We do not envisage this unusually high valuation being retained over the next three years due to the current economic climate and suggest a return to the valuations of the previous year for a more accurate picture.

Ruth Paul

Chairperson
Makara Ohariu Community Board.