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**Submission to Waitomo District Council's consultation document for the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan**

**1. Introduction**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on Waitomo District Council's (WDC's) consultation document for the 2018-2028 Long Term Plan (LTP). The Waikato region has a growing reputation for working well together. The intent of this submission is to ensure that projects of mutual interest are appropriately funded and supported.

**2. Economic development**

WRC supports WDC's proposals to become a member of the Waikato Regional Economic Development Agency and join the South Waikato economic initiative.

**3. Cycle trails**

The Waikato region has a number of cycle trails which attract visitors and contribute to local and regional economic development. WDC has been involved in working together with cycle trail managers and their partners across the region, including Regional Tourism Offices, as part of the trails network group. WRC encourages WDC to continue to engage with the trails network to grow the benefits of the trail for your district and the region as a whole.

**4. Enviroschools**

With the projected growth of the Enviroschools programme, WRC has increased its investment in this area and is pleased to be partnering with WDC to expand key environmental learning into more schools within the district, while ensuring relevance and connection to your community's needs.

**5. District Plan review**

WRC notes WDC has commenced its district plan review and looks forward to working with you on this.

**6. Conclusion**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit on WDC's consultation document. We do not want to be heard in support of our submission.

Yours faithfully

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**Chief Executive**