

Cross-boundary matters

Cross-boundary issues refer to situations where an activity takes place on or near a territorial boundary and where the effects of a particular activity impacts on the territory of an adjacent authority.

The three Wairarapa districts adjoin each other and are within the Greater Wellington Regional Council area. The Wairarapa also borders the following territorial authorities:

- Tararua District Council;
- Horowhenua District Council;
- Kapiti Coast District Council;
- Upper Hutt City Council; and
- Hutt City Council.

The boundary with the last four authorities is mostly located in the Tararua and Remutaka Ranges. As the Ranges are undeveloped and part of a Forest Park, cross-boundary issues are unlikely to be significant with these authorities. Coastal margin issues could potentially occur where the Hutt City Council and South Wairarapa District Council boundary meets Palliser Bay. Physical separation of the Tararua District and Masterton District by hill country reduces the potential for cross-boundary issues to occur.

If any cross-boundary issues do arise, local authorities need to address these issues in a co-ordinated way. In considering cross-boundary issues, the Councils will:

- Give effect to the Regional Policy Statement and any Regional Plans;
- Consult with Greater Wellington Regional Council and all neighbouring local authorities when making changes to or reviewing the District Plan;
- Make submissions, where appropriate, on resource management documents prepared by neighbouring local authorities;
- On receiving an application for a land use consent that is to be notified and where the activity may create regionally adverse environmental effects or affect a neighbouring district, notify the Greater Wellington Regional Council and/or the appropriate local authority;
- Participate in joint hearings with other local authorities where appropriate; and
- Identify opportunities, with Greater Wellington Regional Council, to transfer functions between the authorities where this will result in a more efficient, effective, and integrated approach.