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PUBLIC NOTICE

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**PROPOSED DISTRICT PLAN CHANGE 14 – CHANGES TO THE  
UTILITY RULES (CHAPTERS 22 & 23) AND ASSOCIATED  
DEFINITIONS (CHAPTER 3.10)**

WELLINGTON CITY DISTRICT PLAN

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**In accordance with the requirements of the First Schedule of the Resource Management Act 1991, notice is given of Proposed District Plan Change 14 to the Wellington City District Plan.**

Key features of Proposed District Plan Change 14

The principle objective of the Change is to encourage the undergrounding of new overhead lines. Features of the Change are:

- € Permitted activity Rule 23.1.2, which permits the addition of one overhead cable for new technology to existing overhead lines, has been removed.
- € New or additional overhead lines now require resource consent under existing rules.
- € A new standard and term has been added to discretionary activity Rule 23.3.4.
- € A new assessment criterion has been added to existing rules to address the potential adverse effect of an accumulation of overhead lines.
- € A new permitted activity rule is introduced to permit lines attached to a building or structure.
- € A new policy encourages the undergrounding of existing overhead lines.
- € Minor changes have been made to explanatory statements to advise that utility structures are regulated under Council's *Code of Practice for Working on the Road*.

The above changes are to Chapters 22 and 23, and to the Definition section in Chapter 3.10.

Details of Proposed District Plan Change 14 may be inspected at:

- € **Wellington City Council Service Centre, 101 Wakefield Street**
- € **Wellington Central Library, 65 Victoria Street**
- € **All suburban branch libraries**
- € **[www.wcc.govt.nz](http://www.wcc.govt.nz)**

Any person may make a submission on this Proposed District Plan Change. This must be in writing on the form prescribed (Form 3) in the Resource Management (Forms) Regulations 1991 or similar. Forms are available from the above locations or will be mailed to you if you phone 499 4444, or email [jonathan.anderson@wcc.govt.nz](mailto:jonathan.anderson@wcc.govt.nz).

Once the submission period has closed, the Council will prepare and publicly notify a summary of the submissions. There will be an opportunity for anyone to make a further submission in support or opposition to any of the submissions. A hearing will then be arranged to consider submissions of both types, and recommendations will be made. Anyone who has made a submission can attend the hearing and present his or her submission. Anyone who has made a submission can also appeal against a Council decision to the Environment Court.

Submissions can be:

**Posted to:** District Plan Team, Wellington City Council, PO Box 2199, Wellington

**Delivered to:** Ground Floor Reception, Council Offices, 101 Wakefield Street, Wellington

**Faxed to:** 801 3231 (if you fax your submission, please post or deliver a copy to one of the above addresses)

**For further information please telephone Jonathan Anderson on 801 3814.**

***THE CLOSING DATE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS 5PM, MONDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2003.***