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Dear Tim,

Submission on proposed Regional Policy Statement for the Wellington region, 2009

Thank you for the opportunity to consider the Proposed Regional Policy Statement (RPS) for the Wellington Region.

Given Marlborough and Wellington share a jurisdictional boundary, we value the communication between our two regions and appreciate its importance in enabling cross boundary resource management issues to be jointly addressed.

Attached is a submission on Wellington's proposed RPS made on behalf of Marlborough District Council. We do not seek to be heard in support of this submission.

Yours faithfully

Chair of the Environmental Policy Committee

Clr J Bunting

Marlborough District Council

**Marlborough District Council Submission on the Proposed Regional Policy Statement (RPS)
for Greater Wellington**

1. Our submission specifically relates to cross boundary issues.
2. Our submission is that biosecurity management within the Wellington Region is a cross boundary issue that has not been addressed within the proposed RPS. Due to the strategic location of the Wellington Region as a gateway from the North to south island, we believe that both the Wellington and Marlborough Regions' are important ports for biosecurity management, containment and control for New Zealand. Marlborough District Council therefore believes it may be appropriate to consider biosecurity as a cross boundary matter within the RPS.
3. A decision to incorporate this cross boundary matter into the RPS could involve the inclusion of regional objectives and policies relating to biosecurity management and containment, and biosecurity management methods including communication and collaboration with Marlborough District Council associated with these issues. We recognise that a Regional Pest Management Strategy is the appropriate means to address specific regional biosecurity issues, however we do not consider this negates the inclusion of this matter as a cross boundary issue within the RPS. We seek that the Wellington Regional Council consider this issue.
4. We do not seek to be heard in support of our submission.