

**EXCERPT FROM THE GENERAL MANAGERS REPORT TO THE 3<sup>RD</sup>  
JUNE 2009 MEETING OF THE REGIONAL STRATEGY AND PLANNING  
COMMITTEE OF THE AUCKLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL.**

**EXTENSION OF TIME TO MAKE A DECISION ON PROPOSED PLAN  
CHANGE 2 (COASTAL OCCUPATION CHARGES) TO THE AUCKLAND  
REGIONAL PLAN: COASTAL**

In July 2007 the council notified proposed plan change 2 to the Auckland Regional Plan: Coastal (ARP:C) to introduce a statement that "the ARC has resolved, at this time, to not introduce a coastal occupation charging regime". The plan change was necessary to address a deadline of 1 July 2007 in section 401A of the RMA that would have otherwise created a legal roadblock to subsequent notification of plan changes relevant to development of the Auckland waterfront Wynyard Quarter (proposed plan change 3) and to mangrove management (proposed plan change 4).

Sixteen submissions and three further submissions were received. However, further processing of the plan change has remained on hold since late 2007 because of legislative reviews and the New Zealand Coastal Policy Statement process. The final outcome of these provisions is material to the decisions the council might make to the proposed plan change, and might also make the plan change unnecessary. In the interim, considerable time, effort and cost could be wasted by council and submitters if a hearing were not able to be delayed through extension of the RMA time frame to make a decision.

The First Schedule of the RMA requires a decision on a proposed plan change within two years of notification, but also allows for this time to be doubled, subject to complying with the requirements of section 37 RMA. The General Manager of Policy and Planning has delegated authority to extend time frames under s.37 RMA, and has done so for this plan change. All submitters will be notified by letter.