

15 June 2015

Hon Fran Wilde
Chair, Greater Wellington Regional Council
Wellington

Dear Fran

You have made a magnificent contribution to the Wellington region over several decades – as MP, Mayor and Chair of Greater Wellington. Few in our history could match your legacy of accomplishment, made possible by your passion, indefatigable energy and astute leadership.

However, we believe that the time has come for a change in leadership at Greater Wellington. Your powerful advocacy in favour of amalgamation, while supported in principle by some of us, has contributed to a climate of tension and mistrust between GW and territorial authorities across the region. In light of the Local Government Commission's decision to shelve the reform proposal, we see an opportunity to repair relationships, enhance cohesion and bolster cooperation among councils. We have regrettably concluded that your continuation as Chair will impede such progress.

It is our preference not to force this matter to a vote. Our hope, therefore, is that you concede to the wishes of a majority of the Council by resigning your position. We further hope you will continue to serve alongside us. Your experience, intelligence and passion for the region make you an invaluable colleague.

Yours sincerely