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Report to Wellington Regional Council
From: Cr Chris Laidlaw

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There was little of immediate importance arising from the April meeting. The following points will, however, be of interest:

- The series of public consultations over the future of the Wairarapa wetlands will include some Iwi-only meetings, a development that causes some of the board members some consternation. It was, explained by Iwi representatives present, that these were not intended to be a substitute for any wider consultations but merely a sub-set of the overall consultation process. Suspicion remains however. Some things never change.
- It was noted that Iwi are currently discussing the issue of reserved Iwi representation on Masterton District Council committees. This too has generated ripples of discontent.
- Everybody seemed to be very pleased with the direction of the Castlepoint Jetty hearings and there was a firm expectation that the proposal would be declined.
- There is general comfort among the board's representatives with the Waikanae waste water decision. The suspicion that KCDC might still harbour longer-term ambitions of a sea outfall seems to have abated.
- It was suggested that both KCDC and WRC staff would be invited to a subsequent meeting of the board for general discussions on "water, sewage and roading". A decision has yet to be made on this. The next meeting is scheduled for 25 or possibly 26 June and I undertook to alert relevant staff.

Recommendation

That the report be received.

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