# Wellington City District Plan – Omnibus Plan Change

### **SUB-R15 - Relevant Matters of Control and Discretion**

## **Scope of Proposed Change**

In SUB-R15 (Subdivision of land within the coastal environment outside of high coastal natural character areas and outside of coastal margins and riparian margins), replace the reference to PA-P1 with PA-P2 in the matters of control listed in SUB-R15.1 and the matters of discretion listed in SUB-R15.2 to correct an identified error in the rules.

### **Background**

PA-P1 (Appropriate activities) is a policy that seeks to enable activities within coastal and riparian margins. The issue being is that SUB-R15 only applies to subdivision outside of coastal and riparian margins. Therefore PA-P1 has no relevance in the context of this subdivision rule.

Instead, the relevant Public Access policy that should be referenced is PA-P2 (Maintenance and enhancement of public access) which, among other matters, seeks that public access is maintained and enhanced to, along, or adjacent to the coast and waterbodies by:

- 1. Ensuring that subdivision design and layout in and along coastal and riparian margins allows for public access to the coastline and waterbodies;
- 2. Requiring the creation of esplanade reserves and/or esplanade strips along the coastal environment and waterbodies (in accordance with SUB-P8);

It is evident that PA-P2 is the appropriate Public Access policy that should have been referenced in SUB-R15. This issue likely arose from policy renumbering during the drafting of the Proposed District Plan.

#### **Assessment of Options**

For the purposes of this evaluation, the following options have been considered:

## Option 1 - Status quo (retain PA-P1 as a matter of control / discretion in SUB-R15)

This is not the intent of the rule and inhibits the rule from functioning as intended. This creates inefficiencies with the implementation of the Plan.

#### Option 2 – Replace references to PA-P1 with PA-P2 in SUB-R15

This would ensure the rule can operate as intended with the correct Public Access policy being referenced in SUB-R15. Amending the matter of control in SUB-R15.1 and matter of discretion in SUB-R15.2 enables the rules to be implemented as was originally intended and will have no economic, environmental, social or cultural costs or benefits that have not been previously assessed in the <u>Subdivision Section 32 Report</u>.

#### Consultation

No consultation has been undertaken.

# **Recommended Option**

Following the assessment above, Option 2 is recommended.

# **Recommended Change**

SUB-R15 Subdivision of land within the coastal environment outside of high coastal natural character areas and outside of coastal margins and riparian margins

### SUB-R15.1

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Matters of control are:

1. The matters in PA-P1PA-P2, SUB-P9 and SUB-P23.

## SUB-R15.2

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Matters of discretion are:

1. The matters in PA-P1PA-P2, SUB-P9 and SUB-P23.