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Porirua City Council
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Re: Significance and Engagement Policy 2020

Tēnā koe

Regional Public Health (RPH) serves the greater Wellington region, through its three district health boards (DHBs): Capital & Coast, Hutt Valley and Wairarapa and is a service of the Hutt Valley District Health Board.

We work with our community to make it a healthier and safer place to live. We promote good health, prevent diseases, and improve the quality of life for our population, with a particular focus on children, Māori, Pacific Peoples and low income households.

RPH **supports** the proposed amendments to the Significance and Engagement Policy to integrate amendments from the Local Government (Community Well-being) Amendment Act 2019, to reflect the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 when making decisions (e.g. taking into account those affected by or having an interest in the decision or matter) and to reflect Council's partnership with Ngāti Toa.

Incorporating the four well-beings into the Draft Significance and Engagement Policy reflects the important role councils play in promoting well-being across social, cultural, environmental and economic dimensions. By including the Local Government Act's requirement to take into account those affected by or having an interest in the matter we would encourage Council to view this from an equity perspective and to ensure there is effective consultation with communities who may otherwise struggle to have their views heard, for example Māori, Pacific, children, the elderly and disabled persons. Engagement with local iwi and recognition of them as key partners is essential to this and we support the recognition of Council's partnership with Ngāti Toa.

Thank you for the opportunity to make this submission. We do not wish to make an oral submission.

Naku noa, na

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