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[Parents for Climate Aotearoa](#) is a group of largely parents and wider whānau, concerned with our families and particularly the future of our tamariki and mokopuna in a rapidly warming world. Our parents come from a range of backgrounds and experiences. We are ordinary parents standing up for climate justice, to ensure all children have a safe climate and world to live in.

Parents for Climate Aotearoa welcomes the Wellington City Council proposals in the draft District Plan to see our children grow up in a liveable and climate friendly city that is fully accessible and inclusive in every sense of the word.

We recommend and support the following points:

- We strongly support an ambitious Spatial Plan.
- We support a District Plan that enables a wide range of housing options in all residential zones, including and not limited to papakāinga, co-housing, perimeter block housing etc.
- We support the minimum permeable surface requirement to ensure good stormwater management and reduce water runoff.
- We support options 1, 2 and 3 of the inclusionary zoning proposals. We need an increase in supply of affordable and social housing - option 3 is preferable in its flexibility and potential for raising revenue for social housing. We want to see Wellington City Council increasing City Housing stock using this revenue source to aid this.
- We believe the District Plan must have further consistency with the Government's new Medium Density Residential Standards by applying at least as enabling height-to-boundary standards to 4+ story multi-unit housing.
- We support removing maximum height limits in the City Centre Zone to enable more housing in a compact city centre, and to comply with the National Policy Statement on Urban Development.
- We support the accessibility and Universal Design requirements in the Design Guides and the incentives in the City Outcomes Contribution.
- We support easier consenting and density bonuses for accessible and eco-friendly developments.
- We support providing incentives for lifts in multi-storey developments.
- We support Wellington City Council working with the central government to improve accessibility and building performance requirements in the Building Code.
- We are in a climate emergency and 15-minute neighbourhoods should be a key way we support emissions reduction, better quality of life, and community cohesion and

resilience. We want to see a well thought out, connected transport and housing system that increases and prioritises walking, cycling and use of public transport.

- Streets need to support what's between them. We urge Wellington City Council to adapt its Network Operating Framework and work closely with Waka Kotahi to make a more liveability-focussed and climate-focussed road and street network, especially where intensification is happening.
- It is important to have multifunctional community spaces within centres as Climate Action Hubs to support the circular economy, provide space for innovation, education and behaviour change and create a tangible vision of a low carbon future.
- We strongly support circular economy principles being integrated into the district plan so that waste is minimised and designed out of construction projects, and that resource recovery infrastructure is put in place to manage any remaining waste.
- We strongly believe that green spaces can be recreational, food producing, and support biodiversity. Community gardens and green stormwater infrastructure should maximise their value across all these outcomes and the District Plan should support the creation of a sustainable and resilient local food and biodiversity network system in Wellington.
- We support the new bicycle and micro-mobility device parking requirements for commercial and community facilities in the Centers and Mixed Use zones.

We look forward to the next steps.

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